

Newsletter, nr. 2-2024

The Dutch Scout and Guide Fellowship,
host of the 29th WESR-Gathering

Date: 10-14 October 2025

Location: Bergeijk, the Netherlands



In our newsletter we'll be able to answer a number of questions and tell you more about our plans for the Gathering.

First some questions:

Question: Is registration open for all ISGF members? **Answer:** In principle yes, but there is a limit of participants per country outside of the Western European Sub-Region.

Question: What's the working language during the 29th Gathering? **Answer:** English.

Question: Will there be an opportunity to shop? **Answer:** yes.

Weather



It's Autumn in October. The average temperature in October in the Netherlands will be around 15 degrees during the day. The normal temperature in October at night is around 7 degrees.

The sun shines an average of 4 hours per day in October. The weather at the beginning of October still gives us temperatures around 20 degrees every now and then.

Our advice is to bring rain gear, closed shoes or boots, and a sweater for outdoor activities.

One moment you might be sitting outside enjoying some sun and a walk, one moment you'll be shelltering from the rain inside.

Support the Gathering:



Members of the Plusscouts **Scouting troop St. Lambertus at Bergeijk.** You'll see and meet them during the Gathering.



Reizend Scoutingmuseum, material and their members.



Programme



We are very glad to be able to tell you more about the programme. Things are more clear already now. The theme of the Gathering is **'Doing after learning'**, the common thread in the programme.



We do have a whopper of a keynote speaker. **We're proud to introduce to you Marjolein Sluijters- keynote speaker at our ISGF Gathering 2025.**

Marjolein has been a girlscout from the age of 7 years. She has been a youthmember, staffmember and a lot more within the scouting and guiding movement.

She studied child psychology and has a broad working experience in youth health, safety and the education area. The recent years she has been working as (change)advisor, interim CEO/director, or facilitator in the Dutch social environment. She is also a trustee for several NGO's in the setting of (non-formal) education, and empowerment of disabled people.

And she has been boardmember and international commissioner in the Dutch scouting association and Chair of the Europe region WAGGGS and World board member WAGGGS.



Workshops/excursions and more



We are preparing some workshops and excursions for you. For the workshops we've asked some (former) scouts/fellowmembers to prepare something with their expertise.

And, besides of this all, you will have time to explore the surrounding. Also to chat, make new friends, swap, have a separate meeting.

Registration Just a short reminder We don't want to disappoint anyone from being able to attend the Gathering 2025. But we do have just room for 75 people in the accommodation itself, a few more is possible at the campsite coming with your own tent/caravan/campervan.

But registration is only final if the entire amount has been paid on time. Late payment means **no** participation in the Gathering. Registrations from members of the Western Europe sub-region take precedence.

Also keep in mind that the **language during the Gathering will be English**, and no interpreters will be allowed.

After December 15 the WESR25 will be available at the website of ISGF, ISGF.org.



Timetabel programme

29th Gathering October 10-14 2025				
Friday 10th	Saturday 11th	Sunday 12th	Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th
Arrivals of participants 16.00 hours	Breakfast			
	Start the day			
	Doing after learning', Keyspeaker, interactif	Time to relax	Programme	Departure 09.30 hours 
			Coffee break	
			Programme	
	Lunch			
Excursions	Workshops	Excursions		
Welcome and registration	Diner			
Let's meet	Programme	Pubquiz	Informal	

Above is the provisional programme, depending on agreements that yet are to be made, and some surprises we have in store.



One thing we can tell you: on the last evening there will be an **private pop-up-auction** will be held, proceeds will be divided between DSGF and a charity scouting related. So use your Euro's to buy something at the auction. You can also donate things for the auction to sell.

Travelling/Transport

What's your travelplan?

By car, train or plane?



Transport might be quite different, we will ask you later to inform us about your travelplan. Here under some ideas for traveling to Bergeijk to keep in mind.

Flying to Eindhoven: you can use public transport, a taxi or a rental car to travel to Bergeijk.

Airport Eindhoven: Local scouts from Bergeijk will help you to find your way to Bergeijk.

Health and Safety: A very important thing at an event.



If you're attending the Gathering and you're a valid first-aider, would you be willing to act as a first responder during the Gathering in case of emergency? Hopefully not needed, but better to know if there are people who do know how to act. Please let us know yes/no First-aider and willing to act if needed.



As DSGF, We wish you all: Happy Holidays and best wishes 2025, we'll meet again at the 29th WESR Gathering in Bergeijk.

