



GDANSK

POLAND 2027



WHY?

Every two years we offer an international opportunity to the Scouts. We visit countries and places you wouldn't normally go to on a family holiday, so giving a unique experience and amazing memories. In the past we have stayed in an alpine building in Adelboden in Switzerland, a converted school house in a small village called Domsos on the bank of the Danube in Hungary, a Castle in the town of Rieneck in Germany, Hostels in Reykjavik in Iceland, on the bank of lake Bohinj in Slovenia, in Malmedy in the Ardennes in Belgium, on the outskirts of the city of Krakow in Poland, near the Dutch coast in Noordwijk in The Netherlands and on the outskirts of Prague in Czechia.

Although many Scouts may have heard of Poland, have they heard of Gdansk or have any idea where it is? By going to this part of Poland, it will offer the young people cultural experiences and awesome activities in a memorable location full of modern history and an amazing vibe. During the time we are there, the St Dominic's Fair will also be on - providing festival feel to the city.

We won't just be staying in the city, with activities planned at Elbląg, Malbork, Sopot, Gdynia, Reda and Kashubia. The Scouts will see Poland and the beauty of the Pomerania (Pomorze) Region.

The World Scout Jamboree is also taking place just outside Gdansk on Sobieszewska Island. We intend to spend a day there as visitors. This will provide the Scouts the opportunity to experience a World Scout Jamboree at the fraction of the cost and see what 30,000 - 40,000 Scouts from around the world can achieve and experience when they come together in unity and peace.

We have been offering international trips since 2005, and in total with the Group and District trip we have organised 24 trips so have a wealth of experience and knowledge.





WHEN?

Saturday 31st July – Saturday 7th August

We will be leaving the UK on Saturday 31st July and returning the following Saturday. The departure and return time is yet to be confirmed as this depends on the availability and cost of flights.

This is the third week of the school holidays so would still give families the opportunity to go away before or after the trip.

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WHERE IS GDANSK?

It's approximately a 2 hours flight from the UK to Gdansk.





WHO IS THE TRIP FOR?

This trip is open to the following members of the Scout Association:-

- Current Scouts (that will still be in Scouts at the time of the trip)
- Cubs who will have moved up to the Scout Troop at least 3 months before the departure date
- Any new members that are expected to have joined at least 3 months before the departure date

Everyone going must be an active member of the Scout Association and regularly attending the weekly meetings.



HOW MANY CAN GO?

This is a joint trip between 1st Silver End (Essex) and 1st Carnforth (Lancashire) to make sure we fill as many beds as possible as we have booked a hostel exclusively.

Taking into consideration the membership of each Scout Troop the places on offer (excluding adults) will be:-

- 1st Silver End - 22 Scouts
- 1st Carnforth - 14 Scouts

If one Troop doesn't fill their quota, spare places will be offered to the other Troop. Similarly, if we have less volunteers available, adult places will be offered to Scouts (as long as we are within the mandatory ratios).

Why 1st Carnforth and how do we know them?



WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

We will be staying at the Dzien Dobry Hostel. Only opened in the Summer of 2025, this brand-new hostel is on the outskirts of the city, but only a 5-minute walk into the heart of Gdansk. The hostel features air-conditioning, modern cosy rooms and numerous bathrooms. Additional facilities include a games room, lounge, and a full kitchen.

To avoid food wastage and make sure everyone has a breakfast and packed lunch they will eat, we will be making our own breakfast and lunches. A large supermarket (Biedronka) is close by. Evening meals will be at various restaurants throughout the city.





PHOTOS OF THE HOSTEL





HOW WILL WE GET THERE?

We will be going by air. At the moment there are daily flights from various UK airports to Gdansk. Flights and coach to airport are not included in the cost of the trip (more on this later). We hope to be able to provide fundraising opportunities to help pay for these.

If not helping with fundraising, you will be responsible for raising your own flight costs.

Prices for this year for the same time, are as shown to give you a rough idea.

