**National YOUth Forum 2019: Info Pack (Part 1)**

The NYF is the annual youth meeting for Scouting Ireland where delegates from every Scout County gather to:

* Discuss issues of relevance to young people both in Scouting Ireland and in Irish society
* Help build the capacities of young people to participate in decision making
* Discuss relevant matters with the Board and National Teams
* Elect nine (9) Youth Representatives ( Scouts, Venture Scouts, Rover Scouts to include Rover Clubs & Societies) based on their skill set

Consent Form

Please find the Scouting Ireland Activities Consent Form here. Please complete this in full and present at registration.

Managing Medications Form

Please see the managing medications form below. Under the medical details section of the activities consent form, if you require a Scouter to administer or manage medications, the below form must be presented at registration.

Intention to Run for the position of National Youth Representative Form

Any County Representative who wishes to run for the position of National Youth Representative must fill out the form at the end this info pack and upload to https:/www.dropbox.com/request/84CnUGu8oDVxS5wyB34h by Friday 11th January 2019 at 4pm. Failure to do so will deem the candidate ineligible to run for the position of National Youth Representative.

Each candidate will also have to complete the attached Biographical Form and will record a one-minute video (videos over this length will not be accepted) explaining who they are and why they should be elected. Both will have to be uploaded to https:/www.dropbox.com/request/84CnUGu8oDVxS5wyB34h by Friday 11th January 2019 at 4pm. Both files should be saved as the Persons name and Province ie North East Pauline Lucas. The videos will be circulated to all in advance to facilitate voting.

Submitting a Motion Form

Motions may be submitted on behalf of County or National representatives. Motion must be submitted by Friday 11th January 2019 at 4pm. During the forum, no motions may be drawn from the floor.

Role of National Youth Representative

Each delegate is advised to read and understand this document prior to the event.

Venue for National **YOU**th Fora

The location for the Fora is Gormanston Park, Gormanston Road, Co Meath K32NH30

Registration will open at 8am on **Sunday 20th January 2019** with the event commencing at 9am. Full uniform should be worn by all.

Should the early start prove difficult for transport, there is an opportunity to stay at the venue on Saturday evening B&B for €40 per person, but the cost for this must be borne by the County. It will be an addition €7 per person for a full cooked breakfast and it needs to be booked in advance.

CPC’s or another designated Scouter must attend with the County Reps. If staying Saturday evening the CPC’s must hold the parental consent and medical forms.

Refreshments and a fully cooked lunch will be provided for all attending the event, free of charge, and the event is expected to finish at 5pm.

As this is the first **YOU**th Fora event that all Reps from Counties can attend, to ensure adequate planning all CPC’s should contact their PYPR’s to indicate the numbers attending for their county by January 10th please.

CPC’s should also advise if Saturday night accommodation is required and if so, the male female breakdown and any dietary requirements.

National Youth Representatives: Role Summary

Term of Office

National Youth Representatives are appointed by the National Youth Forum, and hold office concurrently for a term of 1 year. It is not possible to hold the position of National Youth Representative for two years in a row regardless of transition sections.

This does not apply to the Rover Scout Section.

Roles

 Member of Youth Assembly

 Works with Scouting Ireland Departments to represent a youth perspective

Key areas of responsibility

 To represent the views of the National Youth Forum

 To contribute to the development of Scouting Ireland

 To assist with the work of the relevant National Teams.

Working with

 Youth Programme Department and other Departments

 Team Lead for Youth Empowerment

 National Teams

Accountable to

 National Youth Forum

 National Youth Programme Committee

Time requirement:

The time required can be hard to quantify, and will be determined by the amount of work assigned to them by the Youth Forum. Formal meetings need to be attended on a regular basis.

* Meetings of the National Youth Assembly (usually four times per year), Departments and National Teams and the Board of Directors (as required) must be attended.
* Other meetings which may arise from time to time. Time is also required for matters which arise and must be attended to in between meetings and in preparation for meetings and time is required for the discharge of the duties associated with the Appointment.
* It is imperative that each National Representative understands that their year will be as fulfilling as they make it. The National Representatives work during the year will be facilitated as best it can, seeing it is fit for the section they are representing. It is an opportunity to become empowered within their section, to understand the workings of Scouting Irelands numerous teams and committees, to foresee a multitude of opportunities available to the youth members of Scouting Ireland and to meet new people from all over the country.

Election Method

Nine (9) NATIONAL YOUTH REPRESENATIVES will be elected each for Scouts, Venture Scouts, and Rover Scouts according to the following system:

* Three separate elections will occur: Scouts, Venture Scouts, and Rover Scouts. Only members of the respective section can vote in that election.
* Each County will be entitled to six (6) ballots per section which will have a list of all candidates for their section, in alphabetical order according to surname
* All elections shall be by proportional representation by single transferable vote. The votes cast shall include any spoiled votes cast.
* To ensure a geographical spread, 1 (one) representative will be elected to represent each Scout Province, namely Dublin Scout Province, Southern, Northern, North Eastern, South Eastern and Western.
* The candidates with the largest number of votes, after the representatives from each province have been elected, will be deemed elected.
* All candidates must also be a registered youth member of Scouting Ireland

**Intention to run as a National Youth Representative**

Note: Scout Candidates must be

1. A member of the Scout Section on the day of Appointment and will be 15 years or younger on the following 31st August.
2. Available to travel and attend meetings/activities representing the views of other Scouts throughout their term. This is an important position and successful candidates may not be able to take on many other Scout projects while a National Youth Representative
3. You must be in attendance at the National Youth Forum

Note: Venture Scout Candidates must be

1. A member of the Venture Scout Section on the day of Appointment and will be 17 years or younger on the following 31st August.
2. Available to travel and attend meetings/activities representing the views of other

Venture Scouts throughout their term. This is an important position and successful candidates may not be able to take on many other Scout projects while a National Youth Representative.

1. You must be in attendance at the National Youth Forum

Note: Rover Scout Candidates must be

1. A member of the Rover Scout Section on the day of Appointment and will be 25 years or younger on the following 31st August.
2. Available to travel and attend meetings/activities representing the views of other Rover Scouts throughout their term. This is an important position and successful candidates may not be able to take on many other Scout projects while a National Youth Representative
3. You must be in attendance at the National Youth Forum

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| Date of Birth | D | D | M | M | Y | Y | Y | Y |  | | | | | | | | |

I have discussed the commitment involved as National Youth Representative with my

parent/guardian & Group Leader/Section Programme Scouter and they support my decision.

Signed (Candidate): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Group Leader/Section Programme Scouter): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Biographical Form**

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| Name, Scout Group, and Scout County |
| Why do you want to be a National Youth Representative? |
| What skills do you bring to the role? |
| Describe one previous experience you have in or outside of Scouting that you believe will be of most benefit to you as a National Youth Representative. |

**Submit a motion to the National Youth Forum 2019**

Section: Province:

Motion Topic:

Constitution/Rule Change 🞎

Policy Change 🞎

Section Programme 🞎

Events/Activities 🞎

Communications 🞎

International 🞎

Uniform/merchandise 🞎

Other 🞎

Motion Text:

Explanation: