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**Dear Group Leader**

We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well during these difficult times. We in Scouting Ireland are conscious of the pressure on you to return to Scouting which has increased with the recent updates to the Governmental COVID-19 guidelines.

The Volunteer Resource Management & Group Support Department have been working with the Provincial Training Co-ordinators towards resuming Training. We will be using a blended approach from the beginning of October.

**Training Update – Interim Changes to Being a Scouter Training.**

Modifications to the Woodbadge Scheme have been made to ensure we can facilitate the training of new to Scouting adults and Youth Members who have decided to take up leadership roles within their Scout Groups. The priority at this time is to ensure that the mandatory Safeguarding Training is made available to all.

An interim scheme, Pathway to Your Scouting, has been devised and will run while COVID-19 public health guidelines and restrictions are in place. The table below outlines the temporary modifications that will be used for the duration of these public health guidelines or until such time that we can return to our normal, interactive Training Courses.

<b>Scouting Ireland's Woodbadge Scheme</b>	
All candidates must be Vetted and be actively participating in the Group Induction Programme	
<b>Woodbadge Scheme as we know it</b>	<b>Training Interventions for COVID-19 Pandemic</b>
The Story of Scouting – eLearning	The Story of Scouting – eLearning
The Story of Scouting – Interactive	Due to its interactive nature delivery is not practical under COVID-19 public health restrictions and is therefore temporarily suspended
<b>Being A Scouter</b>	<b>Pathway to Your Scouting – see below for format</b>
<b>Next Steps in your Woodbadge Trail</b>	
Youth Led Programme	
Scouting Together	
Adventure Skills Facilitator 1	
Learning for Your Team	
You, the Scouter	
Safeguarding Refresher Training has been a priority of the VRM&GS Department and each Province now has a suite of dates of courses available. Your GL/PTC/CTC will give you more details on these dates.	



## Pathway to Your Scouting

This Training experience will be delivered over 4 Learning Blocks and a Review Day.

- Learning Block 1 - Fundamentals of Scouting.
- Learning Block 2 - Safeguarding must be completed by new to Scouting adults before they can assist with the supervision and programme for youth members.
- When you book Block 1 and 2 you will be scheduled for Blocks 3 + 4.
- Learning Blocks 3 and 4 will be scheduled within 6 months of completing Blocks 1 and 2.
- Learning Blocks will be delivered online using the Zoom platform.
- Learning Blocks are between 2- and 3-hours duration.
- The Review Day will follow as soon as is practical after the completion of the 4 Learning Blocks, Covid-19 public health guidelines permitting, and will include topics not suitable to online delivery such as Ceremonies, demonstration of Scout meetings, Campfires and Team Tasks.
- Certification and Gilwell Woggle will issue on completion of all Learning Blocks and the Review Day.

As with every “distance learning programme” this course will require every participant to engage fully with the online learning and the pre and post Learning Block exercises. Each Learning Block will be facilitated by SI Trainers who will endeavour to make this a worthwhile, fun, positive and participative experience.

25 Scouters will be able to register for Courses online from the 25<sup>th</sup> of September onwards, these courses will start on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October across all Scout Provinces. The cost of the ‘Pathway to Your Scouting’ is €60.00. For information on bookings please [Click Here](#)

This is a difficult time for all people in Scouting Ireland and in our Communities and we appreciate your forbearance on this matter. The Scouting Ireland Trainers are really looking forward to getting back to engaging with new Adult Volunteers over the next few months.

Take Care and be safe

**Volunteer Resource Management & Group Support Department**