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Dear Scouter,

This letter is by way of information to you and to allow you to prepare, if you have an interest in becoming a candidate for election for a position as a member of the National Management Committee (NMC) at next year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the National Council.

The 2018 AGM of the National Council will be held on Saturday 14th of April in The Helix, which is located in the grounds of Dublin City University (DCU).

So far, the following appointments are scheduled to be filled by election at the meeting of the National Council. Some of those appointments are currently held by Scouters that are eligible to seek re-election for a further term, while in respect of other appointments the current holders of that post, having served their term, are ineligible for election to the same post.

The appointments are:

- Chief Scout - current post holder, if nominated, is eligible for re election
- International Commissioner - current post holder, if nominated, is eligible for re election
- Communications Commissioner - current post holder, if nominated, is eligible for re election
- Provincial Commissioner (Dublin Scout Province) - current post holder, if nominated, is eligible for re election
- Provincial Commissioner (South East Scout Province) - current post holder, if nominated, is eligible for re election
- Ordinary Member of the NMC (Over 26 years) – Five (5) Vacancies, two of which are specifically reserved for members under 26 years of age.

Members of the NMC are all volunteers and, in that office, are engaged in important work that supports and develops Scouting on this island, for all of its members and their Scout Groups. The NMC exercises all delegated powers of the National Council during the periods between meetings of the National Council.

It is important that any member of Scouting Ireland who is seeking election, in accordance with our Constitution and Rules and policies thereof, takes time to fully inform themselves of the relevant role for which, if nominated, they are standing for election. The role specification/description of each of the above members of the NMC can be found [HERE](#).

The contents of this letter cannot articulate all the work that is undertaken by the members of the NMC, but includes the implementation of the strategy of Scouting Ireland, as well as fulfilment of the current Governance Project. Further details about of the Strategy of Scouting Ireland can be found [HERE](#). Further details on the Scouting Ireland Governance Project can be found [HERE](#).

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Each member of the NMC, by virtue of the appointment or position they hold, automatically become a Director of Scouting Ireland Services CLG which is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. These can be downloaded from [HERE](#).

In order to seek election at the meeting of the National Council and thus become a Director of the company and Trustee of the National Charity, candidates must confirm that they:

1. Are over the age of 18 years;
2. Are not an undischarged bankrupt;
3. Have never been removed from the position of charity trustee of a charitable organisation by an order of the High Court under section 74 of the Charities Act 2009;
4. Are not the subject of an order under section 160 of the Companies Act 1990;
5. Are not currently disqualified from acting as a director of a company in another jurisdiction;
6. Have never been prohibited, removed or suspended from being a trustee under the Trustee Act 1893 or of a scheme under the Pensions Acts 1990 to 2008;
7. have never been convicted on indictment of an offence;
8. Are not in the process of making a composition or arrangement with creditors;
9. Are not a director of more than 24 companies.

To get a more comprehensive and current view on Scouting Ireland and the many aspects involved in Scouting today and into the immediate future can I encourage not only those members who may be considering being candidates for election, but as many members of Scouting Ireland that can, to attend any of the Provincial Conferences that are being held in each Scout Province throughout September this year. The dates of these conferences will be released in the coming weeks through the weekly mailings.

Scouting since its inception over one hundred years ago, continues to grow both here in Ireland and across the world, educating young people in a non-formal setting, developing them to be the leaders of tomorrow, in Scouting and in Society, even to walk on the Moon! Today there are over 40 million members of Scouting throughout the world, such sustainable development and continuing growth can, only take place both on this island of Ireland and across our world, if members of Scouting continue to “be prepared” to place themselves before their peers for nomination, for election, for appointment to roles of leadership in Scouting.

“The future depends, on what you do today” - Mahatma Gandhi

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with any further advice on this matter.

Yours in Scouting



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All Scouters

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