

**ISGF  
EUROPE REGION  
WESTERN EUROPE SUB REGION**

# what's on, what's new

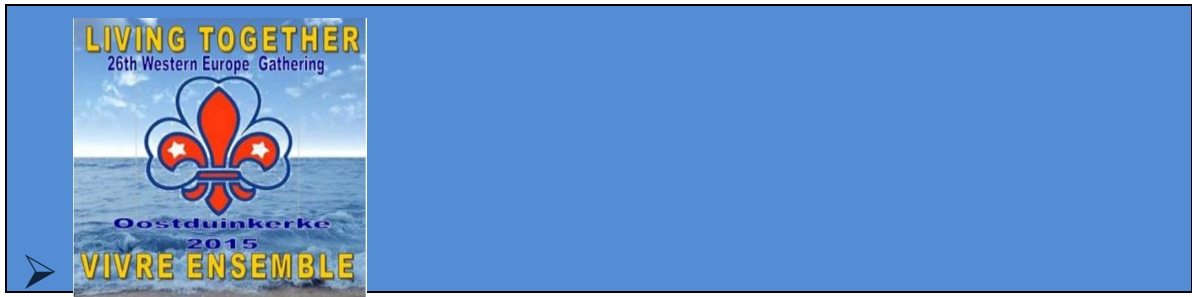


The 27<sup>th</sup> Western Europe Gathering will be hosted in Eastbourne UK 8-12 October 2018

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At the 9<sup>th</sup> European Conference in Tours, Pierre Decoene (Belgium) was elected the new representative at the Europe Committee 2016-2019 (treasurer)



The 26th West European sub-regional Gathering took place in Domein "De Westhoek" in Oostduinkerke, Belgium. Oostduinkerke is a seaside resort in the dunes in the province of West Flanders , 7 – 11 September 2015 with 76 participants from 12 countries and the Theme "Living Together"



**Western Europe** is the sub region comprising the westerly countries of Europe



The Western Europe Sub Region currently consists of the following NSGFs ( in alphabetical order) :

**BELGIUM, IRELAND, LUXEMBOURG, UNITED KINGDOM**

with a total number of 5.947 (2015) members plus 78 members from Netherlands who, as from 2011, belong to the Central Branch.

The Western Europe Sub Region is unique as the countries in this Sub Region decided from the start not to form a Committee but to organize Gatherings when it is their turn. The countries elect a Europe Committee representative. The National Chairmen and International Secretaries or their representatives, meet together during Gatherings, the Europe Conference, and the World Conference. The Europe Committee member organises these.

A Sub Regional Gathering is organised every 3 years.

## HISTORY

The founder member countries of the Sub Region were:

### **United Kingdom, Ireland, Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg**

**Ireland** : Original name : THE IRISH GIRL GUIDE AND SCOUT GUILD . Previous name FELLOWSHIP OF IRISH GUIDE AND SCOUT GUILD (FIGSG). In 2013 name changed to FELLOWSHIP OF IRISF GUIDES AND SCOUTS (FIGS) .

### **Netherlands** :

In 2011 Scouting Netherlands, a founder member of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship, decided to withdraw from ISGF as because of their changed structure they could not fulfil the ISGF Constitution.

After their official leave on 31 December 2012 a new group has started as from 1 January 2013.

This group will start all over again and are hard working in order to fulfil all the requirements to become an Associate or a full member.

### **United Kingdom:**

In 1953 the Trefoil Guild and the Scout Fellowship were founder members of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship. A Joint National Council was formed, in 1977, to represent the Trefoil Guild and the Scout Fellowship. In 1999 UK Scouting withdrew the membership of the Scout Fellowship from ISGF, following the confirmation of the withdrawal at the World Conference held in 2002 the Adult Scout Alliance (UKASA), an independent Scout based organisation, was formed in 2003 . In 2011 the Trefoil Guild (with a registered membership of 20,000) gave notice that they would withdraw their membership in 2012. In 2012 the name of the UK Adult Scout Alliance was changed to the National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK to reflect the change in membership with increased numbers from the Trefoil Guild.

