

By its very nature your Rover Crews needs a fluid programme. Your fellow Rovers will probably have a lot else going on (work, college, sport, socialising) and so a highly structured programme won't suit many of them. What is needed is a little more flexibility that will allow your Crew to find its own way of operating. And this is where the ASSES come in.

The Rover programme is based around the five key areas of Adventure, Social, Skill Building, Environment and Service. The idea is to take on a number of activities and projects (as many or as little as you like) which are based around these areas. The key here is that you design your programme to suit your own circumstances. You decide what it is you are going to do. You decide when and where it will happen. You decide how active or how involved the programme is.

Social covers all manner of activities that will allow you to meet new people, get to know about other communities and experience other cultures. Ideally your Social activities will involve interacting with other people in real life situations. We are not talking here about 'virtual-networks' such as Facebook (although they might help you to get started), but rather we mean that you should make contact and meet with real people, in the flesh so to speak!

## Activities

If this is new to you, start off by planning some activities. An activity is generally a once off, and will not be too complex in nature. The following might give you an idea of the kind of thing we are on about:

- Invite a number of other Crews to take part in a murder mystery night.
- Celebrate St Patrick's Day by trying some traditional Irish activities.
- Run a themed night based on the food, music and traditions of one or more countries.
- Arrange to meet with members of a minority group living in Ireland to get to know more about their background.
- Hold a 'formal' dinner in a public place.
- Hold a Nineties party with appropriate music and dress!
- Make a link with a Rover Crew from another country and have a Skype meeting.

# The ASSES - Social



It doesn't really matter how you choose your activities. Anything that gets people together qualifies! In terms of activities that relate to other cultures, it's possible that individual Rovers in your Crew may have friends from other countries. You may have seen a travel documentary on television that grabbed your attention. You may have visited another country at some stage with your family or on a school tour. The key is to try to really get to know something about people from different backgrounds, different places. Once you have done this you may get a taste for looking a bit more in depth into another culture, and things can develop from there.

## Projects

A project differs to an activity in that it will require a more organised approach over a period of time. By its very nature a project will involve setting a goal and then completing a number of preparatory steps to reach that goal. This makes a project more complex than an activity. Let's look at two of the activities mentioned above and see how they could be developed into projects.

### Intercultural Fair

- Goal: - To host an intercultural fair for Rovers in your County.
- Preparation:
- Contact representative groups for different communities living in your area.
  - Hold a meeting to discuss what kind of activities could be included in an intercultural fair.
  - Plan out what will be included and co-ordinate the various groups.

### Masked Ball

- Goal: - Hold a masked ball for Rovers in your County.
- Preparation:
- Contact a number of Rover Crews to gauge interest.
  - Based on the numbers interested book a location and band.
  - Set up a number of teams to look after various aspects of the ball.

