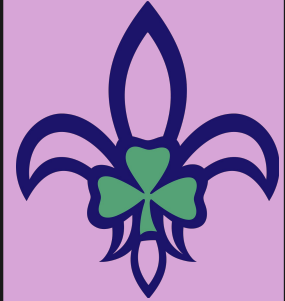


What we have done so far as the National Venture Representatives

Progress report from 2nd April to 9th July



Who we are

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Eoghan Halvey

WHERE I'M FROM
 GROUP: 23RD LIMERICK CAMBERAVON
 SCOUT COUNTY: LIMERICK SCOUT COUNTY
 PROVINCE: SOUTHERN PROVINCE

FUN FACT:
 I went on 10 weeks and a half on a boat for a holiday in the summer of 2019 and got to see some amazing scenery and probably the best fish I ever had.

ABOUT ME:
 My favourite thing in life is Ventures, to the point where, if the option is there in a place, I love Singing (even though I don't), play the guitar and have enough Bunting/Football Knowledge to win a library. (Guitar: @eoghanhalvey)

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCOUTS:
 I love Hikewalking and Camping, but most of all I just love meeting new people through scouts. Oh and leading campfires (look out soon)

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Anna Chuk

WHERE I'M FROM
 GROUP: 5TH COBK THE LOUGH SCOUT GROUP
 SCOUT COUNTY: COBK SCOUT COUNTY
 PROVINCE: SOUTHERN PROVINCE

FUN FACT:
 During school, I liked being in my class, but in my opinion, I love being in a pack of my best friends.

ABOUT ME:
 I have a bad obsession with collecting things, especially books. I enjoy spending time with my dog and eating for all my meals. I spend most of my time on video games.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCOUTS:
 I enjoy meeting new people, mountain climbing, exploring new and dangerous areas

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Cathal Horgan

WHERE I'M FROM
 GROUP: 15TH BALLYALL
 SCOUT COUNTY: SENO SCOUT COUNTY
 PROVINCE: DUBLIN PROVINCE

FUN FACT:
 I make lethal pancakes

ABOUT ME:
 Scouting is an important part of my life and helps me achieve my potential. Teen Choice award nominee 2021.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCOUTS:
 A good ol' campfire

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Chrissy Coghlan

WHERE I'M FROM
 GROUP: 30TH GALWAY ABBEY DUNIRE
 SCOUT COUNTY: GALWAY SCOUT COUNTY
 PROVINCE: WESTERN PROVINCE

FUN FACT:
 My pet cat and I was a trophy for taking care of a fawn in the 2019 Galway County Camp

ABOUT ME:
 I am a very creative and passionate person, especially when it comes to scouting. I love to artistically express myself and I listen to music every waking hour of my days.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCOUTS:
 I love the late night chats with people at camp, drinking hot chocolate and having dance offs with anyone who's willing to challenge me.

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Elliot Dalton


WHERE I'M FROM
 GROUP: 16TH BELFAST CARROUFF
 SCOUT COUNTY: DOWN AND CONNOR SCOUT COUNTY
 PROVINCE: NORTHERN PROVINCE

FUN FACT:
 I eat bananas upside-down

ABOUT ME:
 I've moved house 5 times, finally settling in Belfast but I've been in the Scouts all my life. I fly kites, crash dimes and I try keep the plants in my bedroom from dying.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCOUTS:
 My favourite part about Scouts is that each scout group has been similar, wherever I have lived, we all play the same games, sing the same campfire songs and I take great comfort in this.

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Léa Labat

WHERE I'M FROM
 GROUP: MALLEN SENO SCOUT GROUP
 SCOUT COUNTY: NORTH COBK
 PROVINCE: SOUTHERN PROVINCE

FUN FACT:
 My mother says I talk to the birds at camp all the time. I also may have a small garden. I had a dog called Wilbur when I was 10.

ABOUT ME:
 I'm 13 years old (the eldest of the two 1/2). Sports is my favourite thing ever! Soccer/11. I do not like thinking about 11. I also love fashion, music (my playlist says whatever if I do say so myself) and dance. I cannot wait to start planning stuff for us ventures and getting stuff done with our rep team!

FAVORITE THING ABOUT SCOUTS:
 I LOVE HONORARY BUNS!!! And camping! And massive games of fun and movement in the thing (shout)! but other than that I love making friends with so many different people who I would never have met if it wasn't for scouts :D.



We have met up 5 times in person!

Unfortunately we have never met up with all 6 of us present since the National Youth Forum yet. Hopefully we'll get to soon!





Training

- Public Speaking, Social Media, Structures of Scouting Ireland, Stress Management workshops.
 - Met support groups
 - Elected Chairperson, Secretary, Email and Social Media Coordinators.
 - Made plan of how we would carry out our motions.
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Motion Titles That We Have Worked On

M2

All Scouting Ireland activities that involve a logbook should accept dyslexia friendly alternatives such as voice notes and videos.

M5

The national youth reps will look into adjusting the minimum age requirement for leader training to 17 instead of 17 1/2...

M15

We propose the the national venture youth representatives post regular updates online every time they meet up, plan, or run an event. For example, on Instagram.

M21

The national venture youth reps will look into organising an LGBTQ+ Scout Pride event.