London Stansted to Gdansk Sat 1 Aug · 07:25 - 10:30 · FR 533	
1 x Adult Plus Fare	£160.48
View full details	
1 x 20kg check-in bag	Included
1 x Small Bag (40 x 30 x 20cm)	Included
You do not pay government taxes	
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Gdansk to London Stansted Sat 8 Aug · 14:35 - 15:50 · FR 544	
1 x Adult Plus Fare	£111.48
View full details	
1 x 20kg check-in bag	Included
1 x Small Bag (40 x 30 x 20cm)	Included
You do not pay government taxes	
Total to pay	£271.96

	1 AUG 2026 - 8 AUG 2026	CHANGE
	1 PASSENGER	
FLIGHTS		£369.30
AUG 1	London Luton – Gdansk 08:30 - 11:45 (W6 1602)	
WIZZ Go fare		
1 x Flight ticket		£143.49
1 x Bundle price		£36.96
1 x Administration fee		£8.50
AUG 8	Gdansk – London Luton 06:10 - 07:35 (W6 1601)	
WIZZ Go fare		
1 x Flight ticket		£133.49
1 x Bundle price		£38.36
1 x Administration fee		£8.50
We do not charge you any taxes. Airport and fuel charges included in the base price		
PASSENGERS		
SEATS		
SERVICES		
PAYMENT		
TOTAL	£369.30	GBP





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

We have planned various adventurous activities and cultural experiences. This is the current plan:-

	Sat 31st July	Sun 1st August	Mon 2nd August	Tues 3rd August
MORNING	Travelling	Ikarus Bus WWII & Communist History Tour	Gdynia Adventure Park (Archery, Zip Trek, Ninja Rope Park, Quad Biking)	Visit to World Scout Jamboree
AFTERNOON		European Solidarity Centre		
EVENING		Pixel XL	St. Dominic's Fair	AmberSky Wheel
	Wed 4th August	Thurs 5th August	Fri 6th August	Sat 7th August
MORNING	Kayaking in Kashubia (followed by cooking sausages around campfire)	Elbląg Canal	Aqua Park Reda	Travelling
AFTERNOON		Malbork Castle	Sopot (Museum of Illusions, Pier, Souvenir Shopping)	
EVENING	St. Dominic's Fair		Pizza & Pirate Ship Party	





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Ikarus Bus WWII & Communist History Tour

A bespoke tour just for us! We will explore Gdansk from the deck of a vintage Ikarus bus from 1989. First stop will be Westerplatte. From 1926 to 1939, it was the location of a Polish Military Transit Depot, sanctioned within the territory of the **Free City of Danzig** (now Gdańsk). The first shots of the Second World War were fired at the Battle of Westerplatte which began at 0450hrs on the 1 September 1939. We will see some of the remains of the battle and the memorials to the brave defenders of the peninsula.

We then jump forward 50 years to the fall of communism and find out about when the Iron Curtain first started to crumble after the strikes in the Lenin Shipyard. See where Lech Wałęsa signed the final document that ended the strikes, communism in Poland and set it free on to the path of success the country now enjoys.

This is not another boring trip; the history is interesting and told in a very original way.





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

European Solidarity Centre

This museum captivates visitors with its emotionally impactful and authentic atmosphere, thanks to its bold architecture and interactive exhibits. A guided tour will complete our day about learning the history and significant of the place we will call home for the next week. Feel free to ask questions as there no better way to learn about modern history than being in the places it happened!





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Adventure Park Gdynia

We will take the short train ride to Gdynia for a few hours of awesome activities.

Zip Trek

A specially prepared overhead route runs between the forest path, three trees, and the terrace in front of the Adventure Park reception building, with a total length of approximately 500 meters. The zip line elements are located above the horse paddock, and from various trees, you can admire beautiful views stretching out over the Gdańsk Bay.



Archery

The varied size and draw of the bows allow guests to test their accuracy from as young as 4 years old. The placement of six covered and illuminated shooting stations allows for the enjoyment of the activity by a wider group, regardless of weather conditions or season.





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Adventure Park Gdynia continued...

Quad Biking

A properly secured and adapted circular track, along with reputable equipment tailored to the participant's age, allows for safe fun from the age of six. The constant presence and supervision of a qualified instructor give the youngest participants the opportunity to take their first steps in motorsport.