### **The Western Europe members to the European Committee**

**There is no formal Committee structure in the Sub Region but a Europe Committee member is elected triennially. The first European Committee was elected in 1998 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference in Estoril, Portugal.**

**Etienne Raulier (Belgium)      1998 – 2004 (Treasurer – Chairman)**

**Jane Wardropper (UK)              2004 – 2010 (Treasurer – Chairman)**

**Katharine Diver (UK)              2010 – 2013 (Secretary)**

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**Pierre Decoene (Belgium)      2016-2019 (Treasurer)**

## COUNTRIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Country /Admission ISGF/ Flag	Logo/ Structure / Status	full name/ abbreviation/ communication	membership	census
<b>Belgium</b>				
1953 (founder member) 	<b>Federation</b>	<p><b>Belgian Scout and Guide Fellowship</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vzw/ asbl</b></p> <p><b>Associations composantes (3)</b></p> <p>1 .Vlaamse Oud Scouts en Oud Gidsen (VOSOG) VZW (SGAB/OSOGB)  <a href="http://www.vosog.be">www.vosog.be</a></p> <p>2. Scouts et Guides Adultes de Belgique -Oud Scouts en Oud Gidsen van België (SGAB/OSOGB) asbl/vzw  <a href="http://www.sgab-osoqb.be">www.sgab-osoqb.be</a></p> <p>3. Fédération des Groupements d'Adultes Scouts et Guides (FEGASEG) asbl</p>	5283 5160 5161 5180 5259	2011 2012 2013 2014 2015
<b>Ireland</b>				
1957 	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Single association</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fellowship of Irish Guides and Scouts</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIGS</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.figsireland.org">www.figsireland.org</a></p>	190 188 178 218 260	2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

<b>Luxembourg</b>				
<p>1953 (founder member)</p> 	<p><b>Federation</b></p>	<p><b><i>Amitié des Scouts et Guides Adultes de Luxembourg</i></b></p> <p><b>ASGAL</b></p> <p><i>Associations Composantes (2)</i>  1. : <i>Freier Lëtzebuenger Guiden a Scouten</i>  2. <i>Association des Girl Guides Luxembourgeoises</i></p>	<p>191 187 188 187 192</p>	<p>2011 2012 2013 2014 2015</p>
<b>U.K.</b>				
<p>1953 (founder member)</p> 	 <p><b>Federation</b></p> <p><b>Independent</b></p>	<p><b><i>National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK</i></b></p> <p><a href="http://www.nsgf.org.uk">www.nsgf.org.uk</a></p> <p><b><i>Component Associations (2)</i></b>  (1) <i>The Baden-Powell Guild of Great Britain</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.badenpowellguild.org.uk">www.badenpowellguild.org.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.bp-guild.org.uk">www.bp-guild.org.uk</a></p> <p>(2) <i>The Scout &amp; Guide Fellowship</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.sagf.org.uk">www.sagf.org.uk</a></p>	<p>197 262 283 251 241</p>	<p>2011 2012 2013 2014 2015</p>
<b>Netherlands</b>				
<p>1953 (founder member)</p> 	<p>As from 2011</p> <p>CB member</p>		<p>78</p>	<p>Last Update January 2017</p>

## Western Europe Sub-Regional Gatherings:

	<i>Year</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Participants</i>
1	1958	Bilthoven	The Netherlands	8-11 August	38
2	1960	Villers-la Ville	Belgium		
3	1962	Foxlease	United Kingdom	26-29 October	40
4	1964	Wiltz	Luxembourg	31 July-3 August	77
5	1966	Dublin	Ireland	26-29 August	126
6	1968	Oegstgeest	The Netherlands	19-22 April	72
7	1970	Mozet	Belgium	7-11 April	
8	1972	Leicester	United Kingdom	19-23 July	104
9	1974	Petange	Luxembourg		147
10	1976	Dublin	Ireland	17-22 July	101
11	1978	Driebergen	The Netherlands	20-24 April	186
12	1980	Blankenberge	Belgium	24-29 July	313
13	1982	York	United Kingdom	23-27 September	219
14	1984	Luxembourg	Luxembourg	27-31 July	283
15	1986	Dublin	Ireland		184
16	1988	Noordwijkerhout	The Netherlands		100
17	1990	Borzee	Belgium		250
18	1992	Edinburgh	United Kingdom		300
19	1994	Dommeldange	Luxembourg	22-27 July	100
20	1997	Dublin	Ireland	19-24 June	230
21	2000	Elspeet	The Netherlands	28 May-2 June	159
22	2003	Houthalen-Helchteren	Belgium	16-23 June	128
23	2006	Clervaux	Luxembourg	16-21 June	67
24	2009	 <b>Dundee</b>	United Kingdom	18-22 August	101



25	2012	 <p>Cork</p>	Ireland	24-29 Sept.	130
26	2015	 <p>Oostduinkerke</p>	Belgium	7-11 Sept.	76
27	2018	<p>Eastbourne</p>	UK	8-12 October	