



**How can we improve the way we deal with minorities?**

**Should we take disabled scouts to camp in a tent?**

**We are “open to all” but our membership does not reflect any of that, what to do?**

**If we could only learn from other to increase our members from ethnic minorities.**

**I should increase diversity in my NSO, I want to exchange with people that have experience.**

**How to train leaders that work with disabled scouts?**

**We have good results with our diversity projects, let’s share with others.**

**My diversity team needs new motivation, they should have a meeting with peers.**

## **YOU NEED HELP? JOIN US IN MARCH**

### **INVITATION TO THE NEXT OVERTURE NETWORK MEETING**

Dear fellow Guides and Scouts,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the next Overture Network Meeting, which will be held from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010 in Luxembourg-City, (G.D. of Luxembourg) and will be co-hosted by the Lëtzebuenger Guiden a Scouten (LGS) and the Overture’s Steering Group.

*As a reminder: “The Overture Network encourages Guide and Scout associations in Europe to open up the associations for young people originating from ethnic and other minority groups and to exchange and improve program for scouts with disabilities. A huge part of the success of the network is its informal working methods. The meeting should be fruitful both for volunteers as for members of national staff, that either work on specific diversity projects as those that are responsible for a more strategic approach on diversity at a national level. The Network wants to bring together the views and practices of those who are working in the field (leaders of projects or special units) that are able to give witness of their daily experience-, but also for those responsible on the national or regional level, that can promote and multiply certain pedagogical or strategic policies in the field.*

**The strength and effectiveness of the Overtures Network relates to the number of members who can participate. We are aware that budgets can be tight for this kind of events. With the help of EU funding from the “Youth in Action Program” therefore the meeting and accommodation will be free of charge. We will even be able to refund 70% of the travel cost to a number of participants.**

We hope to find a lot of associations that will register for this interesting meeting,

See you in Luxembourg

Frantzen Claude  
Chair of the Hosting Team  
International Commissioner WOSM



## Venue

The meeting will be hosted at the national headquarters of the Lëtzebuenger Guiden a Scouten (d'Géisserei) which only recently opened and offers clean and modern scout like (small dorms) sleeping and washing facilities and a large amount of modern meeting rooms. We will offer single and mixed sex dorms. Staying at the venue is free of charge, this also counts for food (Friday lunch to Sunday lunch) and program. You will be able to sleep for free at the venue from Thursday 18th onwards until the night of Sunday 21th included. The venue is well linked with the local bus services.

People that want a single rooms will have to book a room at a hotel in the city centre where there are regular busses to the venue or to book at the Hostellerie Grunewald (10 min walk) [www.hotel-romantik.lu](http://www.hotel-romantik.lu) or Alvisse Parc Hotel (15min walk) [www.parc-hotel.lu](http://www.parc-hotel.lu)

One of the dinners will be at the national training centre in one of the worlds largest celtic houses, please bring warm cloth and shoes for that evening as well as for the field visits.

## Cost

**The meeting will be free of charge** for both accommodation as well as food. Please bring a small budget for private expense in EURO. **Travel expenses will be refunded for up to 70%** as explained in the introduction, via the « youth in action » funds.

**To be able to confirm the possibility of a refund for your participation please confirm your means of travel to us before the 20th February and at registration. We strongly encourage those NSO to make use of the funding if otherwise they could not join the meeting, please book early to keep travel costs low (only economy class and 2<sup>nd</sup> class train tickets), this increases the number of journeys we can finance. In case you will not be able to pay your flight now and be refunded after the meeting, please contact us as soon as possible we can make some pre-financing arrangements.**

## Programm

During the weekend we will be having a lot of informal exchanges, which are the strength of the network and one the main reasons for its succes and long running time, next to this the set program will include among others:

- A session designed to help you present and share your current or future projects. This gives you opportunities to learn form each other and get inspired to do more.
- Visits to local diversity projects in the area as part of the grassroots approach of the meeting
- Workshops and seminars on different topics related to diversity and scouting with disabilities with experts from within scouting and from other organisations.
- Roundtables to encourage open debating on the issues of diversity, membership growth among minorities, cultural awareness etc.
- WAGGGS and WOSM updates
- Short cultural Visit of Luxembourg-City and a scout evening in the celtic house.

About two weeks before the meeting all registered participants will get a detailed program with a schedule.

