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Messengers of Peace Microgrants:
Learn. Lead. Grow. Make a Difference.

Could you make a positive difference in your community? Scouting Ireland's Messengers of Peace microgrants can help young people turn a good idea into practical action.

Messengers of Peace gives young people opportunities to Learn, Lead and Grow by exploring issues affecting people, communities and the environment, taking the lead in creating positive change and developing through their experiences. Peace is understood broadly. It includes kindness, inclusion, dialogue, community service, wellbeing, caring for others and protecting the world around us.

As part of the 2026 Messengers of Peace relaunch, Scouting Ireland is making microgrants of up to €500 each available to support youth-led community projects.

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Key Information

Stage	Date
Applications open	Wednesday 11 November 2026
Applications close	Wednesday 18 November 2026
Funding decisions	Within three business days of receiving a complete application (target)
Projects completed by	Friday 11 December 2026
Completion reports due	Monday 14 December 2026, by 12 noon

Funding Available

Microgrants of up to €500 per project are available to help teams plan and deliver community projects. Teams do not have to apply for the full €500. The amount requested should reflect what the project needs.

Funding may cover approved costs such as project materials, equipment hire, reasonable transport, accessibility supports and direct activity expenses.

Grant-funded activities and spending must not begin until written approval has been received. Following approval, the microgrant will be paid to the Scout Group bank account specified in the online application before the project is completed.

Funding must be used only for the approved project and budget. The Group must account for the funding in its completion report, provide the required expenditure evidence and return any unspent funding in accordance with the grant conditions.

Who Can Apply?

Applications are invited from all age sections from Beavers to Rovers within Scouting Ireland.

Applications should come from a team of young people who have identified an issue they care about. Young people should help to develop the idea, make decisions and lead the project in a way that suits their age and abilities. Each application must:

- Come from a team of young people within a Scouting Ireland Scout Group.
- Be approved by a Scouter.
- Identify a supporting adult to assist with approval, safeguarding, insurance, finances and safety.
- Demonstrate a clear benefit for the wider community or environment.

The supporting adult will provide guidance and practical assistance, while ensuring young people remain actively involved in planning, decision-making and delivering the project.

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Planning your Project

What Projects Can Be Funded?

Projects must address a genuine community or environmental need and benefit the wider community. They should be youth-led, developed in consultation with those concerned and supported by a realistic plan that considers safety, sustainability, inclusion and accessibility. Projects should link to relevant UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which focus on improving lives and protecting the planet, while supporting young people's personal progression through Scouting. Projects might address loneliness, wellbeing, biodiversity, waste, accessibility or community spaces. A project is unlikely to be suitable if it mainly involves buying equipment for the Scout Group and does not address a wider community or environmental need. For example, Venture Scouts could work with local residents to clean up a waterway, raise environmental awareness and record the impact of their work.

The Four Stages to Developing Your Project

1. **Inspire - Find an Issue :** Identify an issue that matters to your team and community. Find out who is affected, why action is needed and what others think.
2. **Learn and Decide - Make a Plan :** Speak with those involved and agree what your team will do, who will participate, what you hope to achieve, when it will happen and the cost. Young people should take an active role in making decisions and sharing responsibilities.
3. **Do - Take Action :** Once approved, put your plan into action, with young people leading the project, supported by adults with the necessary safety, safeguarding, and permission arrangements.
4. **Share - Tell the Story :** Record and share what your team achieved, the difference made and what you learned. Reflect on the skills gained and what you might do next.

Sustainability and Inclusion

Projects should consider sustainability, inclusion and accessibility from the outset. Teams should reuse, borrow or hire resources, minimise waste and travel, and follow Leave No Trace principles outdoors. Projects should consider the needs of people with different physical, sensory, communication or learning abilities, as well as barriers such as cost, transport, language and location. Where possible, teams should consult those concerned and make reasonable adjustments to support participation. Applications should demonstrate that practical steps have been taken to make projects inclusive, accessible and environmentally responsible.

Preparing Your Budget and Planning for Safety

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Grant funding may only cover costs in the approved project budget, including materials, equipment hire, reasonable transport, accessibility supports and direct activity costs. The budget must list and explain each expense. Teams should consider borrowing, sharing, hiring or reusing resources before purchasing. Equipment purchases require specific written approval before spending. Any changes to the approved project or budget must also be approved in writing. Reasonable accessibility costs may be included where they will help people participate. Every application must include a simple risk assessment using the template provided. The Risk Assessment should identify the main hazards, who could be affected, the precautions that will be taken and any further action required. Projects involving unusual or higher-risk activities may require further information or changes before approval.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday 18 November 2026. There are two parts to the application:

1. **Complete the Online Application Form -** Click Here to Apply

Complete the MoP 2026 online application form with your Scout Group and project details.

