



## Invitation

# Speak out, tell your Story!

## Young spokespersons' training - Ghent, 4-8 July 2012

### Background

The WOSM Europe Region is organising a training for young scouts about external representation and young spokesperson of scouting. The training is in accordance with Regional Scout Plan's strategic objectives of Youth Empowerment and External Relations.

The training is organised by a planning team comprised of experienced volunteers of the region and professional staff of different Scout organisations. FOS-Open Scouting Belgium is supporting the region in the preparation and delivery of the training.

### Aims

The aim of the meeting is to empower young people to represent scouting to external audiences, being partners or media.

### Objectives

The objectives of the meeting are:

- To transfer knowledge which can make the young participants able to become "voices" of their ideas/vision and to represent their organisations and communities
- To explore different ways of representing other young people/youth organisations and learn how to identify and face challenges in representing the movement.
- To encourage the participants to express themselves in public.

### Dates

#### 4-8 July 2012

Participants are requested to arrive on Wednesday, 4 July during the day, to arrive latest by 1800. Departures are from Sunday, 8 July after lunch, 1400.

### Venue

The meeting will take place in Ghent, Belgium. The lodging will be in a Hostel close to the train station "Gent-Dampoort" and the training will take place in a conference centre nearby.

### Methodology

The activity will be a combination of theoretical and practical inputs, often using non-formal methods. The methods will include: visual presentations, case studies, group discussions, team tasks and simulations, learning through games, other active methods.

The event will include a visit to the European Parliament and meeting with an MEP and European Youth Forum Board Members.

### Impact

It is expected that the outcomes of the meeting will be:

- Transfer of knowledge empowering motivated, confident and skilled volunteers active in the field of youth at local and national level
- Deeper understanding of the features and new trends in representation work, its importance and the main challenges
- A peer to peer learning exchange

### Languages

The event will be held exclusively in English.

### Participants profile

- Active volunteers in their sending NSO/NSA
- Have a strong interest in representing scouting to external audiences
- Aged between 17 and 21.
- Able to communicate well in English.

### Number of participants

The event is open to 37 participants in total. The partner NSOs/NSAs can send 28 applicants for a decreased participation fee (two per organisation). There are 9 spaces available for full participation fee, for any NSO/NSA member of WOSM-ER.

### Applications

The online application form should be filled in by **3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012**.

Please note, that before sending the application, it is necessary for the applicants to inform the International Commissioner of the sending national organisation. The International Commissioners will be contacted for confirmation.

You can access the form here:

<http://www.europak-online.net/spokepersons/>

### Participation fee

The full participation fee is € 200.

Those NSOs/NSAs who are partners in the Youth in Action application are entitled to send two delegates (a male and a female) for a reduced fee of € 90.

The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the evening of Wednesday, 4 July to lunch on

Sunday, 8 July 2012.

It also covers all programme materials and documentation.

The fee covers the public transportation tickets necessary for the activities. The fee does not cover however the travel costs between the participant's location and Ghent, Belgium.

Those who are entitled to pay the reduced participation fee will also be reimbursed 70% of their travel costs. Other participants have to cover their full travel costs.

### **Travel arrangements**

Once participants have been selected, they will receive acceptance letters no later than 8 June 2012. Within 3 days of receipt, they should make their own travel arrangements and obtain a visa, if necessary.

If you require an official invitation to obtain a visa, please indicate this clearly on your application form. Please be aware, that it may take some time to obtain a visa, so please send your visa form with the application form in order to allow sufficient time for that process.

Travel forms will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

### **Insurance**

The WOSM - European Region does not cover risks of participants during the event neither during the travel to or from the venue.

Please note that this is the exclusive responsibility of the national association to check and be sure that the participants are covered by an appropriate insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc...)

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### **Additional information**

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