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National **YOUTH FORUM**



6-7 December 25



*Larch Hill International
Scout and Guide Centre, Dublin*



Introduction from the National Youth Rep Facilitator



Kayleigh O'Neill

National Youth Rep Facilitator - on behalf of the National Youth Reps

Hey there! Welcome to the Scouting Ireland National Youth Forum Info Pack 1! The National Youth Forum is all about giving young people in our Scouting community a voice. It's an opportunity where youth members from all over Ireland can get together to chat, swap ideas, and help shape what Scouting Ireland looks like in the future. Our current Youth Reps have been working hard to make sure this event is not only packed with information but also super inspiring, creating a space where everyone feels heard and appreciated. In this pack, you'll find a summary about the event and the key information you need to know about the forum and there is also a draft timetable outlined. We can't wait to welcome you to Larch Hill in December and hear the lively conversations and creative solutions that come from this. Let's make this forum something special for everyone!



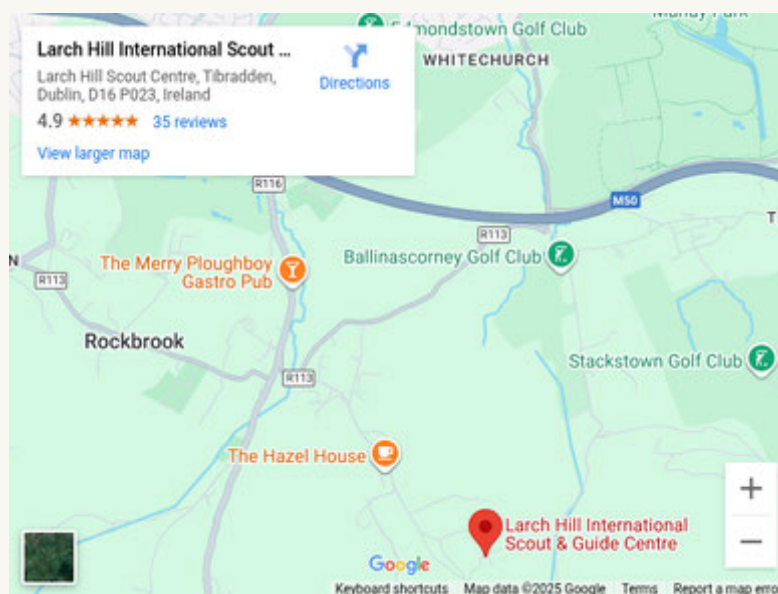
NATIONAL YOUTH FORUM DETAILS

The upcoming National Youth Forum is scheduled for the **6th to 7th of December 2025**, and marks a new tradition as it moves to the first weekend in December on the Scouting Ireland calendar. This change aims to better accommodate participants and their schedules.

This year, the event will be held at the Larch Hill International Scout and Guide Centre. Participants are encouraged to use personal or public transport to reach the venue, with Provinces possibly organising bus services to ease access. For those arriving in Dublin City Centre via public transport, arranged transport to the venue will be available with prior booking.

Additionally, to accommodate those traveling from afar or needing to align with public transport schedules, the option to book an overnight on the Friday at the venue is available at an additional cost. This ensures that all youth members and accompanying scouters can engage fully in the event's activities.

This Info Pack outlines some deadlines for the event. More detailed information, including all relevant deadlines, registration links, and instructions will be provided in Information Pack 2.



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I gained so many oppurtunties to challenge myself and grow as a person.

- Former Rover Rep

WHAT IS NYF?

The National Youth Forum (NYF) is the annual youth meeting for Scouting Ireland's Scouts, Ventures and Rovers, bringing together representatives from every Scout County across all 32 counties.

This event gives youth members an opportunity to make new friendships and create networks, all while engaging in discussions on topics significant to young people within Scouting Ireland. The forum aims to empower youth members by enhancing their decision-making skills and exposing them to the opportunities available to help form the future of Scouting Ireland.