2. **Submit the Required Templates**

Email all three completed templates to **mop@scouts.ie**:

- **Project Plan:** Explain the need for your project, how young people will lead it, who you will work with, and how you will make it inclusive and sustainable. Identify the relevant SDGs and SPICES, what you hope to achieve and how you will assess the results.
- **Project Budget:** Provide a breakdown of the expected costs and explain what the funding is needed for.
- **Risk Assessment:** Identify the main hazards and explain how safety will be managed.

Use the email subject line:

MoP application: [Scout Group name] – [Project title]

Use the same Scout Group name and project title in the form, templates and email so that they can be matched. The supporting adult should review the application with the young people before it is submitted and confirm that the project can be delivered safely, sustainably, inclusively and responsibly.

Important: The application is complete only when the online form and all three attachments have been received. Submit all parts by the application deadline. Incomplete applications cannot be assessed. Applicants may be contacted for missing information or clarification. The decision target of three business days starts when the application is complete.

How Applications Are Assessed

Applications will be reviewed by the Scouting Ireland Programme Department team.

Applications will be assessed on community need and benefit, youth leadership, consultation, feasibility, safety, value for money, sustainability, inclusion, accessibility, expected impact and links to Messengers of Peace, the SDGs and Personal Progression.

Assessment is not based on polished writing. The quality of the idea, youth leadership, community benefit and practical plan are more important than elaborate language.

Applicants may be contacted if clarification or additional information is needed.

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If the scheme receives more suitable applications than it can fund, Scouting Ireland may need to prioritise projects using the published assessment criteria. Meeting the basic requirements does not guarantee funding.

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After You Apply

Approval and Funding

Scouting Ireland will check the application, budget, risk assessment and supporting information. Applicants may be contacted if something is missing or a small change is required. A written funding decision will then be issued.

Once written approval has been received:

- The team can begin delivering the approved project.
- The Finance Department will pay the approved microgrant to the Scout Group bank account before the project is completed.
- Funding must be used only for the approved project and budget.
- The Scout Group must retain a clear spending record, including receipts or invoices with proof of payment for all expenditure charged to the grant.
- Written approval must be obtained from the Scouting Ireland Programme Team via **mop@scouts.ie** before changing approved activities, budgets or delivery dates.

Any unspent funding must be returned in accordance with the grant conditions.

Recording Your Project

Teams should keep simple records of activities, participants, community benefit, service hours, results, learning, sustainability, inclusion and spending, including receipts and proof of payment.

Service hours are the combined time volunteers spend delivering the project. For example, five volunteers working for two hours equals ten service hours. Do not include time spent solely attending or benefiting from an activity.

Completing Your Project Report

All projects must be completed by **Friday 11 December 2026**. The completion report and expenditure evidence must be submitted to **mop@scouts.ie** **by 12 noon on Monday 14 December 2026**.

Reports must include a project summary (maximum 500 words), reflection, financial summary, receipts or invoices with proof of payment, and photographs or video where possible and permitted.

Any photographs, videos or personal stories submitted must have the necessary permissions, with any restrictions on their use clearly identified. Personal information will be handled in accordance with Scouting Ireland's privacy information. Any unspent funding must be returned in accordance with the grant conditions.

Messengers of Peace Recognition

Microgrant funding and Messengers of Peace recognition are connected, but they are not the same thing.

The microgrant provides funding to help deliver an approved project. Messengers of Peace recognition acknowledges a suitable project after the required action, reflection and evidence have been completed.

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A team does not need to receive a grant to complete a Messengers of Peace project. Receiving funding does not automatically result in recognition.

Application Forms and Templates

Download and save your own copy of each template before completing it.

Click Here for the Online Application - Complete the online form and submit the three required templates by Wednesday 18 November 2026.

Required Application Templates

Document	Purpose
Project Plan Template	Summarise the project, youth leadership and impact.
Budget Template	Provide a breakdown of the funding requested and expected costs.
Risk Assessment Template	Identify the project hazards and precautions required.

Additional Documents

Document	Purpose
Grant Conditions	Read the funding conditions before applying.
Completion Report Template	Complete following project delivery and submit by the deadline.

- **Application submissions:** mop@scouts.ie
- **Application deadline:** Wednesday 18 November 2026
- **Completion report deadline:** Monday 14 December 2026, 12 noon

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