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Dear member of the National Council,

The fourteenth annual meeting of the National Council of Scouting Ireland is now just four weeks away and I would like to bring your attention to the final documentation for the purposes of the meeting. **All the information for National Council can be downloaded from my.scouts.ie from Friday 10th March 2017.**

The invitation for you to register for your e-ticket for the meeting of the National Council has been sent by email to appropriate members. If you have not received this email, please contact the National Office ASAP.

Please note that the elections for positions on the National Management Committee will take place on **Saturday 8th April 2017 between 10:30 – 12:30.**

I would like to bring the following to your attention.

National Council Documentation: (available to download from www.scouts.ie)

- Second Notice of National Council
- Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the National Council 2017
- Voting Procedures
- SID 086-11 - National Council Elections Policy
- List of Candidates and Nominees for National Council 2017
- Proposals to National Council 2017
- National Council AGM 2017 Proposed Standing Orders
- The Annual Report of the Scout Foundation
- Memorandum and Articles of Association - Scouting Ireland
- Delegate Transfer Form
- National Council 2017 - Eventbrite Ticket Instructions

Registration

All delegates should familiarise themselves with SID 86-11 - National Council Elections Policy, included as document 04 of this mailing, which outlines the registration process for registering as a member of the National Council on the day of the meeting.

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Transferring Delegates

By now, your Scout Group should be registering its four delegates that will attend the meeting of the National Council on its behalf or your Scout County will be registering the members of the County Youth Forum. If you have a need to change the member nominated as a delegate you can do this up until 24 hours before the meeting is due to commence by using the 'Eventbrite' system. Transfers after that time will be required to complete the delegate transfer form (document 12) and bring it on the day to registration with the E-Ticket that will be issued by the National Office. One form should be used per delegate.

Responsibilities

It is important that Youth Member Representatives are assisted by Adult Members to inform themselves and to understand the business and purpose of the National Council. Those members seeking election should engage in a positive way with the Youth Reps so they understand the issues facing the association and can make an informed judgement on how to cast their vote.

Who is the Scouter-in-charge in terms of the Youth Members attending?

Youth Members attending as part of the Scout Group delegates nominated by the Group Council	Group Leader or person designated by the Group Leader
Youth Members attending as part of the two representatives from each County Youth Forum (Scouts, Venture Scouts & Rover Scouts)	County Commissioner or person designated by the County Commissioner
Youth Members attending as part of the nine representatives of each of the National Youth Forum (Scouts, Venture Scouts & Rover Scouts)	Programme Commissioner (Youth Empowerment) or person designated by that Programme Commissioner

General

We have been working hard over the last number of months to ensure that this National Council will be a very special event.

For those of you attending National Council for the first time, I look forward to meeting you for the first time.

For those of you that have attended National Council before, I look forward to meeting you again and I'm sure you will get great value out of the event.

I would respectfully remind members to;

- Act in a scout-like fashion,
- Have respect for yourself and for other delegates,
- Take care of yourself and your fellow delegates.

Elections

As you are no doubt aware there are a significant number of elections happening at this years meeting of the National Council and enclosed as part of this mailing is the various biographies and information on the nominated candidates. There will be a meet and greet with all the candidates on Friday 7th April @ 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Ballsbridge (Formerly Bewleys Hotel, Ballsbridge). Delegates are invited to meet the candidates in an informal setting to ask any last questions you have before you cast your vote.

National Council is the opportunity to progress and develop the Association:

- Where we are all equal members of Scouting Ireland,
- Where those appointed are accountable for the stewardship of the roles they occupy,
- Where National Teams/Committees/Panels can meet, greet and exchange ideas,
- Where an opportunity exists to launch new projects.

Following previous requests that the meetings of the National Council should be one-day meetings, I have endeavoured to do so, and therefore the meeting of the National Council 2016 will take place over one day.

During National Council 2017 please be aware of the uniqueness of fellow Scouts and Scouters, their commitment to the Scouting Movement and the effort they make to live by the Scout Promise and Law. With that in mind, I ask you to be tolerant to those of us who address National Council and may not be as eloquent or as confident at speaking to National Council as others and to make them/us feel at ease and to be heard and understood.

Addressing National Council I would ask speakers to state initially:

- Name
- Role in the Association
- Who they are speaking on behalf of (i.e Scout Group Council, Scout County Board, or Other)

Social Evening

As we are not hosting a gala dinner this year, the Chief Scout and the National Management Committee would like to invite all delegates to the National Council to an informal social gathering at 20:00 in Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge (formerly Bewleys Hotel, Ballsbridge) on Saturday 8th April 2017. We hope to see you there!!

I trust that the above is in order. Please contact the National Office or me if you have any concerns; otherwise I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours in Scouting



Ollie Kehoe
National Secretary

CC:

Group Leaders,
County Commissioners
County Secretaries
Members of the National Youth Forum
Programme Commissioners
Training Commissioner
Honorary Vice-Presidents
Members of the National Management Committee
Scouting Ireland Professional Staff