



CONNECTIONS
EUROPEAN GUIDE AND SCOUT
CENTRE MANAGERS' CONFERENCE

Invitation

European Guide & Scout Centre Manager's Conference

12th – 15th October 2017, *Úlfjótsvatn Outdoor and Scout Center, Iceland*

Goose Network meeting starting on Wednesday, 11th October 2017

The Conference

All Scout and Guide Centres, big or small, have successes and challenges. There is always something to share or learn from each other. The aim of this bi-yearly popular Conference is to strengthen and develop co-operation among Guide/Scout Centres throughout Europe and to facilitate strong working relations between the staff of those Centres.

During the Conference, we ask for active participation from all of those attending so that we can learn from each other. We also aim to set-up and facilitate a network of interest groups to provide a forum for continued communication after the CMC.

Conference Theme

The theme of the 15th Centre Manager's Conference (CMC) is 'Connections'.

Conference Content

The Conference programme will consist of Keynote presentations, Workshops and Sharing best practices.

Workshops will be offered to the participants under the theme of "Connections" in various aspects of a Scout/Guide Centre operation.

A significant part of the Conference will be taken up with workshops that will give participants the opportunity to present and exchange experiences with other participants in smaller groups.

Half a day will be spent experiencing activities away from the Conference facilities in a truly Icelandic way.

Programme

A programme for this event will be distributed with the participant confirmation letter.

Methods

Guiding and Scouting methods will be used during the Conference. This includes learning by doing, working in small groups, exercises, plenary and informal discussion.

Participants are expected to participate actively during the Conference and be able to





exchange their experiences.

Participants profile

- Key Representatives from Guide / Scout Centres in Europe, and specially invited Centres outside Europe, with a strong relationship to their National Scout Association or Member Organisation and a desire to promote the international dimension.
- Representatives with a significant role in management of the Centre and involved in the policy making process.
- Representatives prepared to make an active contribution.
- Official language of the conference is English.

Input from the centre

Your Centre is asked to share best practices in any field of operation of a centre. We also ask you to express interest in facilitating a workshop under the theme of "Connection". We will send detailed information and instructions with the confirmation of your application.

Venue

The Conference will take place at Úlfjótsvatn Outdoor and Scout Centre in Iceland which is the northernmost national Scout Centre in the World. It was the venue for Roverway 2009 and will host the main camp of the World Scout Moot in 2017. The Centre is less than two hours away from Keflavik/Reykjavik international airport and 20 minutes away from Selfoss, the nearest town. <http://campiceland.com/>

Accommodation

Accommodation consists of shared rooms of 2-8 people and a bathroom on the floor. Bedding and towels will be provided. In Iceland it is customary to take off your shoes when you enter a building, so bringing indoor shoes may be a good idea.

Dates

The seminar will be held from **12th – 15th October 2017**. Participants should arrive at the Centre before 13.00h on Thursday 12th and leave after a morning outing on Sunday 15th October 2017. Optional trip around so called Icelandic golden circle will take place on Sunday.

Participants also taking part in the Network Meeting for the Goose Centres will need to arrive on Wednesday 11th October before 18.00h.

Participation Fee

The participation fee for the Conference is **€ 570**. This fee covers all accommodation and meals from the dinner of 11th of October until the lunch of 15th of October. Also included is direct transport from Keflavik/Reykjavik international airport.

The centres could get the fee reduced to about **€ 140** if they take part in an Erasmus+ project application (depending on grant approval). In addition, each participating Centre would get a travel grant. Interested Centres must fill in the [Erasmus+ interest form](#), before





20th December 2016.

A mandate template will then be sent to the Centres, with instructions and deadline for returning the completed and signed mandate.

Insurance

The seminar does not cover the participants during the event or travel and the cost of insurance is not reimbursed. It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure proper insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation, etc.).

Deadline for Interest Forms

In order to meet the Erasmus+ deadlines we must know which centres are interested in participating in the CMC 2017 by **20th December 2016**.

Please complete this [interest form](#).

There will be a maximum limit of 70 participants. In the event of over-registration, the planning team reserves the right to seek advice from the National Scout Associations / Member Organisations in selecting participants.

We hope your Centre will join this great event, and we look forward to sharing, connecting and developing together.



This document is intended for Scout and Guide Centre managers. Please, forward this invitation to anyone who might be interested.