Ninja Rope Park

How does it feel to fly like Tarzan? Can the climbing wall be horizontal? Triangles or squares? What's better – slalom or zigzag? You'll find the answers to these and more questions during your journey through the aerial course of the Ninja Rope Park! It consists of several custom obstacles mounted between the treetops, ranging in height from approximately 2 to 4 meters.





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Gdynia Beach

After the adrenaline of the adventure park, we will walk to the beach to chill out and play games - and probably a bit of splashing in the sea too!





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Visit to World Scout Jamboree

We will take a coach to Sobieszewska Island for a day at the Jamboree. There will be a special programme for visitors and access to various parts of the site to see what is happening during the event.





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

AmberSky Wheel

The attraction is called "AMBERSKY," in a reference to Gdańsk's natural treasure – amber, for which the city is famous worldwide. The enormous Ferris wheel allows residents and visitors from outside the region to experience the charms of Gdańsk in a new, thrilling way, offering a completely different perspective on the Old Town, the Gdańsk Amber Stadium, the shipyard with its historic cranes, the moraine hills, and even the distant Hel Peninsula





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Kayaking in Kashubia

Known for its breath-taking natural landscapes, Kashubia offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in serene beauty and tranquillity. This kayaking journey is not just a sporty endeavour, but a chance to connect with nature in one of Poland's most beautiful areas. This experience promises an unforgettable day of exploration and enjoyment. It will end with a campfire and sausages.





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Elbląg Canal

We take to the water on a canal cruise from the Buczyniec Slope to Jelenie. However, it is not just on water, as the boat goes over land! It is one of the most original tourist attractions in the country and a unique experience everyone most do at least once.





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Malbork Castle

After the canal cruise it is then onto the castle of the Teutonic Order for a tour. It was built in the 13th century and significantly expanded in the 14th century. It is the largest brick-built castle in the world.





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Aqua Park Reda

It's back on a train to Reda to the only water park in Poland where a thrilling slide takes you through a tunnel under a real shark aquarium! Feel the rush on the AquaSpinner, and admire the underwater world in the "Deep Blue" diving pool. Ride the waves in the wave pool, float along the 315m "Water River", relax in the "Volcano" jacuzzi, and enjoy the family slides.





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Sopot

On the way back from Reda, we will stop at Sopot. Here you will get to go on the longest wooden pier in the world (twinned with Southend), get to discover a world of illusions, a labyrinth of mirrors, a 3D aquarium, a VR zone in the Museum of Illusions and spend some time souvenir shopping.





WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

Pizza & Pirate Ship Party

We finish the week with Pizza before boarding a pirate ship night cruise with live music. Dancing is optional - but encouraged!