Additionally, the event will include the election of the new National Youth Rep team, drawn from Scouts, Venture Scouts, and Rover Scouts, including Rover Clubs and Societies, selected based on their skills by their peers.

WHAT IS A REP?

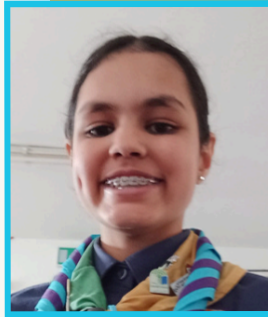
The National Youth Reps are elected each year at the National Youth Forum. They are a team of Scouts, Ventures and Rovers that voice the opinions of youth members in Scouting Ireland and work towards achieving youth empowerment in Scouting Ireland. It is a rewarding and challenging role, which involves the elected youth members influencing policies, decision making and representing Scouting Ireland at external events. (More information on the role later in the pack)

All youth members considering the role of National Youth Rep must already be a County Youth Rep and have a passion for Scouting and youth empowerment.





Skye Kay
45th Blarney, Lee Valley
Southern Province



Maia Sharma
62nd Kilmacud, 3 Rock
Dublin Province



Ethan Corrigan
St Micheal's 31st Belfast, Down and Connor
Northern Province



Lucy Hogan
62nd Kilmacud, 3 Rock
Dublin Province



Lauren O'Dwyer
46th Ballybricken, Limerick
Southern Province



MEET THE REPS
NATIONAL SCOUT REPS 2025





Sarah Reilly

26th Kilcoona, Galway
Western Province



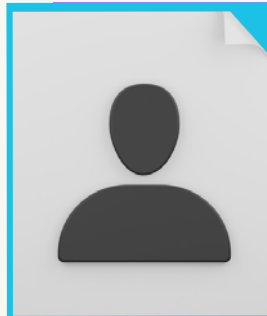
Thomas Hickey

23rd Limerick Caherdavin, Limerick
Southern Province



Jake Kavanagh

78/79 Dublin Clondalkin, Liffey West
Dublin Province



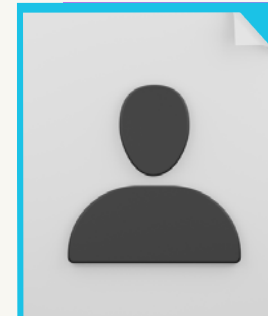
David Keating

31st Waterford Faithlegg, Waterford
South Eastern Province



Kelly Rock

Kildare 13th Clane, Kildare
South Eastern Province



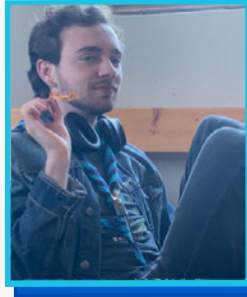
Nicole Walters

132nd Bayside, Reachra
North Eastern Province



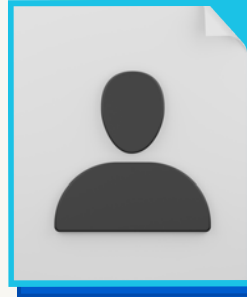
MEET THE REPS
NATIONAL VENTURE REPS 2025





Cúán Bannon

7th Port Howth, Reachra
North Eastern Province



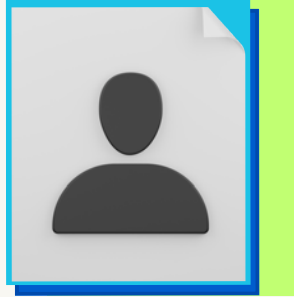
Aflic Markham

Group, County,
Province



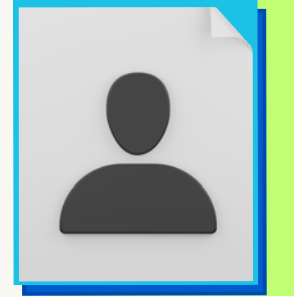
Conor O'Shaughnessey

Group, County
Province



Asher Ni Chaoidealbh

25th Shannon Banks, Limerick
Southern Province



Niamh O'Connell

137th Balally
Dublin Province



Cathal Carr

13th Galway Renmore, Galway
Western Province



Rhianna McDonnell

19th Galway, Athenry
Western Province



MEET THE REPS
NATIONAL ROVER REPS 2025



WHO CAN ATTEND NYF?



