

New Prog NEWS

Supporting Scouting: **The National Youth Programme Committee**



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Issue Two

Welcome to
New Prog News:
the NYPC's
newsletter keeping you
up to date on
programme
development.

National Council 2009

Praise for volunteers

Volunteers Needed

**Programme website
re-launched**

**Working weekend
report**

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National Council Decision on Name and Ages

Section	Beaver Scouts	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Venture Scouts	Rover Scouts
Age	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11	12, 13, 14, 15	15, 16, 17	18, 19, 20

After an exciting weekend in Newcastle, Scouting Ireland finally has one single Scout programme, to be implemented in five sections. Some of the benefits of the decisions include:

- Finalise **Symbolic Framework & Personal Progression**, which must be undertaken before handbooks can be completed.

- **Adventure Skills** must be adapted to five sections

- **Youth and Adult handbooks** must be redesigned for five sections

The National Management Committee and National Youth Programme Committee urge all members to contribute to the completion of this process in any way they can. It is only with volunteers that Scouting Ireland can finalise and implement our new Scout programme.

- One **single programme**

- The **Scout Method** is established in all sections

- **Personal Progression** throughout the programme

- **Adventure Skills** throughout the programme

- 8 year old in Beavers will **strengthen** that Section

- **Special Interest Badges** (SIB's) agreed

- 5 year cycle (in Scouts) reduced to **three/four year cycle**

- No superlative award in 3rd Section **alone**

- **Youth involvement** strengthened

- Third representative **forum** established

- Support for **training** agreed

There are some important issues still to be resolved, however. Volunteers are required to achieve the following:

- Redefining the **Learning Objectives** for each section based on the age ranges decided.



Working weekend dates

Sat 18 April

Sat 9 May

Sat 13 June

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

All weekends
take place in
Larch Hill

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Put your hands together...

The National Management Committee and National Youth Programme Committee would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who have worked tirelessly in the Programme Development process since the formation of Scouting Ireland.

Some long standing Programme Commissioner (Venture Scouts), Steven Cull, has also stepped down, the NMC and NYPC would like to thank Steven for his work in the section during the difficult interim period. Mary Nugent, Stevie Oakes and Brian Doyle. In particular, the Pilot Groups deserve praise for their courage and determination in exploring the opportunities and challenges of our new Scout programme.



Into the Future

Following National Council, there is much work to be undertaken in order to prepare the new Scout Programme for use by Scout Groups.

The National Youth Programme Committee invites all members of Scouting Ireland who wish to contribute to this exciting process to email progdev@scouts.ie.

Important areas which require volunteers include Personal Progressive Scheme, Adventure Skills and Symbolic

Framework, but volunteers in all areas are very much needed.

Working weekends will be held in Larch Hill on the following dates:

**April Working Weekend
Sat 18-Apr-2009**

**May Working Weekend
Sat 9-May-2009**

**June Working Weekend
Sat 13-Jun-2009**

Please consider attending these weekends and help make our new Scout programme the best it can be.

Programme Website Re-launched

Programme2008.ie has been re-launched to provide easier access to Scouting Ireland members in this important period of finalisation and transition.

The website will provide all relevant documentation, as well as important upcoming dates and photos from around the country as our new

Scout programme is finalised and implemented.

Please note that it will take some time to align the content of the website to National Council's decisions. As work progresses the website will reflect it.

programme2008.ie



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March Working Weekend sees much Progress- Now Needs Re-evaluation



Some of the highlights of the March working weekend include the development of an exciting model of transition training, rapid progress being made with the adult handbook and work on the presentation of the Personal Progressive Scheme.

Training Commissioner Fiona McCann and the Transition Training work stream have planned an exciting, interactive training experience for both youth members and adults in Scout Groups which are making the transition to the new Scout Programme. However the work stream will now need to re-evaluate their progress based on the decisions of National Council.

The enthusiastic team of young people developing the section handbooks completed work on the Tracker, Explorer and Discovery books, and Programme Commissioner (Venture Scouts), Steven Cull, began discussions on the Rover handbook. In light of National

Council's resolutions however, these handbooks will have to be significantly amended and will not be available for use to our membership for some time. In order to complete the work as fast as possible, the NYPC request all interested members to volunteer to work on

The Adventure Skills work stream continued the development of detailed requirements across the four piloted sections for Backwoods, Sailing, Paddling and Rowing. Following National Council, the Adventure Skills will need to be adapted to meet the needs of five sections.

Although the decisions of National Council affect the work completed so far, the National Youth Programme Committee is confident that a lot of the work to date can, given time and the availability of volunteers, be adapted to suit our new Scout programme. In order to complete the work as fast as possible, the NYPC ask all interested members to volunteer to work on the various aspects of the new Scout programme as soon as possible

Full details of the work of each work stream is available from www.programme2008.ie.



Don't Forget! Working weekend dates:

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Saturday 9 May

Saturday 13 June

Camping accommodation and food available in Larch Hill. Youth members very welcome with Socuter permission and medical forms.

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