

Survey Information Sheet for Participants

Research on the impact of scouting on young people in Scouting Ireland



Young people from Scouting Ireland aged 14-18 have been invited to participate in a survey to share their experience of scouting.

To participate, the young person and their parent/guardian are asked to give consent before they participate. Young people aged 18 years do not require parental consent.

Please take time to read this Information Sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact
programmeservices@scouts.ie

Thank you for your participation.

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If you are under 18 years, we recommend that you and your parent/legal guardian read this information together.

1. What is the purpose of the survey?

This survey is part of an international study called '[Measuring the Impact of Youth Organisations](#)' (MIYO) and is funded by Erasmus +. The project aims to explore the benefits for young people of participating in Scouting. The information gathered from the survey will be used to develop research tools for Scouters and Youth Workers to assess and improve the benefits of their work with young people.

If you agree to participate in this project, the anonymised data will be shared with Maynooth University. The final report will be submitted by Maynooth University to an academic journal which may be published in the future. The final report will be shared with participating international partners of the MIYO project.

Please click the link for more information about MIYO: <https://impactofyouth.org/>

2. What do I have to do to take part in the survey?

Please follow the steps below:

- Read this information sheet. If you have any questions, please contact programmeservices@scouts.ie
- When you are satisfied with the information you have received and understand the purpose of the survey, you can then access the consent form at the end of this document.
- When you click the link, you will see the consent form that must be read and completed by the young person and the parent/legal guardian (if under 18).
- When you click 'Submit' on the consent form, this means you have given consent to participate in the survey.
- You will then see a pop-up message. This will contain the link to the Survey.

Please note:

- You can withdraw from the survey at any time.
- When you click 'Submit' on the consent form and/or the survey, you will not be able to retrieve the information submitted.
- The Survey questions do not ask you for any identifying information and the results are anonymous.

3. What will the survey ask about?

The survey asks general questions about you and your experience of scouting. You can skip any question you do not want to answer. You will not be asked for your name or any other identifying details. This is to ensure that your answers can be anonymised.

4. How long will it take to complete the survey?

The survey takes approximately 10-12 minutes to complete. For each question, you simply select one response that is true for you from a list of possible responses.

5. Why have I been chosen?

This research is engaging with young people aged 14-18. You have been invited to participate because you are within the age range and are a current member of Scouting Ireland. Scouting Ireland is participating in this study to learn more about the experiences of young people so it can continue to improve the scouting programme.

6. Do I have to take part in the survey?

Participation in this survey is voluntary. You can withdraw at any time. Please note that once you complete the survey and click 'Submit', you will no longer be able to go back or change the information submitted.

7. Why do I have to give consent?

We want to ensure that you are happy to participate in a research study that asks about you and your experience of scouting. If you are under 18, your parents/guardians must

also consent. You have the right to information that will help you understand the purpose of the research and the right to decide if you would like to get involved.

8. What will happen to the results of the survey?

The consent form and Survey are submitted to Scouting Ireland. Scouting Ireland will store these securely in our internal servers. Scouting Ireland will retain the consent forms for two years, until June 2025.

The anonymised survey results will be sent to Maynooth University to compile a report. The anonymous findings will be shared with MIYO project partners for research purposes. The consent form and the Survey responses are not linked. All the information that Scouting Ireland collects is strictly confidential. Participants of the survey cannot be identified in any reports or publications and your name and other personal information will not be made available to external stakeholders.

9. What should I do if I have any further questions?

Please contact the following for questions about:

- Survey participation: programmeservices@scouts.ie
- Data Protection or to request a copy of your consent form: dataprotection@scouts.ie

Accessing the consent form and survey:

Thank you for reading this Information Sheet. If you would like to participate in the survey, please proceed to the consent form by [clicking this link here](#).