

## ONE WORLD WEEK 2020

### Introduction

The World Scouting motto is that Scouts should aim to “Create a Better World”. In Ireland we can play our part by getting involved in the One World Week (23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November 2020) that encourages young people to act to better the world around them for people and the environment.

In Scouts, we go on an adventure that is about fun, friendship and challenge. The challenge in One World Week for Scouts is to look at their communities and think of an action that they can take. This action is entirely up to you! You could help an elderly relative for the day or maybe your group wants to plant seeds for Spring, whatever the action you decide, we hope this resource will help plan your community action!

### Why get involved in One World Week?

When you get involved in One World week you can achieve Special Interest Badges and more specifically - Community or Environment badges. These also make up part of the Chief Scout Award. These activities are relatively easy to organise, but make sure the activity organisers fully understand what is going on and how the activity will work. Because these activities require some thought and discussion, it would be better to spread them over 4 meetings or run as part of the larger programme with a view to complete the Messenger of Peace or World Scout Environmental Badge. The success of the activity depends on people’s willingness to participate. Ensure that they are as active and enjoyable! There are lots of ideas to choose from so it might be a good idea to decide which Badge you would like to work towards first and then think about activities the group can do to achieve that.

### Share your action!

Make sure to log your action on the Better World [form](#)! We would love to share your stories with the Scouting Community and share the inspiring actions you did for One World Week. Make sure to tag us on social media with the #scoutingireland hashtag so we can see what you get up to!

### For more information visit:

Scouting Ireland’s ‘Exploring your community’:

<https://betterworld.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/community-survey-ireland.pdf>

The Better World Scout Programme: <https://betterworld.ie/sdgs/>

COVID-19 FAQ: <https://scouting360.ie/covid-faqs/>

The National Youth Council of Ireland: [www.youth.ie](http://www.youth.ie)

## Using the Sustainable Development Goals!

The mission of Scouts has long practiced the United Nations SDGs- to work towards a better world for people and the planet! With only 10 years left to achieve the SDGs, now is the time to speak out, work together and share the positive community work Scouts across Ireland are doing!

Understanding **the SDGs help bring a global perspective onto local actions** – are our local challenges experienced elsewhere in the world? What systems are causing these challenges? Are there groups just like us also in and outside of Scouts looking to make the world a better place too?

The SDGs can help us explore social and environmental justice issues that are experienced in Ireland and around the world, understanding how we are all connected and need to understand people and the world around us in order to make it a better world for all.

# SDG PYRAMID



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While the SDGs can be overwhelming at first to understand, it helps to think about them under the following three themes:

For your own background information please see more on the SDGs on the Better World Scout Programme: <https://betterworld.ie/sdgs/>

## Scouts: 4 Week Programme Cycle

### Action for One World Week: Spend the day helping someone in need (near or far!)

#### Week 1. Musical Chairs in the dark

The idea of this activity is for Scouts to develop an awareness of how others may experience the world around them differently.

**You will need:** space to move inside or outside, chairs or markers for spaces to run to, a blindfold or ask Scouts to close their eyes.



Make sure to set the chairs outside or with enough space to socially distance in the meeting hall. To start the activity let everyone play the game with lights on and without any blindfold. Then divide the group in half giving half the Scouts blindfolds or they can close their eyes. You can repeat this activity until there are only two Scouts left with blindfolds/eyes shut.

#### Before you go home:

Check in with the young people to see how they got on with this activity. Did they feel the activity was fair? During a chat you can introduce concepts of equality and inequality and how people can face different challenges in the world for different reasons. Make time for questions or concerns if they arise.

#### Global Connections

This activity will showcase how interdependent we are, and Ireland is to nature and the wider world for our food.

#### You will need:

tea, coffee, cereal, bananas, oranges etc. Also place some (perhaps) less typical items on the table too – spices, rice, couscous, chilli, sweet potato etc. and a world map!



Give your group a time limit to guess where each item is from. Can they spot where these items are on the world map or google map?

#### Before you go home:

How did the group find the activity? Were they surprised by any of the locations? Are these items Fair Trade? Could some of these items be grown in Ireland? How far did they travel?

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### Week 2. What can we do?

How did your group feel after the musical chair activity last week? In what ways might people in our community experience life differently? If they explored food, did anything surprise them?

Using the word cloud, as a group chat and write up your ideas of actions we could work towards our community action. After making all the links you possibly can, as a group select one action you could take to help someone in your community!



### Activity Ideas!

The last few months have been a challenge. While COVID restrictions are in place there are still activities you group can get involved in outdoors or at home! Here are some suggestions that will engage your group with One World Week!

- Fairtrade Food!** Why not have a Fairtrade only picnic or bonfire night? You can bring anything you want but it must have the Fairtrade symbol!
- DIY Facemasks!** Single use facemasks can create waste, why not upcycle unused materials to make reusable masks for elderly members of your community?
- Climate Campaign!** Community action is needed to help communicate with government that the climate crisis impacts the world's most vulnerable the most. You can voice your concern by sending an email to your local and national government. A digital campaign day may be the quickest and best place to start.

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**Week 3. How can we do it?**

What do we need to do before we go out and help? Whatever way you have decided to take community action – for refugees, for climate or for someone you know use this planning tool to decide how you can achieve your goal.

What can I do?	How will I do it?	Who can help me?	When will I do it?

Check in with your group if everyone is happy with their decided action. If meeting up to do an activity together, make sure everyone knows where and when they are meeting over the weekend and what to bring! The level of responsibility or action can be varied for Bree, Ruarc or Conn Cubs. Your chosen activity can be done as a group or as individuals depending on COVID restrictions in your area.

You could use this tool to log your actions if it helps your group to come up with ideas:

<https://www.scouts.ie/Scout/Resources/Discovery-Planner.pdf>

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### Week 4. Review

This meeting, taking place after the weekend activity, allows the Cub Scouts to review their first outdoor adventure as a Pack. The Cub Scouts can review the adventure, mark off their SPICES progress on their map, and begin the process of planning their next adventure!

Are there any badges you can apply for or work towards now? Make sure to log your community action on the Better World Website here: <https://betterworld.ie/projects/project-form/>

The Cub Scouts arrive to the meeting with their memory bags, which they may have filled with souvenirs from their weekend activity. They can put these in their Lodge corners, as they partake in the opening ceremony.

Cubs can present and log their community action on this template to keep track of their progress.

**My Community Action for One World Week 2020!**

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**Useful Links:**

**Better World Activities:**

<https://betterworld.ie/resources/scouting-at-home/>

**Environmental Action Ideas:**

<https://www.scouts.ie/pdfJS/pdfViewer.aspx?n=/Scout/Ideas-Games/40S-Environmental-Ideas.pdf>

<http://scoutteam.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Environmental-Projects.pdf>

**Activity Checklist:**

<https://www.scouts.ie/Cub-Scout/Scouter-Resources/Things-You-Will-Need.pdf>

**Talents and Abilities:**

<https://www.scouts.ie/Scout/Resources/List-of-Talents-Abilities.pdf>

**Helping Others:**

<https://www.scouts.ie/Scout/Resources/Create-a-better-world.pdf>

**Easy DIY facemask to gift to someone:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrc9Zn6QH3c>

**Show solidarity with refugees:** <https://inar.ie/take-action-in-solidarity-with-refugees-10-things-you-can-do-to-help-in-ireland/>

**Climate Action:** <https://www.foe.ie/climate/climatechange1/pass-the-climate-law-by-christmas/>