



Kandersteg
International
Scout Centre



INTERNATIONAL

ROVER WEEK

Youth Advocacy Training

INFORMATION PACK





WELCOME TO INTERNATIONAL ROVER WEEK



In International Rover Week, KISC aims to inspire you to create new initiatives and a better world in your own home country and local community. The main topic of the Centenary's International Rover Week will be youth advocacy, focusing on two areas:

1) Peace Education & Human Rights, 2) Sustainability.

There will be a selection process for the applicants, resulting in 31 Rovers coming together from all over the world, to the Swiss Alps to create change. This seven-day event will give them the opportunity to come to KISC and learn how they can make a noticeable impact in their local communities, Scout Groups and NSO's, through advocacy.

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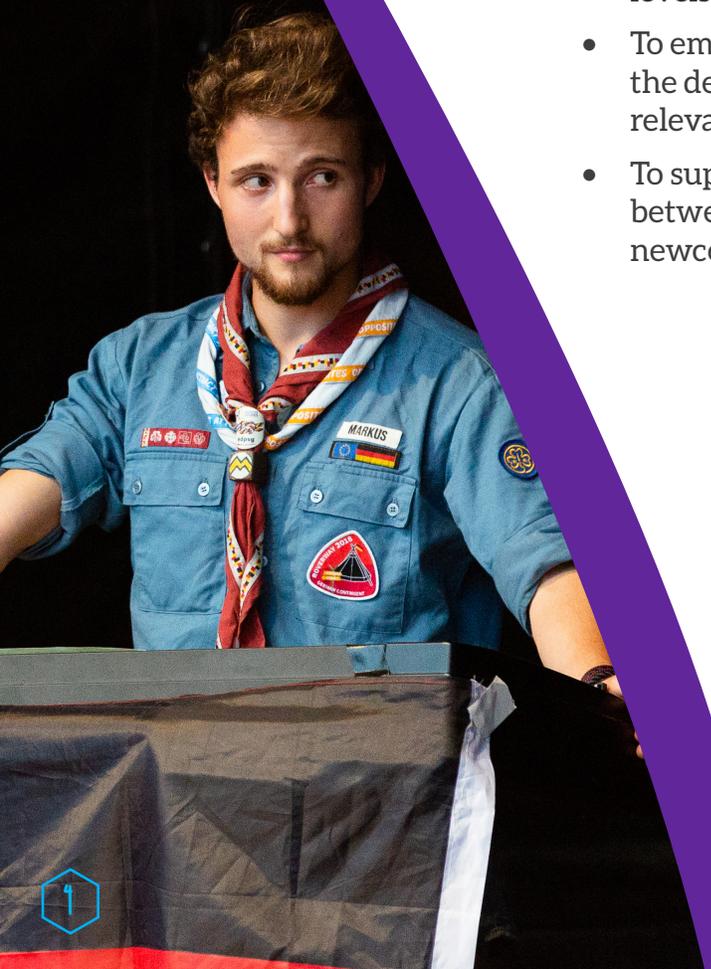


AIM

The training is orientated towards Rovers who are interested in the field of Peace Education, Human Rights or Sustainability and offer the opportunity to come together, exchange best practices and receive support and training.

More specifically the objectives of the training include:

- To develop participants' ability to communicate their organisations' messages and priorities to a variety of external audiences.
- To build participants' understanding of advocacy and ability to advocate at the local, regional, national or international levels.
- To empower and motivate participants to contribute to the development of their national youth policies through relevant spaces in each country.
- To support the sharing of experiences and best practices between more experienced Rover youth representatives and newcomers.





Soon the fire of friendship spreads from one to another, and bonds are tied which last a lifetime, and everyone on returning home is richer for memories and dreams of Kandersteg.

- Robert Baden Powell



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DATES OF INTERNATIONAL ROVER WEEK

28th of December - 4th of January 2023

LANGUAGE

The training will be fully delivered in English.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Participants will develop their understanding on the importance of youth advocacy within NSOs/NSAs.
- Participants will acquire skills and knowledge that will empower them to speak out and act on issues linked to their community.
- Participants will be encouraged to create change on a local, regional, national and international level in the fields of peace education, human rights and sustainability.
- Participants will feel empowered to take a prominent role in their communities back home and share the new skills and knowledge they have acquired.



PARTICIPANT'S REQUIREMENTS



- Be between 18 - 26 years old for the entire duration of the event.
- Be endorsed by your NSO/NSA
- Able to communicate well in written and spoken English.
- Availability for the entire duration of the event.
- Strongly advised to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with one of the [vaccinations](#) recognised by Switzerland
- Have a strong commitment to support virtually the 2023 Centenary year, starting December 2022. We will invite you to support us with story telling activities, sharing impact stories and reflections. Specifically support virtually the following events: Global Online event (19th - 26th February, 2023) and Members weekend (26th - 28th May 2023).
- Have a strong commitment to report and attend follow up meetings, sharing their project progress.

