

## Overview

One of the many things that make our movement unique is that it is part of a world organisation, the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Getting involved in International Scouting adds another dimension to your local Scouting and provides a special element to your youth members. Travelling aboard for summer camps, making partnerships with groups in other countries, attending international jamborees and conferences and hosting international guests are all ways to add that international element into your Scouting.

## Relevance to you

As Group Leader, it is your job to encourage members of your Scout Group to get involved in some of the above international elements to be incorporated into your Scout Groups Scouting experience. Scouting Ireland's International Team provide a continuous stream of information on jamborees, events and conferences that are happening across the world for Scouting, many with open call attendance in place.

**International summer camps** - Scout, Venture Scout and Rover Scout sections should be aiming to travel aboard every second year if it is financially viable for your Scout Group. Countdown to International Summer Camp is a valuable resource (available on [www.scouts.ie](http://www.scouts.ie)) which outlines everything you need to do to get an international camp off the ground. You can also get help from your Scout County Team and your Scout Province's International Representative.

**Jamborees** - Scout Jamborees are held all over the world every year (mostly in Summer). Scouting Ireland also runs International Jamborees from time to time; it would be a very worthwhile experience to attend one of these, particularly if your Scout Group is not in a position to travel abroad.

Every four years, a World Scout Jamboree is held. Scouting Ireland generally sends a contingent to these consisting of a Contingent Management Team, adult Scouters, youth members and International Support Staff. There are great opportunities for young people and adults to meet other Scouts at world events like this.

**World Friendships** - This is a way to bring International Scouting to any programme Section. Scouting Ireland has a programme that will link you with a group or a section in the country of your choice. All you have to do is email [international@scouts.ie](mailto:international@scouts.ie) to express interest. If you set up one yourself, send the team an email so they can keep record of all the world friendships.

**Hosting international groups** - From time to time the International Team receives requests from Scout Groups from other countries to meet up with or hold joint camps in Ireland with Irish Scout Groups. This information is disseminated through the Provincial International Representatives who are part of the International Team. If this is something which may be of interest to you contact the International Team at the email address below.

## **Useful documents and publications**

Countdown to International Summer Camp resource, available by searching for "Countdown to International Camps" in my.scouts.ie (when logged in at www.scouts.ie)

World scouting's website [www.scout.org/events](http://www.scout.org/events)

[www.scouts.ie](http://www.scouts.ie) -> Resources -> International

International Teams Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/SIInternational](http://www.facebook.com/SIInternational)

SID 89.12 - International Team Terms of Reference

SID 37.05 - International Partnerships

## **Where to get help**

Contact your Scout Province's International Representative through the [international@scouts.ie](mailto:international@scouts.ie) email; provide your name, your Scout Group, Scout County and Scout Province and your email will be forwarded directly to the appropriate International Representative.