

Sources of Information



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Information on Scouting

Your Assistant County/Area Commissioner (International)

The ACC/AAC(I) is the person appointed in each Scout County/Area to support visits abroad and all types of international activities. He/she is available to give practical support to Colonies, Packs, Troops and Units. The ACC/AAC(I) will know of resources available in your local area, as well as details of International Office publications.

The International Office

The International Office supports the International Commissioner. It deals with the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, relationships with Scout organisations in other countries and other international organisations as well as British Groups Abroad and Overseas Branches. It publishes fact sheets, packs and other international resources, and an up-to-date list is available from the Information Centre.

Scout Organisations Abroad

The list of addresses of Scout organisations is published only for the use of national Scout organisations. By international agreement, all contact with other Scout organisations should be initiated through the International Commissioner.

In the United Kingdom, this can be done via your ACC/AAC (I) or the International Office at Gilwell Park. Although this may seem long winded and bureaucratic, many overseas Scout organisations are not able to deal with unsolicited mail. Following this procedure helps to avoid delays.

The International Office does not have local contacts abroad, but these can be requested through the relevant National Headquarters.

Visit the World Organisation of the Scout Movement website on www.scout.org for links to other Association websites.

Information on Countries

Schools and public libraries are often a useful source of helpful books. Look for sections on foreign travel, languages, mythology, cooking and foods, literature, newspapers and magazines. Radio and television often have interesting programmes on other countries.

Similarly the internet is invaluable. A very good source of basic information about countries is the CIA World Fact Book (www.cia.gov) which includes a wide variety of information about countries. Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org) is another very useful site for basic research.

People are a useful resource! You may be able to obtain information through local Scouts or from others who have visited other countries. Also, you may well have foreign nationals such as students in your area. Twin town links can also be a source of information.

Country Support Packs are available from the International Office (or Scoutbase) for Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland and Russia.

The Scout Information Centre

Gilwell Park Chingford London E4 7QW Tel + 44 (0)20 8433 7100 Fax + 44 (0)20 8433 7103 email info.centre@scout.org.uk www.scoutbase.org.uk

Foreign consulates and embassies, tourist offices and airlines can provide general and travel information on their country. Local travel agents can often help too.

National Tourist Offices/websites are listed below. For addresses which are not shown, consult the London telephone directory (your local library will have a copy) or use an internet search engine.

Andorra 63 Westover Road, Wandsworth, London SW 18 2RF www.andorra.ad

Australia 10 Putney Hill, London, SW15 6AA www.australia.com

Austria 30 St. George Street, London www.austria-tourism.at

Belgium 29 Princess Street, London www.belgium-tourism.org

Bulgaria www.bulgariatravel.org

Canada Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London SW1Y 5BJ

Croatia Croatian National Tourist Office 162-164 Fulham Palace Road, LONDON W6 9ER www.find-croatia.com

Denmark 55 Sloane Street, SW1X 9SR www.visitdenmark.com

Finland Finnish Tourist Board, 3rd Floor, 30-35 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5LP www.finland-tourism.com

France 178 Piccadilly, London W1V 0AL www.franceguide.com

Germany 65 Curzon Street, London W1 www.germanytourism.de

Greece 195/197 Regent Street, London W1R 8DL www.gnto.gr

Iceland 172 Tottenham Court Road, London W1R 9LG www.icetourist.is

Ireland Ireland House, 150 New Bond Street, London www.ireland.travel.ie

Italy Eton House, 1 Princes Street, www.enit.it

Japan 20 Saville Row, London www.japan-guide.com

Korea 20 St George's Street, London

Kenya 25 Brooks Mews, London www.kenyatourism.org

Luxembourg 122 Regent Street, London www.luxembourg.co.uk

Malta Malta House, 36-38 Piccadilly, www.tourism.org.mt www.magnet.mt

Montenegro www.visit-montenegro.com

Morocco 205 Regent Street, London www.tourism-in-morocco.com

Netherlands 25-28 Buckingham Gate, www.the-netherlands.com

New Zealand New Zealand House, Haymarket, London SW1E 0NP www.purenz.com

Norway Charles House, Lower Regent Street, London SW1Y 4LX www.visitnorway.com

Portugal 22 Sackville Street, London www.portugal-insite.com

Romania 83A Marylebone High Street, London www.turism.ro

Serbia JAT Offices, 7 Dering Street London www.serbia-tourism.org

Spain 57 St. James's Street, London www.tourspain.co.uk

Sweden 11 Montagu Place, London www.visitsweden.com

Switzerland Swiss Centre, New Coventry st www.myswitzerland.com

Turkey First Floor, 170 Piccadilly, www.exploreturkey.com

U.S.A. 24 Grosvenor Square, London www.USATourist.com

Other Useful Addresses

ACTION AID Hamlyn House, MacDonald Road,
Archway, London N19 5PG Tel: 020 7561 7561
www.actionaid.org

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 99 Rosebery
Avenue London EC1R 4RE Tel: 020 7814 6200
www.amnesty.org.uk

ANTI-SLAVERY INTERNATIONAL Thomas
Clarkson House, The Stableyard, Broomgrove
Road, London SW9 9TL Tel: 020 7501 8936
www.antislavery.org

THE BRITISH COUNCIL (Including CONNECT
YOUTH INTERNATIONAL) 10 Spring Gardens,
London SW1A 2BN Tel: 020 7930 8466
www.britishcouncil.org

