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Ref: L02/2017 – Open Call National Activities Assessors Pool

4th January 2017

Dear Scouter,

Over the last number of years it has become increasingly more difficult to recruit a team of assessors for both the Venture Challenge and the Explorer Belt. Having discussed this matter with the Chief Commissioner Youth Programme we have now decided that the best approach to resolve this issue is to establish a pool of assessors who can be called upon each year to fill the vacancies as they arise on the Explorer Belt Assessment Team and the Venture Challenge Assessment Team. In order to avoid the members of this pool having to work on one or both Assessment Teams continuously each year we hope to garner sufficient interest amongst our membership to allow us to establish a pool of 20 – 30 assessors.

No previous experience of having assessed on Challenge or the Belt is required in order to apply to join the pool, just a willingness to undertake the appropriate training that will be supplied. All those who apply to join the pool must therefore be available to partake in the assessors training day on **the 29th January in a Dublin location.**

If applications to join the pool are oversubscribed then the final decision on who will be invited to join the pool will be made following the training day by me and the Chief Commissioner Youth Programme.

BEFORE YOU CONSIDER APPLYING TO JOIN THE POOL PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. The training weekends for both Challenge and the Belt take place (somewhere in Ireland) over the Easter weekend each year. Members of the Assessment Pool will be required to be available to travel to this training to carry out their duties.
2. The Belt normally takes place in the first couple of weeks of July each year and the assessors are required at the end of the process. Members of the Belt Assessment Team will be required to travel to Europe to carry out their duties.
3. Challenge normally takes place at the end of July/start of August each year and the assessors are required at the end of the process. Members of the Challenge Assessment Team will be required to travel to somewhere in Ireland or the United Kingdom to carry out their duties.

PLEASE DO NOT APPLY TO JOIN THE POOL IF YOU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE DURING THESE TIMES

To apply to join the Assessors Pool please send a copy of your Scouting CV to nationalactivities@scouts.ie

The closing date for expression **13th January 2016**

If you have any questions relating to the above please feel free to contact me at nationalactivities@scouts.ie

Yours in Scouting

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