COUNTY YOUTH REPS

Each county can send up to 6 County Reps to the National Youth Forum. While the County Commissioner (CC) will submit the names of the County Reps in advance, youth members will still need to officially register via the provided link. County Reps can take part in all programmes over both days. They'll also have the opportunity to propose, speak, and vote on motions, as well as run for a National Youth Rep position. Additionally, they'll have voting rights in the elections.

GROUP DELEGATES/OBSERVERS

Each group can send an additional 2 youth members per section to the National Youth Forum as Group Delegates, who will take on an observer role on Day 2.

Observers can fully take part in all programme activities on Day 1. On Day 2, they can share their views and vote on motions, and they're welcome to listen to all speeches. However, they do not have voting rights in the election of the National Youth Reps.



SCOUTERS

All Scouts and Ventures attending the forum must be accompanied by a Scouter to meet child safeguarding ratio requirements. It's recommended that Provincial Commissioners and PYPRs coordinate with their counties to organise appropriate Scouter supervision and transport. Please note that there will be limited programme available for accompanying Scouters.



NATIONAL YOUTH REP : ROLE SUMMARY

TERM OF OFFICE

National Youth Representatives are appointed by the National Youth Forum, and hold office 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. Rover Scouts are allowed to serve 2 terms as a National Representative but must have a gap of at least 1 year between terms.

KEY ROLES

The elected reps will work with Scouting Ireland Departments to represent a youth perspective

RESPONSIBILITIES

The elected reps will represent the views of the NYF, contribute to the development of Scouting Ireland and assist with the work of the relevant Teams.

ACCOUNTABLE TO

The elected reps are accountable to the National Youth Forum and the Programme Department.

TIME REQUIREMENT

The role of a Youth Rep requires a commitment from the Youth Member, however it is difficult to state the exact amount of time it will require. This will depend on the outcomes of motions at the National Youth Forum and any other issues or tasks that arise during their term. Youth Representatives will be expected to attend both formal online and in-person meetings regularly. Missing meetings consistently may lead to a reassessment of their role, and in some cases, they may be asked to vacate the position.

The National Youth Reps will meet in person at least three times a year. Additional meetings may occur periodically and will typically be held online. Youth Representatives may also be required to attend meetings with the Programme Department, National Teams, and the Board of Directors on specific occasions. In addition, depending on the area or section the Youth Members are elected to represent, they will join the relevant Programme Department team for that section. This means they will also be expected to attend meetings and contribute to the work of that team, in addition to their responsibilities as a Youth Rep.

In addition to attending meetings, you'll also need to set aside time to prepare and work on tasks outside of meetings. There will be a WhatsApp group for all the Youth Reps, and you're expected to check in regularly. Check-ins will be facilitated by the NYF or your assigned section mentors.

Youth Members should consider their time carefully before applying. As outlined in the criteria earlier in this booklet, you must have the time capacity to fully commit to the role. It is equally important to prioritise your education and local Scouting commitments, and to ensure that you can realistically balance these alongside the responsibilities of being a Youth Rep.

It is important that each National Youth Rep understands that the more they put into their rep term, the more they will get out of it. It is an opportunity to become empowered within their section, to understand the workings of Scouting Ireland's numerous teams and departments, to realise the opportunities available to the youth members of Scouting Ireland and to meet new people from all over the country.



WANT TO BE A NATIONAL YOUTH REP?



