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Dear Scouts and Scouters,

This year marks 100 years since the end of hostilities in World War One. At 11am on 11th November 1918 an armistice came into effect ending over 4 years of fighting. Over 200,000 Irish were involved in the war, with nearly 50,000 of those giving their lives. Across the world ceremonies are now held on 11th November, 'Armistice Day' to remember all those who have fought, in all wars and on all sides.

Many Irish Scouts fought in World War One, with members of the Dublin Boy Scouts who died being commemorated on a memorial in St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. Many members of Scouting Ireland from across the island will also know of relatives who served, whether in World War One or other wars across the globe. We remember all of them at this time.

Scouting Ireland have been invited to participate in the national acts of remembrance which will take place in Dublin on Sunday 11th November. In particular we have been asked if Scouts and Scouters would be able to participate in the following three ceremonies:

Morning

10:30-11:30 Irish National War Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge, Dublin 8

There will be a laying of wreaths at the National War Memorial in a ceremony that includes the Act of Remembrance, a two minute silence at 11:00.

We have been asked to provide a standard bearer to parade with the flag of Scouting Ireland, and a colour party for other flags being used as part of the ceremony. Both of these would be suitable for older Scouts, Ventures, Rovers or Scouters.

Afternoon

15:00-16:15 St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin 8

The annual National Service of Remembrance will feature the laying of wreaths.

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We have been invited to provide a standard bearer (an older Scout, Venture, Rover or Scouter) to parade with the flag of Scouting Ireland, and a guard of honour (of youth members with accompanying adults) for the arrival of guests.

Evening

16:30 Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Blackhorse Avenue, Dublin 7

Grangegorman will host a ceremony of lights, inspired by the words of Laurence Binyon: *“At the going down of the sun and in the morning; We will remember them.”* Included in the graves at Grangegorman are more than 140 graves of those killed in the sinking of the RMS Leinster. This has a particular resonance for Irish Scouts as John Ross, the Sea Scout Commissioner of the Port of Dublin Sea Scouts, was killed in the disaster while travelling to London for a Scout conference.

The ceremony will feature the illumination of all 650 Commonwealth War Graves with a short Remembrance Ceremony during sundown.

We have been invited to provide youth members with accompanying adults who will lay lights/candles on the graves of the fallen, and a standard bearer (an older Scout, Venture, Rover or Scouter) to parade with the flag of Scouting Ireland.

If your group would be able to attend either of these ceremonies, please email mrandall@scouts.ie stating the numbers of youth and adult members who will attend **before Friday 2nd November**.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with these important ceremonies.