

Overview

As mentioned before, your Scout Group has a support structure around it in the form of your Scout County and Scout Province. These layers are in place, not to increase workload on you, but to provide you and your Scout Group with support.

Relevance to you

By taking on the role of Group Leader, you have agreed to be the representative of your Scout Group at County Management Committee meetings. At these meetings you will meet other Group Leaders and the Scout County team and will have the opportunity to discuss any issues you are encountering, to benefit from their experiences, and to work together with them on joint or common issues.

Support from the Scout County

The Scout County comprises of a number of Scout Groups who co-operate for their mutual benefit, it is in this way that the Scout Group should find most support, some examples:

Programme - The County Programme Coordinator (CPC) leads the County Programme Team. This team is there to support the Sections in your Scout Group. They do this by providing advice, organizing help and sometimes by running County events.

Finance - One of the functions of the County Treasurer is to support each Group Treasurer in all aspects of their job.

Training - The function of the County Training Coordinator (CTC) is to co-ordinate training needs and attendance within the Scout County.

Other Scout Groups - Other Scout Groups may be able to give you a hand in a whole range of ways, for example, if you wish to borrow equipment, share activities, swap skills, etc.

Support from the Scout Province

One role of the Scout Province is to support Scout County Teams, and there are some specific ways in which they can support your Scout Group directly:

International - Each Scout Province has an International Team Representative. Part of their role is to encourage and support your Scout Group if they are planning overseas activities or activities with Scouts from other countries.

Training - Each Scout Province maintains a panel of trained trainers who organise and deliver training for adult members of the Association. The Provincial Training Coordinator manages the panel and the delivery of this training.

Youth Programme & Adults Resources - The Provincial Youth Programme Representative and the Provincial Adult Resources Representative support the Scout County teams to provide direct support to your Scout Group in relation to youth Programme delivery and adult volunteers.

Useful Documents and Publications

SID 07.03 - The Scout County

SID 06.03 - County Appointment Descriptions

SID 17.04 - The Scout Province

SID 130.05 - Provincial Appointment Descriptions

Where to get help

The County Commissioner should be your first point of contact, the Group Support Facilitator and the Provincial Support Officer may also be called upon for assistance.

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.