
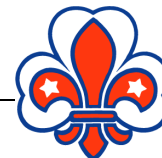


FELLOWSHIP OF IRISH GUIDES AND SCOUTS (FIGS)		
Country Ireland	Region Europe	Sub-region Western Europe
Logo		
	A short historical review Member since 1957	
Contact and communication	No office, contact worldbureau@isgf.org Language for ISGF: <i>English</i> Website: www.figsireland.org Facebook:	
STRUCTURE		
<i>Independent, but members must be affiliated to their own Scout/Guide organisation. There are now 3 constituent groups – Trefoil Guild (Irish Girl Guides, Fellowship Patrols (Scouting Ireland) and Le Chéile (Catholic Guides of Ireland).</i>		
Status of the NSGF	<i>Full member</i>	
Local Fellowships	<i>18 Guilds</i>	
MEMBERSHIP AND CENSUS		
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During the year 2017, the number of individual members has increased slightly overall, but there have been increases and decreases in different parts of FIGS – see details below:

Increased: Congratulations, tell us what you did? Le Chéile group from Catholic Guides of Ireland has continued to increase slightly, as it a new group and continues to attract former members.

Decreased: Sorry for that, what happened? Trefoil Guild (Irish Girl Guides) has been decreasing slightly due to closure of a number of Guilds due to age and health of members. However, this has been almost balanced by a new category of lone members which has proved popular.

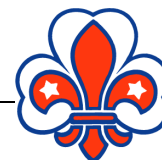
Unchanged: How have you tried to recruit new members? Trefoil Guild has been getting regular articles about its activities and lone member category, published in the Irish Girl Guides newsletter, which reaches all adult leaders. This has resulted in some new members.

Total membership			Percentage	WAGGGS 2016	WOSM 2014
	2015	260		17.464	44.482
Census	2016	290			
	2017	310	Women 61% Men 39%		

Ideas to recruit new and younger members	
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ACTIVITIES

Activities	<p><i>Le Chéile group in Cork organised a Christmas lunch and invited members of local Trefoil Guild to join them. About 100 attended, including some who travelled from Dublin.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Visits to places of historical interest.</i> • <i>Lunch and dinner outings</i> • <i>Craft evenings</i> • <i>Talks by visiting speakers</i> • <i>A group of Le Chéile members hiked the Camino di Santiago</i> • <i>9 Trefoil Guild members spent a few days at the Ulster</i>
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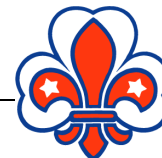
<p>Twinning</p> <p>Stamp Bank</p> <p>International Development Fund</p> <p>Joint activities with other NSGFs</p>	<p><i>Girl Guides centre in Lorne, Northern Ireland. They visited the Titanic centre in Belfast, a Folk museum and spent evenings doing crafts for World Market in Bali.</i></p> <p><i>Annual General meeting for 2017 was held in City Hall Dublin, an historic building. Members had a tour of the building and a chance to view the museum, followed by lunch. The formal meeting took place in Council chamber in the afternoon.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Raffle at Annual General meeting with prizes donated by members</i></p> <p><i>Yes, some are twinned, mainly with Trefoil Guilds in Northern Ireland</i></p> <p><i>Yes – stamps donated at World Conference</i></p> <p><i>Yes – proceeds of stall at World Market</i></p>
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**28TH ISGF WORLD CONFERENCE IN BALI, INDONESIA
9TH-14TH OCTOBER 2017**

- **How many members of the NSGF participated?** 2
- **Was an Action Time presentation made?** No
- **Did members participate in the Action Plan workshop?** Yes
 - **On return, did your representatives inform the members of your NSGF about the conference?** Yes Presentation at Annual General meeting in November.
 - FIGS website <http://www.figshireland.org/latestnews.php>
 - FIGS Newsletter.
 - Article in “Trefoil News” – IGG magazine.
<https://www.yumpu.com/en/embed/view/1m1MVvuPz0bWEfF9> (page 4)
- **Did the NSGF participate in the World Market?** Yes
- **General comments regarding the Conference.**
Very well organised – congratulations due to Indonesian Scouts for all their work.

PROJECTS



Describe the project (s)	<i>Cork Scout Fellowship undertakes collections for charities – Cancer society, Alzheimer’s, homeless.</i>
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SUPPORT TO SCOUTING/GUIDING

Support provided to Scouting and Guiding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Help at Regional Guide camp.</i> • <i>Campsite and cottage maintenance.</i> • <i>Some groups sold cookies for Irish Girl Guide fundraiser</i>
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Money contributed to Scouting/Guiding	<i>One Fellowship patrol does a lot of fundraising for Scouting - €8000 in 2017</i>
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AGENDA 2018 (IF ANY)

Some members will be attending the Western Europe sub-regional Gathering in Eastbourne.

Annual General Meeting will be held in Dublin’s Mansion House (Lord Mayor’s house) on 20th October.