

Code of Conduct for the members of Sub Committees of Scouting Ireland

The Scout Promise

On my honour I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God, to serve my community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.

Or

On my honour I promise that I will do my best to further my understanding and acceptance of a Spiritual Reality, to serve my community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.

Or

On my honour I promise to do my best, to uphold our Scout Principles, to serve my community, to help other people and to live by the Scout Law.

The Scout Law

- A Scout is to be trusted;
- A Scout is loyal;
- A Scout is helpful and considerate to all;
- A Scout has courage in all difficulties;
- A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property;
- A Scout has respect for self and others;
- A Scout respects nature and the environment.

Introduction

The aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the physical, intellectual, character, emotional, social, and spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and, as responsible citizens, to improve society.

The Sub Committees of Scouting Ireland must build and maintain the trust and confidence of those with whom they deal and sustain a reputation for honesty, integrity, independence and fair dealing. The Committees have a duty to promote the aims of Scouting Ireland and conduct their business in accordance with Scouting Ireland's governing principles. To meet their obligations the Committees are required to maintain and build rewarding relationships with their stakeholders including the members of Scouting Ireland, employees, suppliers, the Government, local authorities, regulators and communities in general.

This Code of Conduct has been developed to provide best possible guidance to the members of the Sub Committees and to ensure that the Committees carry out their responsibilities to the highest ethical standards. The Code outlines the responsibilities of each committee member to the Company and amongst other things establishes procedures for dealing with any potential conflict of interest which may arise between the responsibilities of a Committee member and any other outside interest which he/she or a connected party may have. The Code is not a full

statement of the obligations of a Committee member arising from his/her relationship with the Company/Scouting Ireland and it is appreciated that it is not possible to cover every eventuality that could arise in the conduct of each committee member's duties. The spirit as well as the wording of the Code should be observed.

Accordingly, this Code of Conduct:

- establishes an agreed set of ethical principles to guide Committee members in their conduct;
- is designed to promote and maintain confidence and trust in the Sub Committtes generally; and
- seeks to prevent the development or acceptance of unethical practices.

The Code of Conduct is reviewed by the Board on an annual basis.

Code of Conduct for each Sub Committee member of Scouting Ireland

Integrity and honesty

- Loyalty, integrity, honesty and trustworthiness will be the hallmarks of all my conduct when dealing with colleagues within Scouting Ireland and equally when dealing with individuals and organisations outside it.
- I will ensure to the best of my ability that everything that the Sub Committee does will be able to stand the test of ethics and scrutiny by all relevant stakeholders, including: members, employees, the public, funders, the media and regulators.
- I will declare any conflict of interest or any circumstance that might be viewed by others as a conflict of interest, as soon as such a situation arises and I will abide by the Conflict of Interest Policy (SID 102/13) and any amendments to that policy which may be adopted at a future date.
- I understand I am a Sub Committee member who has been appointed as a member of the Committee by members of a Scouting Ireland and I must accept that my responsibility is to Scouting Ireland as a whole, and not to promote the interests of any internal or external special interest group. In any circumstance that might be viewed by others as a conflict of loyalty I will submit to the judgment of the Board and do as it requires regarding potential conflicts of loyalty.
- I will not gain materially or financially from my role as Sub Committee member, beyond seeking reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.
- I understand that acceptance of gifts, hospitality and other benefits is permissible only if the following criteria are met:
 - are unsolicited and are not being offered to influence decision-making; and
 - are infrequent and of minimal value of less than €100, for example, low-cost promotional objects, simple meals, or souvenirs with no cash value; and
 - arise out of activities or events related to my duties as a Sub Committee member ; and
 - are declared on receipt to the chair of the Sub-committee
 - are within the normal standards of courtesy, hospitality or protocol; and
 - do not compromise or appear to compromise in any way my integrity as a member of a Sub Committee of Scouting Ireland.

Responsibility and Obligations

- I will not break the law in any aspect of my role as a member of a Sub Committee of Scouting Ireland. .
- I will support the mission, values, aims, objectives and strategy of Scouting Ireland and I will abide by the organisation's memorandum and articles of association/ Constitution and Rules, its policies and its procedures.
- I understand my responsibility to act as a champion for the organisation by promoting its work and reputation.
- I will always strive to act in the best interests of the organisation as a whole.
- I will strive to punctually attend all committee meetings (and other relevant meetings), giving apologies ahead of time to the chairperson if unable to attend.
- I will study the agenda and other information sent me in good time prior to the meeting and be prepared to engage in debate, and if necessary vote, on agenda items during the meeting.
- I will respect the authority of the Chairperson.
- I will accept a majority committee vote on an issue as decisive and final, unless the committee has reviewed/amended the original decision.
- I will take an active involvement in the organisation, including contributing to working groups as required and I will promptly undertake actions that I have agreed to take on during meetings.
- I will participate in induction, training and development activities for Sub Committee members.
- I will support the CEO in his/her executive role but will not interfere with his or her work or undermine his/her authority.

Relationships and Communication

- I will strive to establish open, respectful, supportive and courteous relationships with all

those I come into contact with in my role as Sub Committee member and to cultivate a positive atmosphere at meetings.

- I will not speak as a Committee member of Scouting Ireland to the media or in a public forum without the prior knowledge and approval of the CEO and/or the chairperson. When I am speaking publicly as a Committee member of Scouting Ireland, my comments will reflect current organisational policy even if this does not agree with my personal views.
- I will strive to uphold the reputation of Scouting Ireland and those who work or volunteer in it, I will take an active interest in the organisation's public image and I understand that I have a duty not to do anything that may damage the reputation of the organisation.

Information

- I will respect organisational, committee and individual confidentiality.
- I accept the doctrine of collective responsibility in relation to decisions made by the Sub Committee

Acceptance

- I understand that substantial breach of any part of this code may result in my removal from the Sub Committee.
- Should I decide to resign from the Committee I will inform the Chairperson in advance of writing, stating my reasons for resigning,.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____