Outside of the regular program (Friday 14 :00 to Sunday 12 :00) we will offer help for sightseeing or other activities in and around Luxembourg City

**Travel****Flying to Luxembourg :**

The best way to come to Luxembourg by plane is to fly to Luxembourg (Findel) Airport. Please find the direct connections below. Other airports in Europe will be reachable with shuttle flight via : Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt-Main, Milano, Copenhagen, Zurich or Munich. All those airports are linked a few times daily with Luxembourg and will connect with flights to your home airport. Luxair operates code share flights with Air France, Lufthansa, Czech Airlines, Alitalia and Austrian. [www.lux-airport.lu](http://www.lux-airport.lu)

Airlines <input type="checkbox"/>	Destinations
British Airways	London-Gatwick
Iceland Express	Reykjavik
KLM operated by KLM Cityhopper	Amsterdam
Luxair	<p><b>Scheduled</b> Barcelona, Berlin-Tegel, Djerba, Dublin, Frankfurt, Fuerteventura, Geneva, Gran Canaria, Hamburg, Ibiza, Iraklion, Kos, Lanzarote, Lisbon, London-City, Madeira, Madrid, Malaga, Marrakech, Milan-Malpensa, Monastir, Munich, Nice, Palma de Mallorca, Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Porto, Prague, Rome-Fiumicino, Saarbrücken, Split, Tenerife-South, Turin, Vienna</p> <p><b>Seasonal</b> Agadir, Ajaccio, Almeria, Antalya, Bastia, Bodrum, Burgas, Cagliari, Catania, Chania, Corfu, Dakar, Dubrovnik, Faro, Heraklion, Jerez de la Frontera, Malta, Naples, Palermo, Paphos, Rhodes, Rimini, Tunis, Varna</p>
Scandinavian Airlines System	Copenhagen
Scandinavian Airlines System operated by Cimber Sterling	Copenhagen
Swiss International Air Lines operated by Swiss European Air Lines	Zürich
Tunisair	Monastir [seasonal]
TAP Portugal	Lisbon, Porto
VLM Airlines	London-City

Next to flying to Luxembourg there is the possibility to fly with the lost cost carrier Ryanair to Frankfurt-Hahn Airport and get to Luxembourg with the coach service [www.flibco.com](http://www.flibco.com). (1h15min) Ensure that your flight arrives at least at 10 :30 on Friday 19th to be able to get to the meeting on time (using the 11 :00 coach to Luxembourg), and that your plane leaves after 15:00 on Sunday 22th to be able to enjoy most of the program on Sunday morning.

**We offer a shuttle bus between Luxembourg Airport, the train station and the venue**

**By Train :**

Luxembourg is well linked with Belgium with international lines to Brussels and Liege. The main international connection with France are with the TGV via Paris (2h15m) or EC trains towards Strassbourg (linking into Switzerland). Coming from Germany you will have to change in Trier or Metz except for 5 daily IC trains towards Koblenz, Cologne and beyond.

**Arriving by car :**

Luxembourg is a big crossroad on the european highway network. You will have to drive into Luxembourg-Eich to the following adress : 5, rue Munchen Tesch L-2173 Luxembourg

**To be able to get the most out of the meeting you should arrive before 14 :00 on Friday 19th March and leave after 12 :30 on Sunday 21th March.**

Thanks for your cooperation.

We do offer accomodation and program to people that arrive Thursday or leave Monday.



## Your projects

There will be a session where each participating organisation can present their current or planned work in the field of diversity. Please bring a short summary of your diversity work to share with others. (5-10min presentation) There will also be a display for brochures, flyers, books etc. that you might want to bring along with you. If you would like to organise a workshop please indicate in the application and do this before February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Language

The main language of the meeting will be English, a good level of English is an advantage. The languages of the country are Luxembourgian, French, German and English, all members of the hosting team and nationals will speak at least those 4 languages.

## Registration

For simplicity to both the participants and the hosting team registration is online:

<http://overturelux2010.wufoo.com/forms/overtureregistration>

## Password: lux

At best book your flight or train and then do the registration, that way we are sure to know when you are arriving in Luxembourg. You are free to join us on Thursday or stay until Monday, we will help you have a nice stay in the medieval but vibrant city of Luxembourg

**The official deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010**, applications received after this deadline might not be able to be accommodated for, so check with the hosting team beforehand if you are late. There is a limit at around 50 participants, so please register early, especially if you want the 70% travel fee reimbursement. Online registration will however shut down on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2010.

## Contact

In case you have any questions please mail us at [ic.wosm@lgs.lu](mailto:ic.wosm@lgs.lu)  
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The homepage of the network is: <http://overture.europak-online.net>

The homepage of the hosting organisation is: [www.lgs.lu](http://www.lgs.lu)