

ISGF European Region Workshop

The Future and Foundation for Growth

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Report and the Way Forward

To ensure that the optimum benefit and mutual understanding was experienced by all participants, time was taken from the outset to socialise, get to know each other and become familiar with the language and format being used.

(Predominantly English)

This worked well and each country gave an informative presentation about their own National Organisation.

Similarities and common problems were shared and discussed.

By a process of consultation, negotiation and agreement the following recommendations were identified for the Europe Region to work together on, in order to take full advantage of our unique heritage (Scouting and Guiding) and increasing unity and modern communications: -

- Promote and support the **Regional European Conference**, Cyprus 2010, encouraging all to attend.
- Collect and distribute lists of **resources and contacts** to enable Guilds to work with each other, and Scouting and Guiding, both at home and abroad.
- Encourage '**Links**' of all types between Guilds. Include links for both service projects and social events – not just formal, long term 'Twinning'.
- Organise a **Gathering/ Camp**, fun event for all, with the emphasis being on mixing and having time and opportunity to get to know each other, thus developing and expanding a network of friendship.
- Have a '**News Page**' which is regularly updated saying what Guilds are doing and giving invitations to open events.
- Produce and distribute ISGF **Promotional goods and materials** for members to use.
- Lobby the **European Union** for support

- Produce, and very regularly update, a **European Website** to publicise all of the above. Good advance notice with plenty of details should be given for all events.

- A '**Useful Hints**' resource could be built up from pages to download from the Website to a file, on such topics as: -
 - Starting a Guild.
 - Programme Ideas.
 - European grant sources, travel concessions in different countries etc.

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