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**THE 11TH SCOUT AGORA
LARCH HILL, DUBLIN, IRELAND
11-15 APRIL 2018**



Presentation

Dear International and Rover Commissioners,

We invite up to **4 Rovers** from your NSA or NSO to experience this empowering, inspiring, meaningful but also fun and exciting educational experience built "for Rovers by Rovers", with the support of the European Scout Region. We will encourage your Rover Scouts, while also inspiring and equipping them with the skills and supports to be actively involved in their NSO/A upon returning home. However, the European Agora is not only about education; it is also about letting young adults explore, share, and express themselves in an international environment.

The theme for The Agora 2018 is "Take Action!". On a planet that is constantly evolving, we need young people to become more proactive and stay engaged with the problems that our community may encounter. It is important for the participants to realise that they are the ones who can make a change, to take action and start working to improve the world that we are living in. Rovers will learn how to build projects and implement them within their NSO/As.

Best regards,
Caoimhe, Zve, Luís and Berta

An Agora is an educational tool that uses the Scout Method to reach the educational objectives for the Rover age section and that has a special emphasis on youth empowerment.

What makes an Agora so special is that it is an event run "for Rovers, by Rovers". Thus, the event looks at issues that are of importance and relevant to young people in our society today.

An Agora aims to be a meeting place in which dreams, feelings, concerns, experiences, ideas and paths come together, are connected and shared; a crossroads that would be a source of inspiration and energy. It is a place where the fundamentals of Scouting are present in a way that is attractive to young people today. It is a place for debate and sharing as well as teaching and learning from one another. And most importantly, an Agora is about getting fresh motivation and direction to one's path as a Rover.

Each event focuses on a major theme, on which the programme is built upon.

OBJECTIVES, CONTENT and MOTTO

OBJECTIVES

- Encourage the participant to bring projects back home and tools to find solutions to the problems they are seeking answers to.
- Challenge participants in their thinking about how they can go about improving their NSO/As;
- Provide the participants with creative and innovative content.
- Create a space to share problems and questions (relevant to their NSO/As) and seek answers to them throughout the event.
- Give participants the opportunity to take an active role in the running of various parts of the event.
- Challenge the participants to be proactive and take part on the Rover Centenary Celebrations in their NSO/As.

FOCUS POINTS OF THE PROGRAMME

- Youth Empowerment
- Leadership
- Creating Projects
- Social Impact

MOTTO

The motto of Agora 2018 is "Take action!"

DATES & VENUE

The 11th Agora will be organised at Larch Hill International Scout Centre, Dublin, Ireland, between the 11th and the 15th April 2018. The venue provides accommodation in dormitories. Deadline for registration is 11 March 2018.

PARTICIPANTS AND PLANNING TEAM

PARTICIPANT PROFILE AND NSO/A REQUIREMENTS

Participants should:

- Be members of the last age section in their NSO/NSA (aged 16-24) who are enthusiastic, motivated, open to new ideas and willing to share their own experiences.
- Be willing to talk about personal experiences and have a knowledge of how Rovers operate in their own countries.
- Have a minimum standard of English which allows them to understand and communicate well during the event.
- Not have too much prior experience in adult roles within their NSO/NSAs or in international work, but be willing to build up leadership skills during Agora.
- Be proactive and be capable of showing their results in a clear and informative way.

NSO/NSAs are encouraged to:

- Ensure that their delegations are as diverse as possible (gender, geographical or economic background).
- Provide selected participants with sufficient knowledge of the Rover Programme in their own country.
- Consider the best ways in which the experience accumulated during the event could be used for the benefit of the programme for the Rover section in the country. This would, ideally, be shared with participants before their participation.

PRACTICAL INFO

TERMINOLOGY

Aware that each National Scout Association has different names for the different age sections; for this event, we will define Rovers as being members of the last age section (aged 16-24). You can be assured that if your NSO/A is in the process of creating a Rover Programme, the Agora remains an interesting opportunity for these Scouts who will soon be called Rovers!

PARTICIPATION FEE

The basic participation fee is €200. Partners in the Erasmus+ application approved, will have a special fee of €75 and a support on their travel costs as advised.

The fee covers all accommodation and meals from the evening of Wednesday 11th April to lunch on Sunday 15th April, all the materials for the sessions and the social programme. The fee does not cover travel costs.

LANGUAGE

The working language of the event is **English**.

TRAVEL

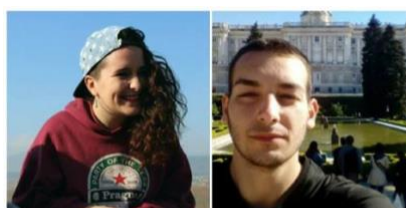
Once participants have been confirmed, they should make their own travel arrangements. Travel forms will be included in the information package to be sent to participants with the acceptance letter.

More information and application form

<http://agora.rovernet.eu/>

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THE PLANNING TEAM



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