

SFNI 2020

QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR SCOUT GROUPS

A new tool for Scouters and Groups

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Quality Assurance is a process by which we reflect on what we do in Scouting - what is it we do that works really well and what areas could we improve on.
- Thousands of children and young people are supported in Scouting to achieve their full potential therefore it is vital that we take time to identify, reflect on and evaluate what has contributed to this success.
- QSE is an excellent tool that is offered by Scouting Ireland and supports the development of a Group Plan. However, resources are limited.
- This poster is a tool to support all groups to Quality Assure and will hopefully encourage some to take part in the full QSE programme.
- You are already doing quality assurance if you follow the Plan, Do, Review process - this poster is just a tool to help structure that process



HOW TO USE IT

WITH YOUTH MEMBERS

- start by asking the youth members to list all the activities they remember doing the previous year/term.
- this can be written on posts its or for younger members they could draw everything on a page
- with the youth members divide the activities into SPICES - which activities come under which area of the programme.



- Some activities may come under more than one heading.
- It might be worth looking at the definitions of each area before starting.
- Adapt as appropriate for different age groups - **for Beavers/Cubs you may decide to use 3/4 headings e.g. working together, nature/ outdoors, moving our bodies, rather than social, spiritual, physical etc*

REFLECT ON WHAT THIS ACTIVITY HAS HIGHLIGHTED

- IS YOUR PROGRAMME VARIED OR DOES IT FOCUS ON TWO-THREE AREAS ?**
- ARE YOU HAPPY WITH THE BALANCE OF THE PROGRAMME OR DO YOU NEED TO PRIORITISE SOME AREAS?**

There are no right or wrong answers - it is up to your group/section to decide what works best for them.

ASK THE YOUTH MEMBERS - WHAT WERE THE BEST THINGS ABOUT THIS YEAR/ TERM OF SCOUTING?

- record the answers
- you may decide to group the answers into general areas e.g. games, adventure skills, camping etc



The best thing about
this year's Scouting is...

A series of ten horizontal lines on a cream-colored background, intended for writing answers to the question above.



Things we could improve on or would do differently...

- **ASK THE YOUTH MEMBERS - WHAT DID THEY NOT ENJOY OR WHAT DO THEY THINK COULD BE IMPROVED OR DONE DIFFERENTLY.**
- **- THIS IS THEIR OPINIONS SO SHOULD BE RECORDED WITHOUT CHALLENGE**
- **- IT IS IMPORTANT HOWEVER TO ENSURE CLEAR BOUNDARIES BEFORE STARTING - THIS IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE SPACE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT INDIVIDUALS**

BASED ON THE PREVIOUS 2 QUESTIONS WHAT ACTIONS WILL YOU TAKE THIS YEAR?

- YOU MAY WISH TO DO THE SAME OR MORE OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WERE ENJOYED
- YOU MAY WISH TO IMPROVE OR NOT DO SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT WERE NOT ENJOYED
- LIST ALL THAT THE YOUTH MEMBERS SUGGEST BUT THEN PRIORITISE A SMALL NUMBER THAT ARE MANAGEABLE - YOU COULD ASK THE MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR THE TOP 3-5



SCOUTERS AND TRUSTEES



THIS NEXT SECTION IS FOR SCOUTERS AND TRUSTEES.

- IT LOOKS AT 3 AREAS - BEING SAFE, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNICATION
- LOOK AT THE QUESTIONS IN EACH SECTION - DISCUSS - ARE WE DOING THIS WELL, WHAT EVIDENCE DO WE HAVE AND WHAT ACTION DO WE NEED TO TAKE?
- THIS IS FOR YOUR GROUP TO ASSESS ITSELF SO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THINK ABOUT 3 AREAS - HOW CAN YOU IMPROVE, WHAT SUPPORT DO YOU NEED?




All Scouters and Rovers have up to date vetting



Scouters have up to date training that is at the appropriate level for their role including safeguarding training.



Risk assessment completed and documented for all activities to minimise risk



Scouters are aware of and comply with all Scouting Ireland Policies and Procedures including The Code of Good Practice



Our Group has completed the Safeguarding Risk Assessment



Our group displays our Child Safety Statement (ROJ) or Safeguarding Poster (NJ) in our Den or meeting place



Scouters always have the appropriate training before overnights and camps



Scouters always have the appropriate permission before camping and international trips



A Scouter in each section has First Aid training

How our Group ensures everyone is safe....

What action do we need to take to ensure our group is being safe?

BEING SAFE CHECKLIST





How our Group ensures Good Governance

What action do we need to take to ensure Good Governance of our Group?

GOOD GOVERNANCE CHECKLIST —



How our group communicates and shares information....

What action do we need to take to ensure good communication and information sharing?

COMMUNICATION CHECKLIST —

WHAT NEXT???

QUALITY SCOUTING EXPERIENCE



