



Sct. Georgs Gilderne i Danmark

The National Scout and Guide Fellowship of Denmark



A brief presentation



Sct. Georgs Gilderne i Danmark (The National Scout and Guide Fellowship of Denmark) is grounded on three basic principles: personal development, brotherhood and community involvement. All three are manifested in the philosophy and objectives of the fellowship and in its statutes and pledge. The national fellowship is part of the scouting family, and maintaining contact to the scouting movement and providing it with support are central tasks of the fellowship. The following is not intended to give a complete description of fellowship activities, but merely to provide a few typical examples.

Recruitment campaigns

Members participate actively in the joint recruitment campaigns held by the Danish scout associations. These campaigns have also received direct financial support from Sct. Georgs Gildernes Hjælpefond, a benefit fund of the national fellowship .

Eastern Europe

In collaboration with Danish scout associations and the Danish business sector, the national fellowship is currently supporting activities in Eastern European countries involving Danish and Eastern European scout groups. The purpose of this programme is partly to inject resources into the incipient Eastern European scout movement and partly to allow Danish and Eastern European scouts to exchange experiences. The project has now reached a point where the first concrete partnerships between Danish companies and Danish and Eastern European scout groups can be established.



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Assistance at national jamborees

Members carry out various tasks concerned with administration, logistics, safety, etc., thus allowing scout leaders to spend more time with their scouts.

Gildernes Højskole – a personal development programme

Personal development is one of the founding principles of the fellowship, and individual members are encouraged to work with their own personal development, and to support others in their development efforts. Gildernes Højskole – a phased programme of personal development – is part of this work. Here, members meet in groups throughout the winter to discuss cultural and existential topics. Conclusions and views are then exchanged with twinned groups elsewhere in Denmark, and the course is rounded off at a week-end seminar, held at the world's oldest »folk high school« in Rødding, where the topics are re-examined together with their proposors.



Danish Refugee Council

The national fellowship has become a member of the Danish Refugee Council, and members throughout Denmark assist in the nationwide collection held annually in aid of relief work for refugees in the world's trouble spots.

Sct. Georgs Gårdene

In the years following the Second World War, there was a large unsatisfied need for day-care facilities for children. Through a special fund, Sct. Georgs Fond, the national fellowship established many day-care centres. These were known as Sct. Georgs Gårdene and were located principally on Zealand. Nowadays, day-care centres are generally established and run by municipal authorities, and fellowship involvement in this area is therefore on the decline. However, the fund has also actively supported the establishment of student halls of residences and, most recently, senior housing.

Sct. Georgs Gilderne i Danmark (The National Scout and Guide Fellowship of Denmark) was founded in 1933 in order to allow adults leaving the youth movement to stay within the scouting family.

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) was founded in 1953 by delegates from 18 countries. The Danish national fellowship played an important role in founding the ISGF and has continued to be active in the international fellowship ever since.

Her Majesty the late Queen Ingrid and her daughter, Her Royal Highness Princess Benedikte, accepted honorary membership of the national fellowship in 1993.

Today, the national fellowship has almost 7,000 members throughout Denmark and Greenland. Members are organised in 219 local fellowships and work to:

- support scouting
- continue the personal development started when a scout
- create a better world, starting in the local community.

Worldwide, the ISGF consists of 55 national fellowships and has some 100,000 members. Like the World Scout Foundation, the ISGF has its own fund-raising organisation, the Ambassadors Guild, whose sole purpose is to provide financial support to the scouting and guiding movement throughout the world. Lifetime membership is granted for US\$ 1,000.

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