



CC: National Teams

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 as the holder of a National Appointment that you would wear this badge in an effort to spread the word and get Scout Groups involved in undertaking the challenge. This Award will be promoted at National Council 2013, and as such it is important that you have it sewn onto your uniform for this occasion, replacing 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.

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The badge should be clearly displayed on the top right breast of the shirt (above pocket) / jumper / sweatshirt - as a conversation point in the promotion of the challenges and a conversation point with Youth Members you come in contact with.

Scout Groups and Scout Counties have received a similar letter to this asking them to select an appropriate Youth Member in their Scout Group/Scout County 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/Scout County involved with the assistance of the Scouters in the Scout Group.

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



**Ian Davy**  
Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme)  
County Commissioner Letter



**Christy McCann**  
International Commissioner

**CC:**

- International Team**
- The Gathering Team**
- National Youth Programme Committee**
- Members of the National Youth Fora (Scouts, Venture Scouts, Rover Scouts)**
- National Adult Resources Committee**
- National Spiritual & religious Advisory Panel**
- Honorary Vice Presidents**
- Camp Chiefs**
- Contingent Leaders (WSM 2013, WSJ 2015)**
- National Management Committee**