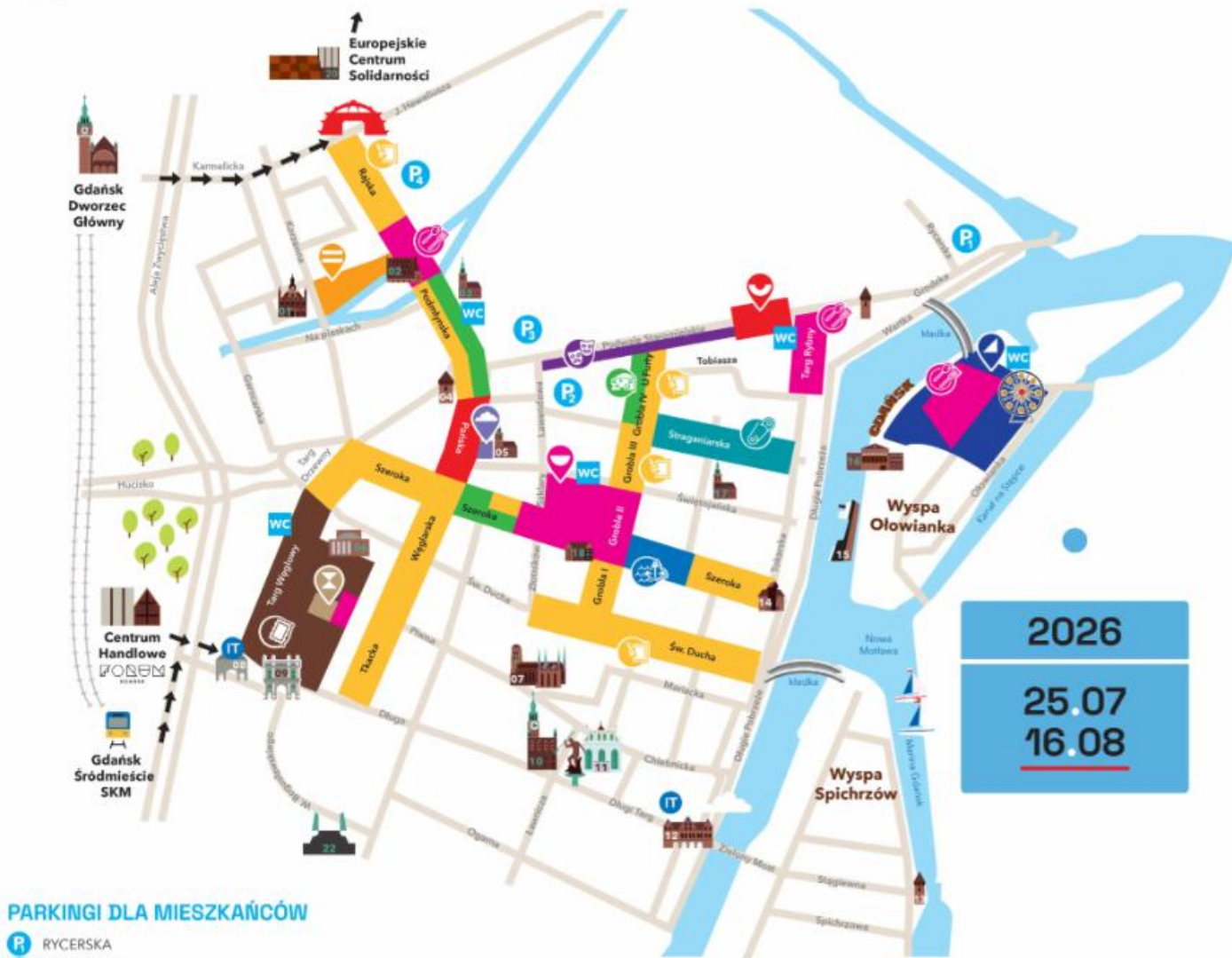


WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

St. Dominics Fair

While we are in Gdansk, the St. Dominics Fair will also be happening. The fair transforms the Old Town into a vibrant open-air festival. This major event features hundreds of stalls with traditional crafts, antiques, local art, and pierogi, alongside daily concerts and street performances.





PARKINGI DLA MIESZKAŃCÓW

- RYCERSKA
- LAWENDOWA
- WZDŁUŻ PODWALA STAROMIEJSKIEGO
- NOT

ZABYTKI / INSTYTUCJE KULTURY

01. Nadbałtyckie Centrum Kultury - Ratusz Staromiejski - STREFA WYTCNIENIOWA
02. Muzeum Bursztynu / Wielki Młyn
03. Kościół św. Katarzyny
04. Baszta Jacek
05. Bazylika św. Mikołaja
06. Teatr Wybrzeże
07. Bazylika Mariacka
08. Brama Wyzynna
09. Brama Złota
10. Muzeum Gdańskie - Ratusz Głównego Miasta
11. Dwór Artusa / Fontanna Neptuna
12. Zielona Brama
13. Baszta Stągiewna
14. Stary Zuraw Portowy
15. Statek Muzeum „Sołdek”
16. Polska Filharmonia Bałtycka im. F. Chopina w Gdańsku
17. Centrum Św. Jana
18. Gdańska Galeria Miejska
19. Biblioteka Pod Żółwiem - STREFA WYTCNIENIOWA
20. Europejskie Centrum Solidarności - STREFA WYTCNIENIOWA
21. Żywe Muzeum Gdańskie
22. Gdański Teatr Szekspirowski

