

# International Friendship Group Award 'Get Global' 2005



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The International Friendship Award (IFGA) is about developing friendships, but not just international ones! Its aim is to bring Scout Groups, members of Explorer Scout Units and Scout Network members together to encourage friendship and links, locally and internationally. By working together on this Award, everyone will grow in understanding and respect for each other. It's also an opportunity to make new friends and find out more about people living in other countries and cultures.

The IFGA opens up new horizons in the Programme for all Sections, and can be worked towards at the same time as each of the Sections' various Challenges and Awards:

- Friendship (Beaver Scouts)
- Global (Cub Scouts and Scouts)
- International (Explorer Scouts and the Scout Network) as part of the Section's overall programme.

The aims of the IFGA are to:

- Promote international activities for each Section and projects for Explorer Scouts and the Scout Network
- Promote activities between the Sections

- Support the international focus in the Programme
- Ensure there is a positive influence on everyone taking part
- Have a long-term benefit for people living in another country.

With the IFGA there is an opportunity to be involved with other organisations and agencies. Also, there is the chance to promote international awareness and activities across all Sections. It is a highly useful tool for learning and development.

## Supporting the IFGA

The IFGA can be undertaken by two or more Sections working together. For example:

- A complete Scout Group or
- An Explorer Scout Unit working with a Scout Troop or
- An Explorer Scout Unit working with a local Scout Network.

The IFGA is based around a long-term project over a period of three to six months. You are free to select any project you choose – and innovation is encouraged. Many groups will be able to select an appropriate project, but others will want some help – and you need to know where you can get that help.

In Areas and Counties, the Assistant Area/County Commissioner (International) – or an equivalent appointment – can help. Contact

## The Scout Association

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them in the early stages of planning. Check the *County/Area Directory* or web site.

One of the things that the Area/County will be doing in connection with the IFGA is to publicise the support available and encourage people to treat it as a key part of the Balanced Programme. They will also be prepared to respond to any requests for help. Districts will also be a good source of support.

You may find information on the IFGA in:

- Newsletters
- Adult training courses
- Skills days
- Displays at Annual Meetings, District or Area/County events
- At International Camps in the UK

The most useful source of help is the resource *Get Global*, which can be found on ScoutBase at: [www.scoutbase.org.uk/](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/)

### Getting things going

Someone will need to take the lead. This could possibly be the Group Scout Leader, working with all the Leaders in the Leadership Team (drawn from all the Sections taking part).

*Get Global* gives clear guidance on the process of getting started on the IFGA. The steps in the process are:

#### Step 1

##### Gain commitment from all for tackling the IFGA:

- Make contact with the other Sections who could take part. These relationships are very important
- Help the Leadership Team to discuss the many possible options (they may want some advice here and some examples are given at the end of these notes).

#### Step 2

##### Gather information

- From *Get Global*
- From newspapers, TV and radio
- From development agencies (there are some addresses at the end of these notes)
- From the School/College, University or place of worship
- Be as specific as possible when asking for information from agencies etc.
- From the experiences of parents or Leaders, Explorer Scouts or Scout Network members.
- Check the International pages on ScoutBase:  
<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/inter/directory.htm>

#### Step3

##### Select the project

- The Leadership Team need to select a project which reflects the interests of as many members who will be taking part as possible
- If the project can also be related to the local community this will be a bonus
- There are some examples of projects at the end of these notes
- Set a time scale.

#### Step 4

##### Ensure that the project meets the aims of the IFGA

- Are there appropriate activities for each Section?
- Are there inter-Sectional activities?
- Is there a real contribution to the Balanced Programme?
- Is there a positive influence on everyone taking part?
- Will there be a long-term benefit for people living in another country?

**Step 5****Produce a detailed plan of action**

- Information/material/progress
- Timescales
- Be realistic
- Sectional/Intersectional activities
- If possible keep on display

**Step 6****Organise the activities**

- The support of the District and/or the Area/County can be critical here. Ask the ACC/AAC (International) or equivalent for advice.

**Step 7****Review progress**

The Leadership Team should review progress regularly, so that

- Problems can be solved
- They can learn from the experience and plan for the future
- They can modify the plans if necessary.

**Step 8****Assess the project**

- The assessment is the responsibility of the Leadership Team (with involvement of youth members)
- The District or Area/County may be invited to help in the assessment
- Try to continue the links you have made. The spirit of the IFGA is to encourage long-term contact and support.

**Step 9****Present the project to others**

Look for opportunities to present the project to others in a high quality way, involving young people fully. Opportunities include:

- A visit by the District or County/Area Commissioner and members of the Team

- The annual general meeting
- A District event.
- A community event/display

**Step 10****Receive the IFGA**

Once the IFGA project (steps 1 to 9) is complete, all young people and adults who have taken part may wear the Badge. The Badge is worn on the uniform of the Section, in which the young person took part. It can't be transferred to the uniform of the next Section.

- Make an occasion of it – ask the AAC(I), DC, local dignitary etc. to present the Badges
- Advise the local media, Group/District/County Newsletter/website.

