

Europe for You!



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Introduction

The Europe for You! Programme is an initiative of the European Scout Region. The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform you of the various elements of Europe for You!, along with some suggestions on how to promote the opportunities and get Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members involved.

Europe for You! is comprised of two elements: Where to Stay in Europe and the European Scout Voluntary Programme.

Where to Stay in Europe

Where to Stay in Europe (WTSIE) is a handy online resource for Leaders looking for campsites and Scout and Guide Centres in countries across Europe. There are currently over 200 facilities detailed in the WTSIE database. All of the facilities can provide accommodation, either in buildings or in tents, as well as other facilities to help you with your programme.

Updated regularly, you will find that the information is very useful. It includes information like:

- Contact Details;
- Accommodation and Facilities;
- Nearby Activities;
- Nearest Airport/Train Station;

You can find WTSIE at:
www.scout.org/europe/

European Scout Voluntary Programme

The aim of the European Scout Voluntary Programme (ESVP) is to assist young people from around the world to develop their leadership skills and intercultural learning. This is achieved by providing those young people with a residential experience of at least four weeks as a volunteer staff member at a site in another country within Europe.

These sites can be one of many possibilities – an existing Scout or Guide Centre or a campsite.

As long as the site fulfils some basic criteria it can take part in the programme.

Participants in the ESVP must be a member of any WOSM recognised Scout association around the world, must be aged between 18 and 30 year old when the residential service commences, and must be prepared to fully complete all of the requirements of the programme. The participants receive support for the travel expenses incurred during their period of service. This funding comes from the Fund for European Scouting.

Members of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) only association's can participate in the programme, but would not be eligible to receive any support towards travel costs.

How to get involved:

1. Pass on this information to all potential sites that you think might fulfil the criteria. Many Scout and Guide Centres already offer voluntary opportunities, and could benefit from the support of the ESVP.

The Scout Information Centre

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2. If you know of a specific project, like a large international camp in the United Kingdom that might benefit from the support of volunteers in the weeks and months preceding the event then the ESVP may well be able to assist.
3. If you want to volunteer yourself, check out where you might like to volunteer by reviewing the information on the ESVP website and searching the database of opportunities:

You can find ESVP at:
www.scout.org/europe/

4. If you find an opportunity that you would like to get involved in, please contact the International Office at Gilwell Park (address shown below) usually by mid-September for the following year.

New Framework for the Last Age Section

The European Scout Region is undertaking work on a New Framework for the Last Age Section. It is hoped that in due course, elements of the new framework will complement Europe for You!

Further Information

For further information on Europe for You!, please check the information particular to the United Kingdom on www.scoutbase.org.uk. For more general information, and to access WTSIE and ESVP, please check www.scout.org/europe.

For specific or detailed information on how to get involved, please contact:

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