STEP 1 – COUNTY YOUTH REP

All youth members who want to run as a National Youth Rep will need to meet the age requirement and then be elected as a County Youth Rep. County Commissioner's will be emailed a link to an online form to complete with the names of all elected county reps by 21st November 2025. Failure to do so will deem the candidate ineligible to run for the position of National Youth Representative.

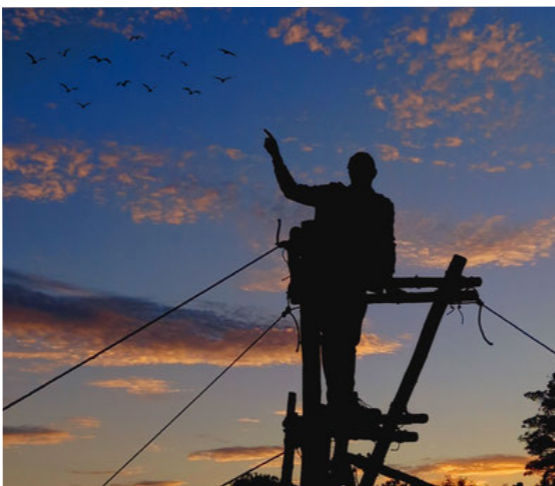
STEP 2 – SIGN UP AND BIO

Candidates need to sign up to the event before the deadline in November. Each candidate will be asked to complete a Biography Form which will be attached in an email after sign up and will have the option to record a one-minute introductory video (videos over this length will not be accepted) explaining who they are and why they should be elected. Biography Forms and Videos will be circulated to voting participants before the event.



STEP 3 – ELECTION

Youth members who have made it through the process to step 3 will give a speech on election day in front of all other participants. Speeches should be linked to the role/roles they are hoping to be elected for (More details further in this info pack). All youth members who are county reps and in attendance will vote on the day for the reps who they believe will form the new National Youth Rep team.





SCOUTS

Those wishing to run as a Scout Rep must meet the following criteria;

- Elected county rep
- Must attend NYF
- Registered member of the scout section
- Be 15 or under on 1st December 2026
- Currently not a National Rep in any section
- Have the time capacity to commit to the role
- Have a passion for youth empowerment
- Have a passion for scouting



VENTURES

Those wishing to run as a Venture Rep must meet the following criteria;

- Elected county rep
- Must attend NYF
- Registered member of the venture section
- Be 17 or under on 1st December 2026
- Currently not a National Rep in any section
- Have the time capacity to commit to the role
- Have a passion for youth empowerment
- Have a passion for scouting

ROVERS

Those wishing to run as a Rover Rep must meet the following criteria;

- Elected county rep
- Must attend NYF
- Registered member of the rover section
- Be 25 or under on 1st December 2026
- Currently not a National Rep in any section
- Have the time capacity to commit to the role
- Have a passion for youth empowerment
- Have a passion for scouting



AM I ELIGIBLE TO BE A NATIONAL YOUTH REP?



MOTIONS

At the Scouting Ireland National Youth Forum, understanding the process of motions and voting is crucial for active participation. Motions are proposals submitted by County Representatives on behalf of the youth members in their group or county. These must be submitted via an online form by 9pm on the Saturday evening of the event. The online form will be made available when sign up is released. Motions can not be drawn from the floor on the day of the event.

The forum encourages creativity, so no motion idea is considered too big or too small, provided it aligns with the specified categories (Listed below). Each motion's proposer is given 2 minutes to present their case, while voters and observers have 1 minute each to express their views before the motion is put to a vote.

A motion writing workshop on the Saturday of the forum equips participants with the skills to craft structured and formal submissions.

Motions that pass will be taken forward by the newly elected National Youth Rep team, in collaboration with other National Teams, ensuring that youth members voices are heard and acted upon.

This process not only empowers youth members but also fosters a collaborative environment where ideas can be shared and developed.

