



Dún Laoghaire Scout County Youth Forum

Dear Scouter,

Please see attached the details of the Dún Laoghaire Scout County Youth Forum. Please circulate this information to all Scouts, Venture Scouts and Rover Scouts in your respected groups. This attachment contains the timetable of events, cost of the event, what is included in the event and what the event entails.

The Scout County Youth Forum is an annual event held to firstly invite youth members into new aspects of the scouting world and secondly to elect the county youth representatives for the upcoming year. This year there will be spaces for four county Scout reps, four county Venture Scout reps and four county Rover Scout reps, making a total of 12 representatives (note only two reps from the same group can be elected per section). It provides Scouts with opportunities to discuss and share their ideas and views and also learn the skills needed to take a real part in decision making, both within Scouting and in the larger community.

The elected Representatives will represent the county at the Provincial Youth Forum, date and location to be confirmed. The idea of this county forum is to give people the understanding of what being a rep entails, and also have some challenges and fun along the way. It would be ideal to have people from each section of each group at the forum in order to make sure that sections voice is heard in the deciding of the representatives.

It is also worth noting that the event is not only for people wanting to run for reps and is a good way to meet more people within the county and to have fun along the way. Team Challenges and Walking Debates have been put into the agenda to meld scouts, ventures and rovers, and also enhance key skills in Scouting such as leadership, teamwork, critical analysis and also, being most important, having fun.

Everyone running for the position of rep will be asked to speak for two minutes on what they would like to do as rep and why they feel they should be considered. This will enhance their ability to speak in public but also give people the opportunity to vote fairly for who they want to see represent their views within the county.

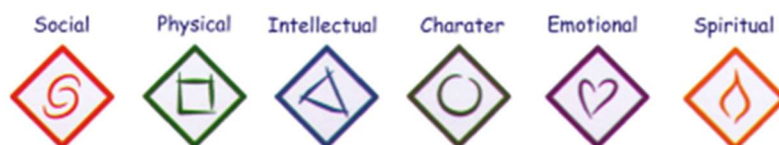
Location: Blackrock Scout Den (available through the DART at Seapoint)

Cost of the Event: FREE

What to bring: Sleeping bag/ground mat (sleeping is indoors), food for breakfast and lunch, money for pizza on Friday night, copybook and pen, neckerchief, activity clothes, activity consent form.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Timetable:

Friday 27th November:

- 19.30 - Registration
- 20:00 - Speed Friending
- 21:00 - "Welcome to Representing!"- Workshop
- 21:30 - Team Challenge One - The Big Scout Quiz of the Year
- 23:00 - Movie/ Chill out time/Pizza
- 01:00 - Lights Out

Saturday 28th November:

- 09:00 - Breakfast
- 10:00 - Team Challenge Two - Capture the Flag
- 11:30 - "Event Planning and Organising" - Workshop
- 12:00 - Walking Debate
- 13:00 - Lunch
- 14:00 - Election Speeches
- 15:00 - Results and Celebrations*
- 15:30 - Home

*please note all elected Reps will need to stay back for a 10 minute chat to discuss the first meeting they will organise and hold.

