



## **International Scouting volunteers at UK camps and events.**

The following guidance clarifies how to welcome and support international Scouting volunteers at UK camps and events to ensure the safety of young people and a valuable experience for everyone involved.

Many Scouting volunteers come to the UK each year to participate as:

- International Service Team volunteers at international camps in the UK (eg. Kent International Jamboree and Blair Atholl International Scout Jamborette)
- Leaders of international groups of Scouts coming to the UK for exchange camps and activities with UK groups.

These roles often involve camping on sites where there are youth members of UK Scouting and/or supporting the delivery of activities as part of International Service Team.

### **Child Protection, Safeguarding and Vetting:**

International volunteers are not able to fulfil The Scout Association's Safeguarding and Vetting procedure due to the fact that they do not live in the UK.

Therefore if you are welcoming an international volunteer to your camp or event you will need to:

- Gain confirmation (an email is sufficient) from their National Scout Organisation (NSO) that they are a full member of their NSO and have fulfilled the appointment, training and vetting requirements in line with their NSO's child protection policy or equivalent. You can only confirm their participation in your camp or event once you have received this confirmation from the NSO.
- Train the international volunteer (s) on arrival at your camp or event on safeguarding and child protection arrangements, including the "Code of Behaviour" and "What to do If...?" elements of the Yellow Card. (You will also need to provide training on safety, risk assessments, and emergency procedures for the event).
- Ensure that all international volunteers are supervised at all times, particularly when they are teaching, training or supervising young people or would otherwise have unsupervised contact with them.
- Issue each Adult with a copy of the:

Yellow Card – Young people first [www.scouts.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.scouts.org.uk/safeguarding)

Green Card – Alcohol and Scouting [www.scouts.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.scouts.org.uk/safeguarding)

Purple Card – Safe Scouting [www.scouts.org.uk/purplecard](http://www.scouts.org.uk/purplecard)

Contact details for National Scout Organisations in other countries can be found on [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org), by contacting your Assistant County Commissioner for International or by contacting the Scout Information Centre [www.scouts.org.uk/contactus](http://www.scouts.org.uk/contactus). Contact details for Member Organisations in Girlguiding can be found on [www.waggs.org](http://www.waggs.org)

Any volunteer who is not a member of a National Scout Organisation which is part of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement or part of a Member Organisation which is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts CANNOT attend your camp or event.

Further advice and guidance on welcoming and supporting international Scouting volunteers to join camps and events in the UK please contact [international@scouts.org.uk](mailto:international@scouts.org.uk)