

Invitation & Practical information

Overture Network meeting

Dublin, Ireland | 14 – 16 October 2016

Dear Overture Diversity Network Members, fellow European Guides and Scouts,

As the Overture Steering group, we have the pleasure to invite you to the next Overture Network Meeting in Dublin, Ireland. This meeting will be hosted by Catholic Guides of Ireland (CGI), from the 14 to 16 October 2016. The steering group and hosting team have planned a great weekend around our subject of ethnic and social diversity and disability. The meeting will be an opportunity to meet open- and likeminded Guides and Scouts working in this area across the European Regions.

We very much hope to see all of you, new and old, networking to make the European Regions of WOSM and WAGGGS more open and inclusive. Please find all necessary information about the upcoming event below.

The programme has been developed by the steering group in partnership with the host team. We have been working very hard on a programme that will excite you and give you new/additional knowledge and experiences!

We do have time for you to make a presentation and we really encourage you to come and share the great work you are doing in your association or group. It is great place to share any difficulties or barriers you have faced, that you may have overcome or prevented in achieving your goals. This helps everyone in the work we are all doing. So we do encourage you to bring a presentation to share. Please let us know about it in the registration form. We will also take time for more discussions and debate with each other. There will be a lot of chances to meet, share, learn and have fun with each other.

The Meeting

The meeting will start on Friday 14 October 2016 at 14:00.

We expect participants to arrive before 13:00, so we can begin the meeting at 14:00. The meeting will close on Sunday 16 October 2016 at 13:00.

The Venue

Our venue for the weekend will be in Larch Hill, The International Guides and Scout Centre, Dublin, Ireland.

For detailed information about the venue, please visit www.larchhill.org/

Travelling

ARRIVING BY AIR (to DUBLIN AIRPORT)

A wide range of airlines flies into Dublin Airport every day.

Please note if you are flying into Dublin Airport, we have made arrangements for you to be collected at Dublin Airport we will also provide transport for your return to the airport. However if you choose to make your own way to the venue here are the directions.

From Dublin airport you can take a bus to the city centre and from there you can take the 15B Bus out to Scholarstown Road. This will leave you with a 30 – 40 minute walk to Larch hill

BY (RENTED) CAR

a) FROM Dublin Airport take the M50 TO LARCH HILL

Leave the M50 motorway at Junction 12 and follow signs for Ballyboden.

At first roundabout take 2nd exit, at next roundabout take 2nd exit, at next roundabout take 3rd exit drive up Ballyboden Road past the Eastern Health Board Health Centre and continue up this road past Edmondstown Golf Club.

You will pass under the motorway bridge and come to The Merry Ploughboy Pub on your left.

About 200 meters further on there is a fork in the road, take the left turn, down the hill.

At the foot of the dip you will come to a junction with Mutton Lane, carefully cross the junction onto Mutton Lane.

Drive along Mutton Lane, ignoring side roads, and you will arrive at the main gates in a cul-de-sac.

b) FROM Dublin City Centre to Larch Hill

From the GPO, travel up O'Connell Street into D'Olier Street and onto Dame Street.

Travel up Dame Street to Christchurch Cathedral and turn left onto Patrick's Street.

Continue up Patrick's Street into Clanbrassil Street heading for Harold's X Bridge.

Over the bridge you will pass Our Lady's Hospice on your right and come to a fork in the road.

Take the left fork heading up to Kenilworth Cross and straight through to Terenure Village.

Head straight on at Terenure heading to Rathfarnham.

In Rathfarnham take a right turn at the junction at Yellow House Pub, this will bring you onto Willbrook Road.

Head straight up this road until you come to a roundabout at Grange Road.

Go straight through the roundabout and past the Eastern Health Board Health Centre and continue up this road past Edmondstown Golf Club to Rockbrook.

You will pass under the motorway bridge and come to The Merry Ploughboy Pub on your left.

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WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The closest bus stop to Larch Hill is at Rockbrook (1km away). This stop is served by the 161 Dublin Bus from Dundrum Town Centre. From Dublin City you can take a Green Line Luas out to Dundrum Town Centre

ARRIVING BY SEA

Irish Ferries offers a Sail and Rail service from Holyhead to Dublin Port. Sail times are less than 2 Hours with up to 6 sailings daily.

From Dublin Ferryport a shuttle service goes to the city centre

From the city centre you can take the 15B Bus out to Scholarstown Road. This will leave you with a 30 – 40 minute walk to Larch Hill.

TOP TIPS and USEFUL LINKS

Dublin Bus only accepts the fare in coins (EUR) and does not give any change. Some Dublin Bus routes do not operate 7 days a week

- Irish Ferries: <http://www.irishferries.com/uk-en/to-ireland-from-britain/>
- Dublin Bus: <http://www.dublinbus.ie/en/>
- Air Coach: <http://www.aircoach.ie/>

What to bring

Including the usual personal items please note that you will need

- A sleeping bag and mattress cover
- Indoor Shoes

For more information on how to get here don't hesitate in contact the Host Team overturesireland@yahoo.com or the venue direct:-

Web: www.larchhill.org
eMail: larchhill@scouts.ie
Phone: +353 (0) 1 4931410

Costs

All participants will have to pay the participation fee of EUR 95 per person (if you require an additional night **before** the meeting (Thursday night) there will be an extra charge of EUR 20.00.

The fee includes accommodation, food, activities, transfer to the venue from the airport, and back.

Please note that all payments have to be made before the meeting!

Payments should be made to :

Account Holder: Catholic Guides of Ireland
BIC: BOFIE2D
IBAN: IE28BOFI90011376960155
Account Number: 76960155
Reference: "Overture Meeting & participant's name(s)"

Registration

Registration will be open shortly. The official closing date for registration is two weeks before the event. Applications after this deadline may not be accommodated so please check with the host team before booking flights if your registration is late.

About You

It is really important that you let us know about any additional needs you may have so that you can experience a really good network meeting that meets all your needs.

We need to know about any disabilities and reasonable adjustments that we should make to ensure you can participate fully.

Please tell us about any dietary requirements you may have – what foods you eat and the ones you do not.

Programme

We are developing an exciting and educational programme for you all to learn and enjoy, we will be trying to cover as many of the strands of diversity as possible over the weekend, but will of course have workshops around working with disabilities and also social and ethnic diversity.

We would like to request that you bring along an idea for a game or filler activity. These do not have to be complex, just FUN. Please be prepared to do some outdoor activities.

We will of course be holding an international evening on Saturday evening and we would like you to bring along a sample/taste of your country and association so please bring posters, fliers, badges, food, drinks, etc.

Language

The main language of the meeting will be English.

Further Information

Our website is still offline and we are working on this, so please feel free to message the steering group through our Facebook group page or by eMail to the Host Team leaders Patricia & Emily (overtureireland@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing you in October.

Host Team & Steering Group
of the Overture Diversity Network Meeting
Dublin (IE), 14-16 October 2016