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Hi there!

Scouts.ie is changing!

It is well over five years since the last major update to the Scouting Ireland Website, and we are delighted to announce that, in the coming days, we will launch a completely updated site.

We're hoping that you can help us with the last steps of completing the final steps to ensure we have a world-class site for all our members. We've been lucky enough to have hundreds of bright and passionate volunteers involved in the design, and would really appreciate a few minutes of your time to put the final shine on a couple of years of collaboration.

The new scouts.ie site has been thoroughly reviewed, extensively consulted on, beautifully designed and considered to appeal and work for the young people and adults who will soon use it as a resource to support and enhance their experiences in scouting.

New features, available to everyone, include -

- An extensive and ever-updating area for every section, from Beaver Scouts to Rover Scouts.
- Improved resources to support the adults that contribute their time every week, with resources, forms, guidance and updates freely available for every scouter.
- An improved area for parents to learn what scouting has to offer, and how it provides a safe and dynamic environment for personal development and growth.
- A consolidation of existing materials and resources, and room for our talented youth programme teams to keep our membership up to date, offering new resources and opportunities to everyone.

Even though the development is nearly complete, we know that there are going to be a few rough edges. Head over to the new site to have a browse and look for the content you'd like to see, and let us know any of the bugs and errors you spot, or any corrections you'd like to see made. With your support, we can review and refine our new website into the showcase and resource that it's destined to become.

We'll be running the beta test over the next couple of months, you can head over to the new site by [clicking here](#). **To submit bug reports, or just register some feedback, click on the 'Beta' button that you'll find on each page, and throw the details into the form there.** Don't worry about sharing whatever you feel and find, we're looking for notes that are honest, descriptive and constructive. If you're testing with other people, try to capture their thoughts in the same way.

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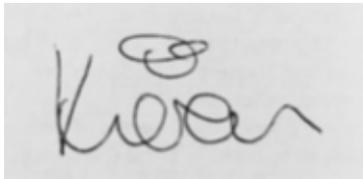
What you contribute will help us bring a final shape to something that will support the 50,000 members of Scouting Ireland to plan their programme, broaden the scope of their goals and connect with the local, national and international opportunities that we have to offer.

The updated scouts.ie is the first of a number of changes we will be making over the coming months, these include:

- A new membership management system (membership, bookings, payments, awards etc);
- A new e-Learning platform
- A new weekly mailing to replace the monthly inside out

These new tools will be introduced in the coming months and we will be in touch to provide more information on this in due course.

Yours in Scouting

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Kieran Cody'.

Kieran Cody
Communications Commissioner