



## H: THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER AND INTERNATIONAL OFFICE AT GILWELL PARK

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### Delivering international support – locally nationally and internationally

The International Team and Office deliver support locally, nationally and to the world in many ways:

#### Locally

- Attend County events/meetings/workshops etc
- Distribute programme ideas, resources and up-to-date information
- A source of information on travel advice and information
- Help to induct new ACCs (I)
- Offer support when inviting Scouts from overseas.

#### Nationally

- Attendance at events such as conferences and Gilwell Reunion
- Support UK Contingent Management Teams
- Produce Visits Abroad statistics
- Support writers for *Scouting* magazine.

#### Worldwide

- Acts as a conduit for information from the World Scout Bureau
- Supports delegations to European and world events, seminars and conferences
- From trust funds, makes gestures of solidarity to developing Associations.

### The International Team and Office

The International Team (or the Core Team) meets as called by the International Commissioner. The team uses sub groups, networks, electronic communications, correspondence, and so on to achieve its work in a cost effective way. The team consists of up to six people co-opted by the International Commissioner following consultation with other members of the Team. Members of the team are appointed for a term of three years and may serve for no more than two consecutive terms.

In partnership with the International Commissioner, the team:

- Informs the work of The Association on all matters relating to WOSM strategy, policy and practice
- Advises The Association on international matters, including solidarity with Scouting in other countries
- Advises The Association on the place of international education in the youth programme of The Association and on training for and support of international education and travel opportunities
- Informs the work of the International Commissioner in his/her role as a member of the Chief Scout's Committee
- Provides a forum of personal contact between Headquarters and the Movement through the Northern Ireland, Scottish and Welsh Scout Councils and through Assistant County Commissioners (International)
- Advises on support for British Scouting Abroad
- Advises on links with Scout Associations in other Commonwealth countries
- Gives attention to all matters referred to it by sub-Committees and the Committee of the Council of The Association

A formal report of the Team's activities is normally made annually to the Chief Scout's Committee

The International Office is located within the Programme and Development Directorate, based at Gilwell Park. The staff supports the International Commissioner and International Team in advising the Association on its international strategies and relationships. The office supports specific elements of Programme, in conjunction with the work of the Programme and Development sub-committee and is part of the Programme Team.

The International Office offers many services to members of the Movement, including:

#### Information and resources

- International resource material
- Advice and information in response to enquiries
- International opportunities of all kinds



- Support to Assistant County Commissioners (International)
- Conferences and training events on international topics.

### International programmes

- International camp staff programme
- Community development projects
- Contingents to international events and jamborees
- Pen Pal and Link up Scheme
- International Friendship Group Award
- Special projects
- Overseas travel packages.

### Overseas Members

- Support for British Groups Abroad and overseas branches of The Scout Association

### Relationships

- Links with Scout organisations in other countries
- UK representation at World and European conferences
- Liaison with the World Scout Bureau and European regional office and, to a lesser extent, the other Regional Offices
- Links with other international organisations and agencies
- Support for UK participants in world and European committees, working groups and seminars
- Assistance to members of other Scout organisations visiting the United Kingdom
- Bilateral and multilateral projects with other Scout organisations.

There are three members of staff in the office – a Manager [Sarah Hobbs], an Adviser [Jackie Martin] and an Administrator [Lisa Kent]. As part of the Programme Team, the Office is overseen by an Assistant Director [Greg Stewart].

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### Contacts for the ACC (International)

Appendix A (not published on the web, but issued separately to ACCs (I)) comprises the current postal addresses for recognised Scout Associations in Europe and a limited selection of other Associations.

The main purpose is for mailing notification postcards to host Associations. If an address is not provided, the card should be forwarded to the International office. Where more than one address is provided, the first is the Federation and this is the address to which cards should be sent.

The addresses are not for general circulation and many Associations do not have the capacity to receive unsolicited mail from Groups. Members of the Movement should write through the ACC (International) in the first instance, addressing correspondence to the International Commissioner.

