

Organisational Structure of Scouting Ireland

020

Overview

Scouting Ireland is organised at a number of levels which are designed to ensure that effective support is delivered to the membership.

Relevance to you

As a Group Leader, it is crucial that you are aware of the different supports that are available to your Scout Group so that you are able to avail of these supports.

Levels within the organisation

1. Scout Group
2. Scout County
3. Scout Province
4. National

Scout Group

The Scout Group is the most important level within Scouting Ireland. This is the level at which most Youth Members and Scouters are involved within Scouting Ireland. There are currently more than 520 Scout Groups in Scouting Ireland. It is the primary vehicle for supporting active youth programme and for supporting our adult volunteers.

Scout County

A Scout County is a collection of Scout Groups from a specific geographical area. The Scout County team can support you with youth programme, Scouter training, advice about finances, insurance, and information about what's going on in Scouting Ireland. Your County Commissioner is often a great person to get in touch with if you need advice about something. They are experienced Scouters who are there to help and support you. They can draw on the County team and look for support from other Scout Groups if that is required.

Scout Province

A Scout Province is a collection of Scout Counties from a specific part of the country. The Provincial Management Support Team supports Scout Counties within the Scout Province. Woodbadge training for Scouters is delivered through the Scout Provinces. The Scout Province also promotes the implementation of Scouting Ireland's policies and programmes at Scout County level throughout the Scout Province. It provides input, on behalf of Scout Counties, to the development of policies and programmes at National level.

National Level

National Council is the governing body of Scouting Ireland, it makes decisions regarding the direction of Scouting Ireland and it meets at least once a year. In between meetings of National Council, the National Management Committee is charged with making decisions relating to policies and strategies and implementing them on behalf of National Council. In addition to this, the NMC is also responsible for, through the appropriate Commissioners and their teams, the representation of Scouting Ireland both nationally and internationally, as well as the production and development of youth programme and materials to support the management of adult resources.

Useful Documents and Publications

Further information on the structure of Scouting Ireland is available in the following documents:

- SID 01.03 - Scouting Ireland Constitution
- SID 01.03a - Scouting Ireland Rules
- SID 07.03 - The Scout County
- SID 17.04 - The Scout Province
- SID 13.03 - Role and Function of the Scout Group

Where to get help

The County Commissioner should be your first point of contact for any support which you might need. The Group Support Facilitator and the Provincial Support Officer may also be called upon for assistance.

Other Group Leaders in your Scout County and other Scouters in your Scout Group may have knowledge and/or experience you could draw on if required.

You can contact Scouting Ireland's National Office on 01 495 6300 if you require any advice during normal office hours. You can also use the same number on Monday night's between 7pm and 9pm to contact a member of the National Adult Resources Committee.