ULICZKI

- RĘKODZIEŁO I ARTYŚCI
- REGIONALNE PRZYSMAKI
- KOLEKCJONERZY I ANTYKI
- FOODCOURT, KUCHNIE ŚWIATA
- POLSCY PROJEKTANCI
- ARTYSTYCZNE PODWALE
- ULICZKA POMORSKA
- ULICZKA WILEŃSKA

STREFY ATRAKCJI, FOODCOURTY

- PRZYSTANEK RÓWNOŚĆ
Skwer Heweliusza, Rajska / SCENA
- PRZYSTANEK U DOMINIKANÓW
STREFA WYTCNIENIOWA
Bazylika św. Mikołaja
- PRZYSTANEK SMAKÓW
Skwer Świętopołka
- PRZYSTANEK PRZYGODA Z AMBERSKY
Podwale Staromiejskie, Targ Rybny / SCENA
- PRZYSTANEK PORT GDAŃSK
POD ŻAGLAMI / Wyspa Ołowianka / SCENA
- PRZYSTANEK RETRO



WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

We have already got some guaranteed prices for 2027 for activities etc. and have secured some funding to bring the cost down. This means at the current exchange rate the cost is estimated at £498. If it is slightly more, then there will be an additional payment in July 2027 to cover the excess.

Payments will be collected by monthly Standing Order only (unless exceptional circumstances).

WHAT DOES THE COST INCLUDE?

The fee of £498 includes, accommodation, all meals, activities, trips, tours, days out, uniform badge, and T-shirt(s).



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

The cost does not include flights, UK airport transfers or ETIAS. We will run a number of events again such as the Car Show and Light Trail to raise the needed funds for the airport transfers. We would expect all those going on the trip to support these events and encourage friends and family to come along.

Once flights are on sale, we will work out the best combination of coach\airport\flights. We will try and offer fundraising opportunities to cover the costs. As previously shown, the current cheapest flights are from Stansted. With checked in luggage they are £272.

With expected grants, we should be able to subsidise flights between £50 - £100 per person.

ETIAS (if running by the time we go)

UK nationals are required to have a valid ETIAS travel authorisation if they travel to any of the European countries requiring ETIAS for a short-term stay. When applying using the official ETIAS website, you will be charged a fee of €20. Applicants who are under 18 or over 70 years of age are exempt from this payment.



WHAT ARE THE PAYMENTS?

This is the payment schedule for the trip. All payments are non-refundable (unless we cancel the trip) and will be via standing order only. We will only accept cash\cheque payment in exceptional circumstances as we are still having problems with people paying by the deadline each month for trips and activities.

Deposit (by end of May 2026)	- £30	28 th December 2026	- £36
28 th June 2026	- £36	28 th January 2027	- £36
28 th July 2026	- £36	28 th February 2027	- £36
28 th August 2026	- £36	28 th March 2027	- £36
28 th September 2026	- £36	28 th April 2027	- £36
28 th October 2026	- £36	28 th May 2027	- £36
28 th November 2026	- £36	28 th June 2027	- £36

Did you know that all the leaders\volunteers also pay full price for international trips to keep the cost as low as possible for the Scouts?



FUNDRAISING IDEAS

As we are likely to be flying with a budget airline, we will have to pay the cost of the flights in full at the time of booking.

However, to ease the cost we will pay for these and ask to be paid back in full in 3 or 4 monthly payments. During this period (or before), those going will be encouraged to do fundraising either by themselves or opportunities we will give them.



Stronger Starts.



We have been chosen to be one of the organisations to vote for at Witham Tesco in their next round of Community Grant Schemes.

Voting will commence in store from the 28th April 2026 and continue until 31st July 2026.

If you shop there or know friends and family that do, please encourage them to pick up a token and put in our box.