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY 3 Grosvenor
Crescent, London SW1X 7EG Tel: 020 7235 3241
www.redcross.org.uk

CAFOD 2 Romero Close, Stockwell Road,
London SW9 9TY Tel: 020 7733 7900
www.cafod.org.uk

CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN EDUCATION
18 Woboum Square, London WC1

CHRISTIAN AID PO Box 100 London SE1 7RT
Tel: 020 7523 2237 www.christian-aid.org
www.globalgang.org.uk

COMIC RELIEF 5th Floor, 89 Embankment,
London SE1 7TP www.comicrelief.org.uk

COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE Kensington High
Street, London W8 6NQ Tel: 020 7603 4535
www.commonwealth.org.uk

COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT Marlborough
House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX
www.commonwealth.org.uk

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE
COUNCIL (CYEC) 7 Lion Yard, Tremadoc Road,
Clapham, London SW4 7NQ Tel: 020 7498 6151
www.cyec.org.uk

COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION IN
WORLD CITIZENSHIP (CEWC) Sir John Lyon
House, 5 Timber Street, London EC4V 3PA Tel:
020 7329 1500 www.cewc.org.uk

COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
94 London Street, Reading RG1 4SJ Tel: 0118
950 2550 www.cee.org.uk

COUNCIL OF EUROPE Publications Section,
BP431/R6, 67006 Strasbourg Cedex, France
www.coe.int

DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT (DfID) 94 Victoria Street, London
SW1E 5JL 020 7917 7000
www.dfid.gov.uk

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
33 Corham Street, London N1 6DR Tel: 020 7490
8108 www.dea.org.uk

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION Jean Monnet
House, 8 Storey's Gate, London SW1P 3AT Tel:
020 7973 1992 www.cec.org.uk

Windsor House, 9/15 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2
7EQ Tel: 028 9024 0708

4 Cathedral Road Cardiff CF1 9SG Tel: 01222
371631

9 Alva Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PH Tel: 0131 225
2058

EXPEDITION ADVISORY CENTRE 1 Kensington
Gore, London SW7 2AR Tel: 020 7581 2057

FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION, Room 204, 16
Baldwin's Gardens, London EC1N 7RJ
Tel: 020 7405 5942 www.fairtrade.org.uk

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH 26-28 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ Tel: 020 7490 1555
www.foe.co.uk

GAP ACTIVITY PROJECTS 44 Queens Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 4BB Tel: 0118 959 4914
www.gap.org.uk

GREENPEACE Canonbury Villas, London N1 2PN Tel: 020 7865 8100 www.greenpeace.org.uk

HELP THE AGED 207-221 Pentonville Road, London N1 9UZ Tel: 020 7278 1114
www.helptheaged.org.uk

ONE WORLD WEEK PO Box 100 London SE1 7RT Tel: 020 7620 4444

OXFAM 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ Tel: 01865 311311 www.oxfam.org.uk

PEACE EDUCATION PROJECT Peace Pledge Union, 6 Endsleigh Street, London WC1H 0DX Tel: 020 7387 5501

PROJECT TRUST The Hebridean centre, Castle Isle of Coll, Argyll PA78 6TE Tel: 01879 230444 or
12 East Passage, London EC1A 7LP Tel: 020 7796 1170 www.projecttrust.org.uk

RETURNED VOLUNTEER ACTION 1 Amwell Street, London EC1R 1UL Tel: 020 7278 0804

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND (UK) Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 8RD Tel: 020 7703 5400
www.savethechildren.org.uk

SIGHTSAVERS INTERNATIONAL, Grosvenor Hall, Bolnore Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 4BX. www.sightsavers.org

TEAR FUND 100 Church Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 8QE Tel: 020 8943 7829
www.tearfund.org

TRAIDCRAFT Kingsway, Team Valley Trading Estate, Gateshead NE11 ONE Tel: 0191 491 0591 www.traidcraft.co.uk

UNHCR (UK) Strand Bridge House, 138-142 Strand, London WC2R 1HH, Tel: 020 7759 8090
www.unhcr.org.uk

UNICEF (UK) Africa House, 64-78 Kingsway, London WC2B 6NB Tel: 020 7405 5592
www.unicef.org.uk

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION 3 Whitehall court, London SW1A 2EL Tel: 020 7930 2931
www.una-uk.org

VOLUNTARY SERVICE OVERSEAS (VSO) 317 Putney Bridge Road, London SW15 2PN Tel: 020 8780 2266 www.vso.org.uk

WATER AID Prince Consort House, 27-29 Embankment, London SE1 7UB Tel: 020 7793 4500 www.wateraid.org.uk

WORLD AWARE Echo House, Ullswater Crescent, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 2HR Tel: 020 8763 2555 www.worldaware.org.uk

WORLD DEVELOPMENT MOVEMENT 25 Beehive Place, London SW9 7QR Tel: 020 7737 6215 www.wdm.org.uk

WORLD VISION UK 599 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3PG Tel: 01908 841000
www.worldvision.org.uk

WWF – Uk Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1XR Tel: 01483 426444
www.wwflearning.co.uk

YOUTH EXCHANGE CENTRE – See BRITISH COUNCIL

YOUNG EXPLORERS TRUST at The Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR Tel: 01623 861027 www.theyet.org