RECOMENDED PARTICIPANT PROFLIE

- Rover Scouts who are external representatives or leading volunteers in the fields of advocacy and external relations in their NSO/NSA.
- Rover Scouts who are delegates or board members of their National Youth Councils or any other external platforms and institutions.
- Scouts activists in their local community.
- Newcomers who have a strong interest in expanding their capacity in the fields of youth advocacy, external relations, peace education & human rights and sustainability.



SELECTION CRITERIA

This process will be done by the Selection Committee, focusing on age and gender balance, geographical and cultural representation. Each of the six World Scouting Region will be engaged.

The event is shaped to have a significant mix of newcomers interested in the topic areas, and more experienced participants for a good level of best practices sharing and peer to peer learning. Skills and expertise on advocacy regarding experience in public speaking, negotiation, developing participatory process, advocacy campaigns, policy analysis, use of social media for influencing, will also be considered in terms of this composition of participants.

PROGRAMME

The programme consists of a virtual phase during December 2022 to get participants on board with the training. Starting 28th December, participants will have activities related to general knowledge about advocacy focusing on the bigger picture of the Global Challenges and Youth Trends by addressing the main considerations in the implementation of any initiative (innovation through digitalisation; monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanisms and methodologies; Safe from Harm).

Participants will then be into two working groups for the rest of the training, according to their personal interest: each focusing on the advocacy of 1) Peace Education & Human Rights and 2) Sustainability.





TRAVEL COST

All participants are eligible to receive a financial support for their travel as follow:

- **Funding of the travel costs accounting up to CHF 400 in total.** This includes flight tickets or train tickets (depending on where you are coming from) to Switzerland + train tickets from any Swiss Airport or train station (where you arrive) to Kandersteg.
- If the travel costs in total exceed CHF 400, the difference will be at the cost of the participants (e.g., for travel costs amounting CHF 1000, the reimbursement will be of CHF 400)
- **Reimbursement will be done based on a real cost basis** (e.g., for travel costs in total amounting CHF 300, the reimbursement will be of CHF 300)
- **Reimbursements will be completed after the event**, after supporting documents have been handed to KISC staff during your check in (receipts, proof of payment). The reimbursement will be made directly to participants by bank transfer or the NSO in case that the organizations has given you financial support.
- Participants are requested to communicate with their NSO/NSA and coordinate their travel arrangements. Please make sure to clarify with your NSO whether you will be purchasing the tickets or your NSO/NSA, so that the process for reimbursement is managed accordingly.

TRAVEL AND VISA ARRANGEMENTS

Confirmed participants will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please, do not book your flights or trains before receiving a confirmation letter from Kandersteg International Scout Center where we will provide more information about the logistics. Should you need a visa to access Switzerland, please let us know in the registration form.

- Citizens of EU/EFTA countries do not need a visa
- Non-Citizens of EU/EFTA countries will need to check with each specific country, if they need a tourist visa. KISC will provide a VISA support letter in case of selection.

PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee for the event is **100 CHF**, which covers the training cost, accommodation and meals.

INSURANCE

If you are selected, we strongly recommend that you arrange your own private travel insurance to cover sickness, travel to and from Kandersteg, and other cases/material that you consider important, as this is not provided by the Centre.

ENSURING A SAFE EVENT

All participants selected will need to do a Safe from Harm online training and send proof of its completion. You will receive more information once selected.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

Young people interested in this event can apply through [this online form](https://kandersteg.typeform.com/to/ZTisF3CP)

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To apply, you should include:

- **Motivation letter**

Write a one-page letter of A4 introducing yourself. This should include information about who you are, your interests, your skills and experiences relevant for this event, why you are interested in attending, your expectations and what you can contribute to the team.

- **Curriculum Vitae**

Please include your CV, listing your education, work and any relevant advocacy experience in maximum two pages.

- **Endorsement from your National Scout Organisation**

Written confirmation hand-signed by the International Commissioner of your NSO/NSA, stating you are a registered member and endorsed to participate in this event. This should be a scanned letter. Please contact your National Scout headquarters if you need support with this.

- **Copy of your passport(s)**

Please send a scanned copy of your passport/s and let us know if you have several passports.

- **Video**

1. Upload a short video (maximum two minutes) introducing yourself.
2. The video should be in English.
3. The video can be in your preferred format. Please send us the link and ensure you have given us permission to view the video.
4. You can use these questions as a guideline to answer:
 - Who are you?
 - Why do you want to be a part of this event?
 - What motivates you?
 - What can you contribute to the training?

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

You can apply through the open call until the **5th of October 2022**

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to 2023@kisc.ch



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