



# Introduction

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Welcome to the new edition of *International Essentials*!

The international nature of Scouting provides many opportunities to help young people learn more about their world in attractive and exciting ways. These include:

- The fun of experiencing other cultures through activities, projects and exchanges
- The experience of belonging to an international Movement
- Raising awareness of global issues, which will encourage a questioning of personal values.

International education and activity are an essential part of the Scout Method – without them the Purpose of the Movement cannot be fully met. *International Essentials* helps provide guidance on this critically important part of Scouting today.

## **Who is *International Essentials* aimed at?**

All those who support the international dimension of Scouting in the UK but particularly:

### **The Global Team**

Assistant County Commissioners (International), Advisers, County Scouters – and no doubt many others.

The Global Team also consists of:

### **The International Team**

All those who work at national level on international issues (lead volunteers in the countries of the UK, UK contingent leaders, chairs of National Scout Fellowships, and so on).

### **The International Core Team**

This is a small team of volunteers, appointed after advertisement and interview. These people work to support the International Commissioner.

### **The International Office**

The International Manager and the International Adviser at Gilwell Park.

### **The International Commissioner**

The lead volunteer working on international issues for the Association (see *Section H: The International Commissioner and International Office at Gilwell Park*).

**The purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.**