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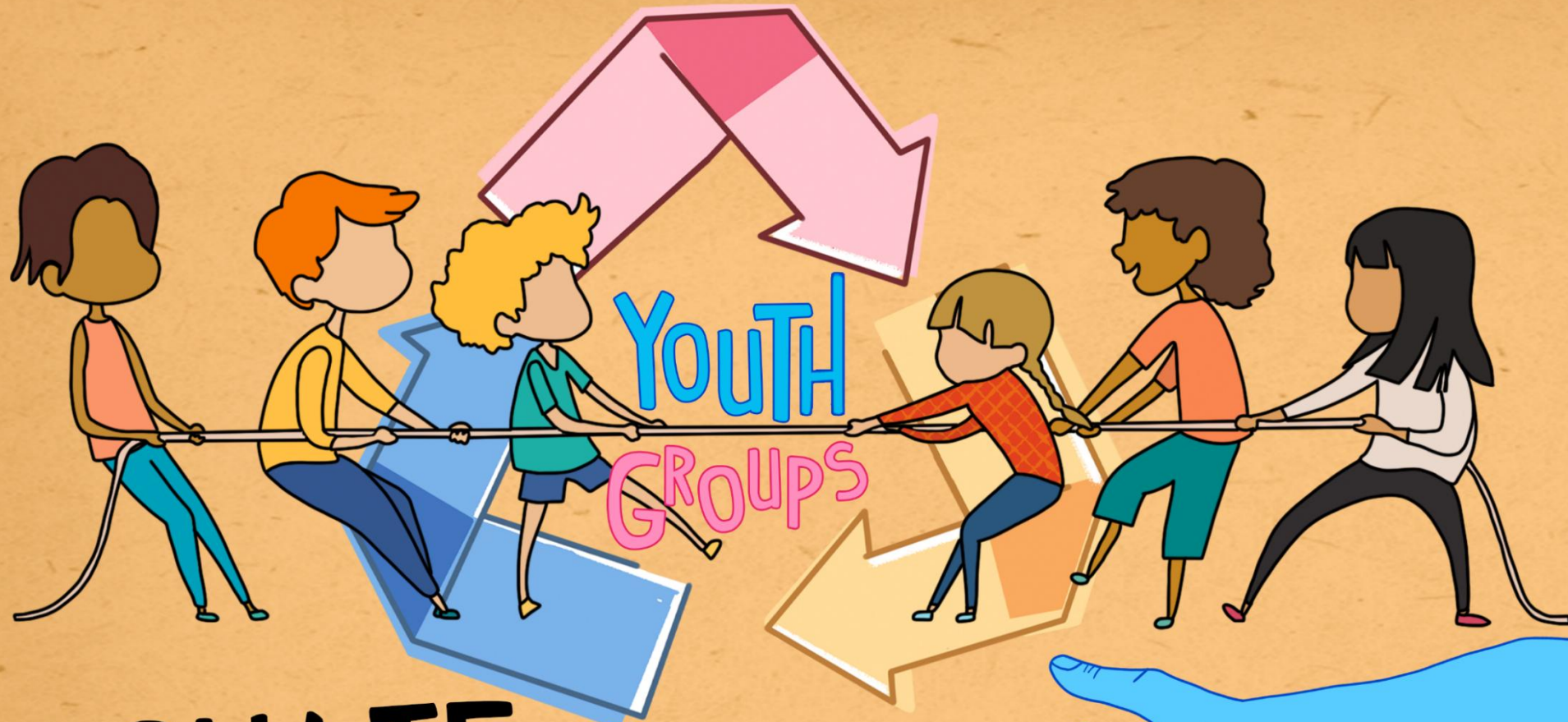
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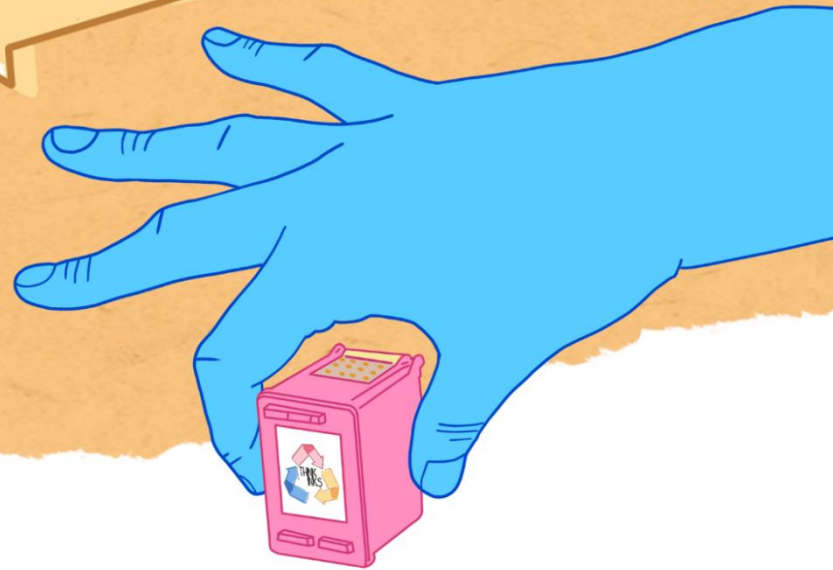
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Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone



