

## NT4 – Analysis of Membership Fee

[SI Headed Paper]

Dear Member,

One of the questions I faced frequently over the few short weeks I have been National Treasurer is the request for an analysis of what the Annual Membership Fee is spent on. The purpose of this letter is to set out an analysis in an attempt to answer this question. The analysis below is based on Scouting Ireland's figures for the 2009-2010 financial year.

The Annual Membership Fee is €50 per Youth member. For every Youth Member the Government Grant effectively is €36 per person. This gives Scouting Ireland a per Youth Member income of €86.

This €86 is being expended as presented below:

Area	€	Explanation
Insurance	7.00	Cost of insurances as outlined in Insurance Briefing Document
National Council / NMC	1.00	Costs of running National Council and the National Management Committee (NMC) meetings.
ONE Programme	3.50	Costs of Developing the ONE Programme Books and Materials
Magazine & Website	1.50	New Magazine (1 <sup>st</sup> Issue March 2010) and development of New Website
Financial Audit	0.50	
12 Days of Christmas	1.00	Note 1
National Office Cost	6.00	National Office Bills including (Light & Heat, Postage, Telephone, Other Utilities etc)
Campsite Grant	1.50	Monies provided for development grants to County & Group Campsites
World/Europe Cost	1.25	WOSM & European Region Costs
Grants to Counties	4.25	Rebates to Scout Counties from the 2010 Membership Fee
Provincial Offices & Budgets	2.50	Funds provided directly to Scout Provinces to support Provincial Management Teams run Scout Provinces and costs of Provincial Offices.
National Officer Operational Budgets	6.00	Budgets for each National Officer and the costs of running the various committees of Scouting Ireland
Staff Costs - Programme & Campsites	9.50	Costs in relation to Programme Unit Staff & Campsite Management Staff
Staff Costs - Provincial Support	19.50	Costs in relation to PSO / GSF staff
Staff Costs - Admin	21.00	Costs in relation to CEO, Admin Functions in National Office (Finance, Registrar, Child Protection, Legal Support etc)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>86.00</b>	

Note 1 – Total Income at Christmas 2009 for Scout Groups participating in the 12 Days of Christmas Draw was **€544,000**. This equated to **35%** of the Membership Fee paid by Scout Groups to National Office. 329 Scout Groups took part in the 2009 Draw earning an average €1,650. Some 100 Scout Groups did not take the opportunity to partake in this fundraising effort. I would strongly urge all Groups to consider partaking in the 12 Days Draw in 2010.

I hope the above analysis is useful.

Yours in scouting,

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