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Invitation

Partnerships Event 2016 10-13 March 2016 in Gormanston, Ireland

Scouting Ireland and the European Region of WOSM, on behalf of The Partnerships Network and in cooperation with their troika, are pleased to invite you and your partner organisations to the "Community Links" Partnerships Event, which will be held between 10 and 13 March 2016 in Gormanston, Ireland.

What?

This meeting is organised by The Partnerships Network, a coalition of Scout and Guide Organisations, 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 on-going 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 Partnership Network.

At this particular Partnership Event, the objectives will be:

- Encouraging the creation of new partnerships with Scout and Guide organisations from other regions, and especially with the Africa Region of WOSM and WAGGGS;
- Promoting exchanges of experiences, information, tools, best practices and success stories in order to strengthen partnerships;
- Encouraging the increase of quality in partnerships and especially, by exploring how partnerships can have an expanded impact on more young people.

Who?

Organisations/Associations who are Member Organisations of WOSM and WAGGGS, particularly from Europe and Africa Regions, that are interested in the topic.

Your delegation ideally consists of people who are already engaged in partnership activities or are motivated to create new partnerships, as well as people in strategic positions, such as International Commissioners. As one of the objectives of the event is to create new bilateral or multilateral partnerships, it is expected that each organisation will send participants that are in a position to engage and commit their organisation.

With whom?

We would like to invite your **partner organisations from Africa** and strongly encourage you to support and facilitate their participation in the event. In order to have a holistic view of the topic and share visions and ideas, the presence of your partner organisations is crucial to the success of the event. Some financial support for the participation of NSOs from the Africa Region of WOSM can be provided upon request. For more information on the support available please contact Marguerite Potard at mpotard@scout.org.

When?

The event officially starts on **Thursday 10 March 2016 at 16:00** hours with the session - "Introduction for new comers" and a parallel session "catching-up" for the participants who already participated in previous Partnership Events. The event will end on **Sunday 13 March 2016 around 13:00. A lunch will be provided before departure.**

Where?

The event will be held at the **North City Hotel** in Gormanston, Ireland (30 km north of Dublin). The venue is easily accessible by shuttle bus from Dublin Airport and by car from the M1 motorway.

Accommodation will be in shared rooms (three persons or twin sharing). There is a possibility to be accommodated in single bedrooms for an extra fee of 40€. *Please contact the hosting team at partnership2016ireland@scouts.ie if you wish to have specific accommodation.*

More information will be provided directly to all the participants when their registration is confirmed.

Participation fee

The participation fee for the event is **EUR 230**. This fee does not include travel cost to reach Dublin Airport (the shuttle service between the Airport and the hotel is provided by the hosts). You will be provided with the necessary information on how to make the payment prior to the event. For the participation of your partner associations, we count on your financial support.

The event also benefits from the support of the Erasmus+ programme. All Erasmus+ partner organisations have been informed separately about the conditions of receiving this support. The reduced fee for the Erasmus + partners is **EUR 50**.

Registration

Please register online for the meeting before **31 January 2016**. You can register using this link: <http://partnership.rovernet.eu/?p=249>

Visa procedure

Requests for invitation letters for visa applications have to be completed in the online registration. Please send an email to partnership2016ireland@scouts.ie for any further information concerning the procedure to apply for a Visa.

Languages

The working language of the Partnerships Event 2016 is English. However, we encourage participants to help each other with translation.

Insurance

Scouting Ireland and the European Region of WOSM do not cover the health insurance of the participants at any time. Please note that it is the exclusive responsibility of the participants' national association to check and be sure that the participants are covered by insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc.).

Planning Team

The Planning Team is composed of members of Scouting Ireland, volunteers of the European Region of WOSM from Sweden, Germany, and Belgium and two staff members of the European Scout Office.

Contact

You can find more information about the event on the website: www.partnership.rovernet.eu

If you have any questions regarding the Partnerships Event, please do not hesitate to contact the organising team: partnership2016ireland@scouts.ie or Sinziana Rasca (srasca@scout.org).

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Ireland! Upon your registration you will receive more information regarding the Partnerships Event.

Yours in Scouting and Guiding,

The Planning Team of the Partnerships Event 2016

