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All Scouters

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Scouting Ireland – Vision 2020

Dear Scouter

I am happy to report that since I last wrote to you about the transformation process, Vision 2020 in September 2012, we have just completed the largest consultation of members since the establishment of Scouting Ireland in 2004.

Between September and November 2012 we have consulted nearly 10% of our Adult membership through the six Provincial Conferences and a work shop at the Sea Scouts Conference in Killaloe at the end of November 2012. In addition, many of our youth members have had their say through a series of Youth Provincial Forums completed in November and December 2012 and through the 'Vision for the Future' programme that was considered at their own section gatherings.

I would like to thank all of the Scouts and Scouters that attended and contributed to the conferences and forums and a very special word of thanks to the Provincial Commissioners and their respective teams for making each event such a success and through their hard work, dedication and strong commitment to Vision 2020, giving such a significant portion of our membership an opportunity to engage with this process and contribute to the future of Scouting Ireland.

Since January 2013, the following has taken place;

1. Transformation Workshop on the role of Spirituality within Scouting led by the Chairperson of the National Spiritual and Religious Advisory Panel, Fr. Dave Kenneally .
2. The National Management Committee took part in a facilitated Transformation Workshop and this built on the work already undertaken at the conferences.
3. A workshop on Finances around looking at how we finance Scouting from now up to 2020
4. A workshop with the Provincial Commissioners in March

To take place;

1. I will be hosting a 'Retail Strategy Workshop' with the Directors of the Outdoor Adventure Store/The Scout Shop and the outcome of this workshop will help us determine how we best meet the needs of members, in providing top quality uniform and Scout equipment in the future, which is supplied in the most efficient and customer focused way.

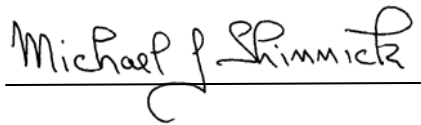
2. An update at National Council 2013 in Sligo and following this finalising the Vision 2020 strategy to ensure that Scouting Ireland will remain one of the leading Youth Organisations in Ireland for many years to come.

I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to attend this up and coming National Council and participate in the workshops and activities taking place over the weekend.

We will publish the full report given to National Council on the association website as soon as possible after the event.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Sligo.

Yours in Scouting



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Chief Scout