MOTION TOPICS

When you want to suggest an idea or change through a motion, it is important to make sure it fits into one of the set categories. The categories help keep everything organised and ensure that decisions are made smoothly. Sometimes, your idea might not fit perfectly into one of the existing categories. In this instance, make sure to clearly explain the category you think it belongs to when you submit it. This helps guide the conversation and ensures your idea gets the attention it deserves.

Motions don't always have to be about Scouting-specific topics. They can also focus on wider social issues or advocate for positive change within your local or national community.

Whether it's about improving mental health awareness, promoting sustainability, or addressing social inclusion, your voice matters. Remember, no idea is too big or too small, and every suggestion matters as long as it's well-categorised and clearly explained!

Categories for motions are:

Constitution/Policy /Rule Change	Diversity/Equity /Inclusion	Programme/ Events	Communications	International
Uniform	Sustainability	Social Justice	Mental Health	Other (can be scouting or non scouting)



ELECTIONS

The elections for the new National Youth Reps will take place on the Sunday of the National Youth Forum. Three separate elections will occur; one for Scouts, one for Ventures and one for Rovers (to include the Clubs and Societies Rep). Only eligible members of the relevant section can vote in that election (see page 13).

A total of 9 National Youth Reps will be elected for each section (Scouts, Ventures, Rovers) in accordance with the following system:

SCOUTS

9 Reps elected in total

6 reps elected from one of the following areas:

- Section Programme
- Adventure Skills
 - Events
- Sustainability
 - DEI
- Communications
 - Policy
- International

3 reps will be elected as a general rep. Geographical spread will be considered at this point if all Provinces are not represented in the first 6 positions.

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1 rep will be elected as the Clubs and Societies Rep and 2 reps will be elected as a general rep. Geographical spread will be considered at this point if all Provinces are not represented in the first 6 positions.

Youth Members will be allowed to run for more than one of the areas, however they will only be given one speaking slot.

Although there are currently 8 categories available, only 6 representatives can be elected, with one chosen from each of six different categories. This means that 2 categories will not have representation during this term.

At the upcoming forum, we will vote to determine which 6 categories are most relevant for each section (Scouts, Ventures, and Rovers), as these may differ based on the needs and interests of each group. Moving forward, only the 6 categories chosen by the youth will be used for future representation.

All elections shall be by proportional representation by single transferable vote. The candidates with the largest number of votes in each category will be deemed elected. Following this, the representatives from each province not already represented with the largest number of votes will be deemed elected.



SPEECHES



TIMING

When running to be elected as a National Youth Rep, you will be offered two minutes to give a speech. There will be a strict limit on this as we will be running on a tight schedule. This speech is your chance to let your personality shine through and show everyone why you would be an ideal youth rep and why you should be elected to focus on your chosen area/s.

CONTENT

All experience is valuable, whether it be in Scouting or outside Scouting. The Scouting world is a diverse environment and we want the rep team to showcase this diversity. Your speech should highlight how your experiences will help you in your role and it is a chance to showcase why you are the best person to be the voice for youth members in your chosen area/s.



Being a national youth rep gave me a voice—and the courage to use it."

- Former Venture Rep





SATURDAY

Workshops/Activities will last for 50 minutes – times allow 10 minutes for changeover.

10:30 AM

Opening Ceremony

11:00 AM

Workshop 1

12:00 PM

Activity 1

13:00 PM

Lunch Break

14:00 PM

Workshop 2

15:00 PM

Activity 2

16:00 PM

Social/Movement Break

16:30 PM

Gathering

16:45 PM

Stalls/Free time (Prep for Motions/Speeches)

17:45 PM

Dinner Break

19:00 PM

Workshop/Activity 3

20:00 PM

Free time/Evening Entertainment

23:00 PM

Close of Day 1

NATIONAL YOUTH FORUM : DRAFT SCHEDULE



SUNDAY

Workshops/Activities will last for 50 minutes – times allow 10 minute for changeover.



