



CC: Group Leaders

8<sup>th</sup> April 2013

### Scouting Ireland – 2013, Year of World Friendship

Dear Scouter

This year in line with The Gathering and in effort to encourage our Youth Members through our Programme to engage with Scouting in the context of it being an international movement, the National Management Committee has declared 2013 as the “Year of World Friendship”. Scouts and Scouters in all Programme Sections can wear the badge once they have completed the required challenges outlined below (individual Programme Section / Small Group applications only).

1. Form a “World Friendship” link with a Scout Group from another National Scout or Guide Organisation (member of WOSM / WAGGS) outside of the island of Ireland.
  2. Agree a project with them that relates to either:
    - A) Completing a Programme Section Specific Activity (over 2 / 3 meetings minimum) in order to discover the 4 themes (Diversity, Culture, Inclusion & Respect and Gender), with a view to assisting Youth Members in understanding and appreciating the importance of Diversity & Intercultural Respect when developing International Partnerships
- Or**
- B) Completing a Programme Section Specific Project utilising the Small Group System with a view to forming links with a Young People Abroad in order to discovering 4 themes (The Millennium Development Goals, Human Rights, Health and Education, Trade and Microcredit), with the long term goal of developing ongoing communications with the international partner and / or future exchange programmes.

We have attached one of the commemorative badges to this letter, and we would ask you that you select an appropriate Youth Member in your Scout Group to act as an Ambassador for the “2013, Year of World Friendship”, with a view to spreading the word and getting members across the Scout Group involved.



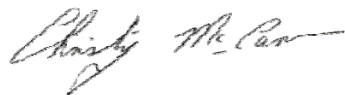
The badge should be clearly displayed on the top right of the shirt (above pocket) / jumper / sweatshirt - as a conversation point in the promotion of the challenges. This badge will replace the "100 Years of Sea Scouting in Ireland" annual theme badge, which could be worn from the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012 – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013. I would hope that the Youth Member selected with the assistance of the Scouters in the Scout Group would promote the possibilities for international Scouting and friendship links in your programme.

We do hope you rise to our request and thank you in advance for your help and participation, in this fantastic award and programme opportunity, creating international links for the generations of scouts to come. Greater detail on the requirements, resources and application process for this award will be made available on [my.scouts.ie](http://my.scouts.ie) following National Council 2013.

Yours in Scouting



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