Remember, *Get Global* contains a lot of help for you. Including:

- Requirements of the International Friendship Group Award
- Getting started
- Planning
- Choosing the right project
- Brief Case studies on
  - World Environment
  - World Scouting
  - World Health
  - World Community
  - World Trade.
- Website contacts
- Weekly programme activities
- Suggestions for the sort of activities available
- International Activities in the Balanced Programme
- Balancing the programme
- Publicising your events.

The *Get Global* pages on ScoutBase will be updated during the year, so new programme ideas will be added throughout 2005.

## Development Agencies

Please note that most of these are national addresses. However, they should have details of regional/local contacts to support you.

### UNICEF - UK

Africa House  
64-78 Kingsway  
London  
WC2B 6NB

Telephone: 020 7405 5592

[www.unicef.org.uk](http://www.unicef.org.uk)

*World's leading international development agency working for children in 130 countries regardless of politics, religion, race or colour.*

### World Development Movement

25 Beehive Place  
London SW9 7QR

Telephone: 020 7737 6215

[www.wdm.org.uk](http://www.wdm.org.uk)

*A cross-party political pressure group that brings benefit to the poor of the Third World by influencing decision makers in the UK, the European Community and World Banks.*

### Save the Children Fund

1 St John's Lane  
London

EC1M 4AR

Telephone: 020 7012 6400

[www.savethechildren.org.uk](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk)

*Works to achieve lasting benefits for children within their communities by influencing policy and practice based on its experience and study in different parts of the world.*

### Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO)

317 Putney Bridge Road  
London

SW15 2PN

Telephone: 020 8780 7200

[www.vso.org.uk](http://www.vso.org.uk)

*Enables men and women to work alongside people in poorer countries in order to share skills, build capacity and promote international understanding and action in the pursuit of a more equitable world.*

### Worldwide Fund for Nature

Panda House, Weyside Park  
Godalming  
Surrey GU7 1XR

Telephone: 01483 426444

[www.wwf-uk.org.uk](http://www.wwf-uk.org.uk)

*Aims to eventually reverse the accelerating degradation of the planet's natural environment and to help to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.*

### Christian Aid

35 Lower Marsh

Waterloo

London

SE1 7RL

Telephone: 020 7620 4444

[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

*Aims to strengthen the poor.*

### Actionaid UK

Hamlyn House

MacDonald Road

Archway

London

N19 5PG

Telephone: 020 7561 7561

[www.actionaid.org.uk](http://www.actionaid.org.uk)

*A charity working with children, families and communities to improve the quality of life in some of the poorest parts of the world.*

### Oxfam

274 Banbury Road

Oxford

OX2 7DZ

Telephone: 0870 333 2700

[www.oxfam.org.uk](http://www.oxfam.org.uk)

*Major agency dealing with education in the UK and development in other countries.*

### VETAID

Pentlands Science Park

Bush Loan

Penicuik

Midlothian

EH26 0PZ

Telephone: 0131 445 6241

[www.vetaid.org](http://www.vetaid.org)

*Works to reduce poverty and increase food security for people dependant on livestock.*

War on Want  
Fenner Brockway House  
37-39 Great Guildford Street  
London  
SE1 0ES

Telephone: 020 7620 1111

[www.waronwant.org](http://www.waronwant.org)

*Fighting for a world free from poverty.*

Send a Cow  
The Rickyard  
Newton St Loe  
Bath  
BA2 9BT

Telephone: 01225 872008

[www.sendacow.org.uk](http://www.sendacow.org.uk)

*Sends cows to the poorest families in East Africa where the cows really help the families in many different ways.*

The Fairtrade Foundation  
Room 204  
16 Baldwin's Gardens  
London  
EC1N 7RJ

Telephone: 020 7405 5942

[www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

*Helps promote fairtrade produce.*

Water Aid  
Prince Consort House  
27-29 Albert Embankment  
London  
SE1 7UB

Telephone: 020 7793 4500

[www.wateraid.org](http://www.wateraid.org)

*Dedicated to helping people escape poverty by providing safe clean water in Asia and Africa.*

Dubble Chocolate  
The Day Chocolate Company  
7 Gainsford Street  
London  
SE1 2NE

[www.dubble.co.uk](http://www.dubble.co.uk)

*Promotes Dubble Chocolate, a fairly traded chocolate from the Day Chocolate Company.*

Comic Relief  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
89 Albert Embankment  
London

SE1 7TP

Telephone: 020 7820 5555

[www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com)

*They are committed to helping end poverty and social injustice by raising money, educating and allocating funds.*

Find your Feet  
241-251 Ferndale Road  
London  
SW9 8BJ

Telephone: 020 7326 4464

[www.fyf.org.uk](http://www.fyf.org.uk)

*They work with the rural poor in India and southern Africa, using their own skills and knowledge to develop sustainable solutions to poverty.*

Plan International  
Chobham House  
Christchurch Way  
Woking  
Surrey  
GU21 6JG

Telephone: 01483 755155

[www.plan-international.org](http://www.plan-international.org)

*Plan works around the world in partnership with children, families and communities, to develop sustainable ways to end the cycle of poverty.*

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[www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

*Information on Scouting in other countries and how to develop links.*