

Rover Representatives

Guidelines for Heads of Contingents



What is a Rover Representative?

A rover representative is one of the participants of the contingent for Roverway 2018, that can take part in the organisation of the contingent and help the contingent management team.

It gives two participants from each contingent the chance to get a closer look to the organisation of Roverway 2018.

It could be that they are a part of the CMT team or that they get informed about what the CMT does. If they get involved with preparation activities and responsibilities, they can develop their own organisations skills, widen their international network and discover the value of youth participation. They can help the CMT by sharing their opinions over different matters as programme, promoting the event, from a Rover scout perspective.

At the same time they can be a short and effective way to communicate with the other participants.

To fully include them in the process and give a broad view over the organisation of Roverway 2018, they are can join the CMT meetings and are expected to participate at the Rover Representatives weekends in The Netherlands and a special program during the maincamp.

Why should your contingent have a Rover Representative?

Benefits for CMT/National scout organisation/Guide organisation:

- Perspective from participants about organisation and programme.
- Fresh ideas fitting the age group, challenges and opportunities
- Communication to participants through the Rover Representatives.
- A chance to involve participants in youth led scouting and guiding.

Benefits for Roverway 2018 organisation:

- Matched the young organisation/Steering committee members of Roverway 2018.
- Perspective and input from participants about organisation and programme.
- Independent observer on quality and content of Roverway 2018, from an international perspective.

Benefits for Rover Representatives:

- View of organisation of an international event.
- Develop own organisation skills
- Widen international network
- Discover the value of your own and youth in general, voice of the future.
- Bring experience back to your own country/group/scout organisation.

Job description

A rover representative is:

- A participant of the contingent.
- Interested in the organisation behind a scouting event.
- Willing to learn and develop own organisation skills.
- Ready to take on a new challenge, where you are not only a participant but also part of the organisation team.
- Enthusiastic to mix in a discussion and share your opinion.
- Able to communicate in English or French.

Rover Representatives will be expected to take part in two planning weekends in the Netherlands, one in 2017 and one in 2018. The cost of these weekends and the cost of travel and transport to the weekend should be covered by the Contingent or Rover Representative.

Rover Representatives will also be required to take part in phone conferences and online discussion forums in the months leading up to the event. Rover Representatives may also be required to take part in the ceremonies or specific activities during the Roverway event.

Experience of Roverway 2016

Name: João Silva "Ovelha"

Function: Head of Contingent

Organisation: Portugal -Corpo Nacional de Escutas

How many Rover representatives did you have? 2 (3 attended UNESCO)

How involved were your Rover Representatives? Took part in both weekends, only one weekends, only online discussions) 1 took part in both weekends, 1 took part in just the first weekend

How did having a Rover Representative benefit your contingent or National Scout/Guide Organisation?

Joao (Rover-Rep) was keen to sell Roverway to fellow Rovers, and was a great marketing tool. The CMT and NSO were able to use Joao as a youth voice in CMT meetings, though not as much as we liked. We benefited of our RoverRep in an informal way but it's important to us to give our rovers these type of opportunities, we feel that in the long run our NSO gains in having RoverReps.

Would you recommend for contingents in 2018 to have a Rover Representative?

YES

Name: Wendy Kok

Function: Rover Representative

Contingent: Austria

How involved were you as a Rover Representative?

Participated in both weekends, helped organise the UNESCO gathering.

Short said: I never ever want to miss this experience I made there. Without it I would not be standing where I am now.

Before Roverway 2016:

I was a Rover in my local scout group started leading the scouts and had not much information about how WAGGGS and WOSM are working. How international activities are prepared. What work stays behind a big event. How are the legal parts of an event and what can you really achieve when you are working together in a motivated international team.

After Roverway 2016:

I now know how important youth participation is. What the UN wants from us as young minds. What can be done, if you really want it. Have a lot of new friends all over Europe. Have a bigger insight in my own Scouting Organization. Believe more in myself at what I can achieve although I don't have the needed experience yet. If Roverway 2016 would not have happened with me as a RoverRep of Austria, I never had expected the challenge of being the Head of Marketing at Roverway 2018.

What do I believe a position as a Rover Representative gives you?

A wider mindset. Experience in international projects. Being responsible. Improving your organization skills. A big insight in your own organization and the ones around you.