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Invitation

Networking Event for Chief Volunteers (or equivalent)

Friday 30 October – Sunday 1 November 2015, Porto, Portugal

Aim

The Meeting aims to provide a space for Chief Volunteers to meet, to network and to share good practice and ideas.

The event builds on networking events held at Regional Conferences when there was a clear desire to find opportunities for these important volunteers to share and mix with their peers.

The event follows similar events in 2009 and 2012.

Objectives

Objectives of the event are to:

- To create a safe and respectful atmosphere to allow for a maximum of exchange and learning between the Chief Volunteers (or equivalent functions);
- To increase networking and share concerns between the Chief Volunteers of NSOs/MOs/NSAs/CAs and the Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the European Regions WAGGGS and WOSM;
- To provide structured space and time for the exchange of experiences and opinions and the current situation in the respective countries;
- To provide training in such a way (methodology, materials, ...), that there is a high ratio of knowledge and motivation once the participants return to their home;
- To enable the Chief Volunteers to meet and network with the participants of the academy 2015.

Participants profile

This event is open to Chief Volunteers as well as their deputies.

Dates

The event will be held from 30 October to 1 November 2015. Participants should arrive at the venue before 19.00 on Friday and may leave from lunchtime on the Sunday.

Venue

The event will take place in Porto (Portugal) at the Hotel Douro (rooms, sessions and breakfast).

The participants will be able to visit the Academy 2015 and interact also with the participants of this important European event, which will be held in the same city in a nearby venue – the Casa Diocesana do Vilar.

Cost

For the meeting the contribution is fixed at EUR 170 per person in a single room and EUR 115 in a shared room (not including travel expenses).

This fee includes accommodation (two nights), food and programme.

Hotel

The 3-star Hotel Douro is centrally located in a central city location in a quiet street:

<http://www.hoteldouro.pt/en>

Programme

A detailed programme of the meeting as well as logistical information will be shared with the registered participants some weeks before the event. Sessions about ways of being a leader as well as exchanges on fundraising, both with some experts on the matter, are already planned. The rest of the programme is going to be filled with topics proposed by participants in the application form.

Travel

Participants will receive detailed information about transfers from the airport to the venue.

The venue is well linked with local transportation.

Visa

The participants are responsible for organising their travel and obtaining a visa if necessary. Please be aware, that it may take up to six weeks to obtain a visa. So please send your visa-form with the application form in order to allow sufficient time for visas.

Application

Applications should be submitted to the European Regional Office of WOSM in Geneva by email to: europaescout.org or by mail to:

World Scout Bureau – European Regional Office
P.O.Box 327,
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Additional information

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Annexes

- Application Form and Visa Form (to be submitted by 1 September 2015)
- Form for specific programme content requests (to be submitted by 1 September 2015)