Dyslexia Friendly Logbooks

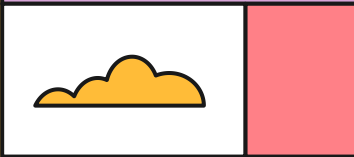
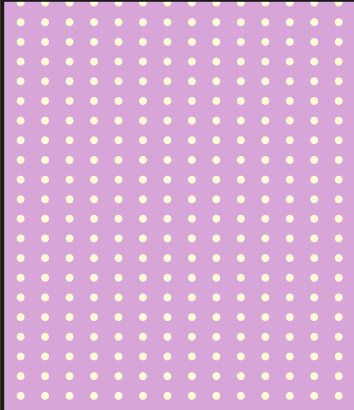
We are planning to email other scouting Events that use logbooks (such as Phoenix) and we are hoping that dyslexia friendly log books will be introduced

So far we have emailed Dúshlan about implementing an online form of log book that includes voice recordings for scouts with dyslexia.





The national youth reps will look into adjusting the minimum age requirement for leader training to 17 instead of 17 ½. This will allow more youth members to participate in leader training before the Leaving Cert and A-Levels.



Pride Parade

This year we took part in the Dublin Pride Parade alongside the LGBT Fellowship Patrol to recognise and celebrate all members of Scouting Ireland that are part of the LGBTQ+ community. We also organised an overnight for Ventures who attended NYF the night before the parade to encourage attendance!





What are our plans for the future as reps?

-We are in the process of deciding locations and dates for the National Youth Forum 2023 and National Youth Assembly 2022/2023 and we will get started with planning these 2 events very soon.

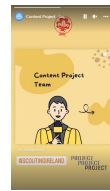
- We have looked into motion 4: *“Newly elected national youth representatives will look into organising an event with children living in direct provision centres.”* and we are hoping to plan an event in relation to this motion.

- We hope to meet with each Province’s PYPRs and Provincial Rep Teams.

-Take part in AGM

- Work on the rest of the motions!

We think that the Instagram is an important platform to keep Ventures from all over Ireland updated with what we're doing and what they can do in scouting! We make sure to post regularly and try to post about topics that cover the motions passed at NYF.



The Instagram

@nationalreps_vs





List of Motions Passed for Ventures at National Youth Forum 2022

We have discussed all of the motions passed and have come up with rough plans to complete them.

M1: Leanfaidh na hIonadaithe Náisiúnta Óige ar aghaidh ag cur na Gaeilge i bhfeidhm i gclár Gasóga na hÉireann


M2: All Scouting Ireland activities that involve a logbook should accept dyslexia friendly alternatives such as voice notes and videos.

M3: Newly elected national youth representatives will look into organising an event with children living in direct provision centres.

M4: The national youth reps will work on creating a youth rep section in the Scouting Ireland website.

M5: The national youth reps will look into adjusting the minimum age requirement for leader training to 17 instead of 17 1/2. This will allow more youth members to participate in leader training before the Leaving Cert and A-Levels.






M6: The national venture youth reps will look into the addition of further collaboration between the two National Scouting Organisations (NSOs) in Northern Ireland.


M7: The incoming reps look into the organisation of a national jamboree.

M8: The national youth reps will be required to offer to meet with each provincial rep team, PYPRs and their teams at a minimum of once a year. This will help bring provincial issues to the attention of national youth reps and vice versa.

M9: National youth reps will be required to send a progress report to the provincial youth reps, PYPRs and Provincial Commissioners every three months. This report should ideally be sent on to county reps.

M10: Ventures turning 18 years old in the next year will be allowed to attend venture camps to compensate for the camps they missed out on due to covid, on the condition safeguarding measures are in place.






M11: The incoming national venture youth reps will look into the addition of mental first aid skills as a requirement in the emergencies adventure skills badge.


M12: The forum strongly recommends each province will look into creating or maintaining a youth empowerment system.

M13: The national venture youth reps will look into the addition of reunion events a year after national and international Scouting Ireland activities take place.

M14: We propose resources about how ventures can run meetings by themselves and ideas for sample meetings and activities will be created.

M15: We propose the the national venture youth representatives post regular updates online every time they meet up, plan, or run an event. For example, on Instagram.






M16: We propose the Irish language be implemented more. For example, through a badge, regular Instagram posts e.g. smaointe na seachtaine or story takeovers as Gaeilge with subtitles.


M17: The national venture youth reps will look into promoting and empowering female scouts into leadership positions.

M18: The national youth reps will look into the possibility of all recognised Scout Centres providing sanitary products in bathrooms and raising awareness on menstrual issues.

M19: The national venture youth reps will look into transgender and non-binary accessible changing rooms and bathrooms.

M20: The national venture youth reps will look into expanding the social media presence of youth members on Twitter and YouTube.





M21: The national venture youth reps will look into organising an LGBTQ+ Scout Pride event.

M22: The national venture youth reps will look into the addition of education on Irish Sign Language into Scout Groups.

M23: We propose more workshops be organised by the national venture youth reps online and in person to further incorporate creative elements into Scouting. For example, sustainability, photography, film making, music, fashion, etc.