**DONATE
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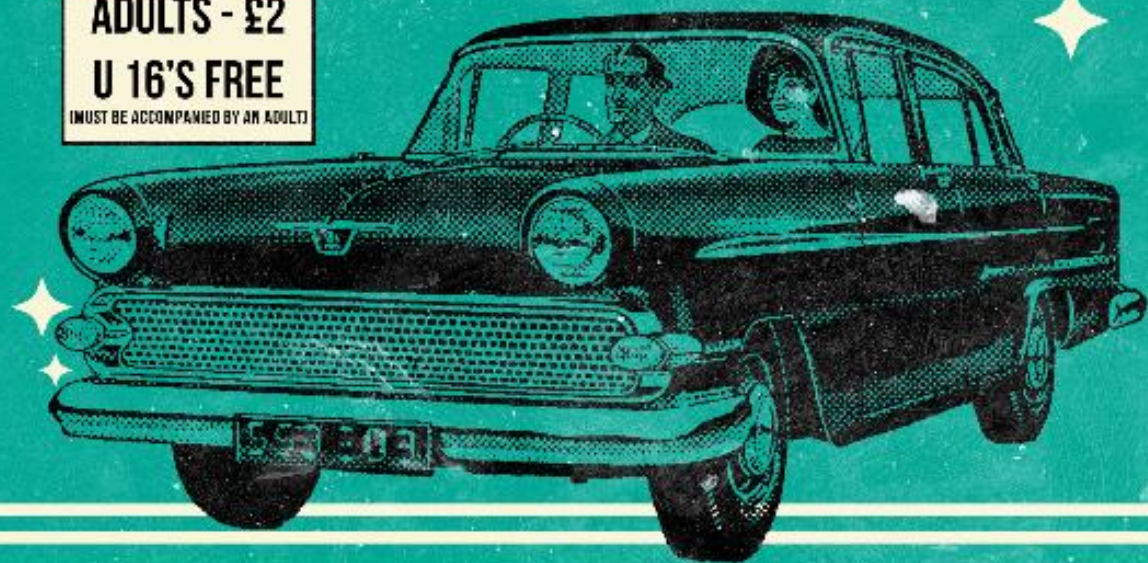
1ST SILVER END SCOUTS PRESENTS

CLASSIC CAR ²⁰²⁷ Show

ADULTS - £2

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(MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)





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3rd & 4th October 2026



LIGHT TRAIL

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER
4.30PM - 6.30PM

SILVER END SCOUT HQ, SILVER STREET

FREE ENTRY

(Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult)

**Come and take a wander through various
light displays - some made by the children**

**There could be the colourful, weird,
wonderful and nostalgic**

There will also be a number of stalls selling refreshments

* image shown is not of the event

This is a fundraising event to help with the cost of international experiences in 2027



HOW TO BOOK A PLACE

To book a place, fill in and return the booking form **with the £30 deposit** no later than end of May 2026. Don't leave it until the last minute though as all places could be filled by then!

CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO 'SCOUT TOURS'
(we will accept a postdated cheque)

SUBS MUST ALSO BE UP TO DATE TO SECURE A PLACE
(we can now easily check this in OSM)

If you are successful in receiving a place, you will be sent a receipt and a standing order to fill out for all further payments.(note it will be different to the account you normally use for activities, camps and subs so please check the details before transferring).

If payments or paperwork needed for the trip are not returned by the deadline, we reserve the right to exclude the participant and no refund given.