08:30 AM

Breakfast

09:15 AM

Opening of Day 2

09:30 AM

Motions

10:30 AM

Movement Break

11:00 AM

Speeches/Elections

12:00 AM

Lunch Break (Votes counted)

12:45 PM

Election results

13:15 PM

Closing Ceremony

13:45 PM

Close of Forum/Departure

This timetable is subject to change, however, to assist with planning travel etc, start and finish times are fixed and will not change.

If the start time on Day 1 proves to be difficult and hinders youth members attending there will be an option to arrive on the Friday evening. Please note there will be a small additional fee for this and no programme or food will be provided on this night. The additional night must be booked in advance (at the time of booking).

All other food and accommodation will be covered in the cost of the event. (Cost information will be available in Info Pack 2)

NATIONAL YOUTH FORUM : DRAFT SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NYF



REGISTRATION

Registration will open on November 3, 2025, and close on November 23, 2025. Please note that County Commissioners must submit the names of all county representatives by 21st November 2025. The registration process will be conducted online. PCs, CCs, or CPCs will be responsible for registering County Reps, while Group Leaders will handle the registration of Group Delegates.

COSTS

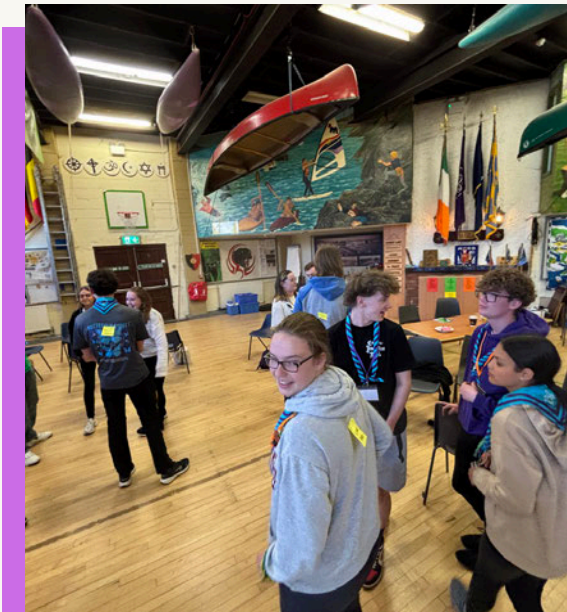
The National Youth Forum costs will be released in Information Pack 2 and will cover the venue, food, and camp fees. Accompanying Scouters can attend for free. We recommend that Scout Counties cover the cost for County Youth Representatives, while Scout Groups should cover the cost for their group delegates. Receipts are available upon request



DRESS CODES

Dress code for the event will differ for each day. Saturday will be scout casual, this means pair your neckerchief with the attire you are comfortable wearing and Sunday will be full and correct uniform. Participants are asked to pack and dress appropriately for both outdoor and indoor activities on Saturday. There will be at least one outdoor activity on Saturday, therefore, it may be advisable to bring waterproof clothing.





It felt good knowing other Scouts trusted me to share their ideas.

- Former Scout Rep

SAFEGUARDING/ACCESSIBILITY

All youth members in attendance must bring a completed activities consent form. Consent forms and Managing Medications Forms will be circulated with Info Pack 2. Accompanying scouters should collect these forms and keep them in their possession for the duration of the event. Accompanying scouters will be required to provide the NYR Facilitator a contact number in case of an emergency at registration.

Counties/Provinces should ensure that child safeguarding ratios are adhered to. All accompanying Scouters & Rover Scouts must have in date Garda Vetting or Access NI and Safeguarding Training.

We want the National Youth Forum to be as inclusive as possible, so please let us know if there are any support/accessibility needs we should be aware of. We will aim to help as much as possible so everyone can get involved.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about the event, please do not hesitate to contact Kayleigh (NYR Facilitator) via email – nyr.facilitator@scouts.ie





SEE YOU SOON!

Keep your eyes peeled for Information Pack 2 which will contain all booking information and more detail on NYF!