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Invitation Partners or Neighbours?

Partnership Event, 14th to 17th March 2013 in Zurich, Switzerland

The Mouvement Scout de Suisse, on behalf of the North-South Network and in cooperation with the European Region of WOSM, is pleased to invite you and your partner's organisations to the Partnership Event, which will be held from 14th to 17th March 2013 in Zurich, Switzerland.

What

This meeting is organized by the North-South Network, a coalition of Scout and Guide Associations which aims at fostering, strengthening and developing new partnerships between associations in Europe and associations from other regions of the world. The overall idea of the network is to share and create information about ongoing partnerships, as well as to provide a platform for the exchange of experiences and knowledge. A continuous reflection on the relevance of partnerships, as well as the promotion of inter-cultural understanding and mutual respect are central elements of the North-South Network.

At this particular Partnership Event, we would like to provide a space for ideas of how to build and reinforce existing partnerships, and also further develop multilateral approaches, such as the UNGUVU project. Furthermore, we will focus on your partners: How do they see the partnership? What are their needs and what do they offer to your association?

The sessions will be lead by experienced facilitators – from within the Scouting and Guiding community as well as from outside – and innovative methodological approaches will be used in order to get the most out of the time we will share together. The event is a great opportunity to make new friends from many countries interested in partnerships, meet old friends, discuss, exchange ideas and spend four memorable days at the first sights of spring in the beautiful city of Zurich, Switzerland.

Who

The target group of the Partnership Event are European Associations from WOSM and WAGGGS that are interested in creating new partnerships and/or have already gained some experience in international cooperation.

Your contingent ideally contains persons who are already engaged in partnership activities or are motivated to create new projects, as well as persons in strategic positions, such as members of the board and international commissioners.

With whom

In order to have a holistic view on the topic and also to share visions and ideas of your partners abroad, the presence of your partner organisations is crucial to the success of the event. We therefore would like to invite your partner associations and strongly encourage you to support and facilitate their participation in the event.

Dates

The event officially starts on Thursday 14th March 2013 at 17:00 hours and ends on Sunday 17th March 2013 at around 14:00 hours.

Venue

The event will take place in the city of Zurich, Switzerland. You will be accommodated at the Zurich Youth Hostel (www.youthhostel.ch/en/hostels/zurich), which is located about 30 minutes from the city centre. You can reach Zurich either by airplane (Zurich Airport ZRH, 20 minutes to the city centre) or by train to Zurich main station (Zurich HB). You will be provided with a map and description of how to reach the Youth Hostel. Please book your tickets soon in order to avoid high travel costs.

Participation fee

The participation fee for the event will be EUR 280.00. You will be provided with the necessary information to make the payment prior to the event. We will also count on your appreciated financial support to your partner associations.

At this time, we are still waiting for a decision from Youth in Action regarding financial support of the Partnership Event. In case of a positive response, the registered partners will benefit from lower participation fees (EUR 60.00 for the whole event) as well as from financial support for transportation to Zurich. Registered partners for the grant will be informed directly.

Languages

The working language of the Partnership Event will be English. However, we encourage participants to help each other with translation.

Insurance

The Mouvement Scouts de Suisse and WOSM - European Region does not cover the 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 insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc...)

Registration

Please register for the meeting before 31st December 2012 by using the form on partnerships2012.euopak-online.net/register. Please note well that due to booking constraints, we will not be able to guarantee accommodation after this deadline.

Visa procedure

Requests for invitation letters for visa applications have to be filled in on the online registration. Please send an email to partnership-event@msds.ch for any further information concerning the procedure to get a Visa.

Contact

If you have any question regarding the Partnership Event, please do not hesitate to contact the organisation team: Matthias Rufener (partnership-event@msds.ch) or Marguerite Potard (mpotard@scout.org).

We are looking forward to welcome you in Zurich and will get back to you soon with more information regarding the Partnership Event.

Yours in Scouting and Guiding,



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