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Scouting Ireland - Scouting Ethical Living Education Policy				

Scouting Ireland believes that:

1. Scouting has a unique value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, a central component of the Scout Method.
2. For individuals, Scouting's values are expressed in the Scout Promise and Law, the voluntary personal commitment (the Scout promise) to do one's best to adhere to an ethical code of behaviour (the Scout law).
3. Scouting's value system represents Scouting's vision of society, the ideals it stands for and the image it projects.
4. Scouting's educational process enables the young person make a voluntary commitment to a set of principles and to gradually understand Scouting's values, adhere to them and make them his or her own so that they permeate the person's behaviour throughout life.
5. Scouting can provide people with an ethical system which is relevant to their daily lives and can assist them in the making of responsible lifestyle choices with particular regard to social justice, consumerism, sustainability, environmentalism and human rights.
6. Youth Members and Scouters will be provided with specific educational programmes, guidelines and resources in order to apply the values of the Scout Promise and Law in their lives and to assist in the development of informed and active global citizens.
7. Scouting's value system should be supported and promoted perpetually within Scouting, in the wider local and national community, and throughout the world.