



# Guidance on applying for Financial Support from Blackpool District for International events - 2016/2017.

Dear All

If you are reading this then the chances are that you have been chosen for a Scouting International trip of a lifetime whether that be as a leader, young leader or participant. Therefore I would like to firstly, on behalf of Blackpool District, congratulate you on having been selected. Having taken part in International events myself, I know that you will have a wonderful time wherever you may be going.

Blackpool District, wherever possible, like to support all members of the District in their International adventures whether that be through specific guidance and encouragement or financially. All International participants are encouraged at the earliest opportunity to apply to the District for financial assistance toward what is often a large expenditure (note: Separate rules/conditions apply to World Scout jamboree participants)

In respect of International events taking place in 2016 and into early (January/February) 2017, participants need to make application in the manner outlined below and for which there is an application form linked/attached to this letter. There is no guarantee that financial assistance will be granted as every application is reviewed individually by the District Executive who make the final decision.

Good luck, enjoy your trip and make sure you come back enthused and ready to share your experiences.

Peter Rumley

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- **For all 2016 and early (January/February) 2017 international events the closing date for receipt of District financial support applications is 6pm 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016**
- **Applications are open to all ages including leaders so long as the International event is organised by Scouting whether that be at County or National level.**
- **All applications must be submitted on the form attached (also available on the District website).**
- **All applicants must sign the declaration and if you are under 18 at time of application then your parent/guardian must sign their declaration also.**
- **Provide as much detail as possible especially what you hope to get out of the trip and how you will share the experience within the District upon your return.**
- **You may be asked to provide further information or breakdown of costs which will be obligatory for your application to continue to be considered.**
- **The return address (postal and email) is shown on the application form.**
- **So long as your application form and any request for further information is completed, you should hear in April 2016 if your application has been successful.**