

Hello, I'm Daz, a 1st year Engineering Doctorate Student at Loughborough University, which means I'm also a member of SCOGUI. I have previously completed an undergraduate degree also at Loughborough University. I've been a SSAGO member for around 5 years.

For experience, I've previously been the SSAGO Publicity Officer 05-06 and more recently I am the current SSAGO Chairperson. In addition to my SSAGO experience I am also working with the UK advisor for Scout Network and national Network projects. I have been in Scouting since starting as a cub. Currently I am an Assistant Scout Leader and Network member. In addition I am a duty warden at a local Scout and Guide campsite.

I have a good knowledge of the constitution and policy documents having been involved in the writing of many. More recently SSAGO has seen many changes to way in operates the most significant the manor in which it CRB checks its members. I believe it would be useful to have some consistency at this point to iron out and issues or misunderstanding of this new process.

To help achieve this I would like to follow up the idea producing factsheets, by working on producing these over year. Members and previous execs have been expressing concern at the workload on the current exec positions. I would like to run a consultation on proposed constitutional changes before updating the constitution in time for the new positions to be elected at the new AGM. Currently I have the idea of introducing a new tier to the exec of executive assistant. These positions would have a specific role with a line manager being one of the current exec positions. The new positions I would propose are; website; merchandise; and national events. The changes in operation have also increased the work load of the exec with all the new notifications. As such I would like to introduce the assistant position of notifications, who would look after all the Nights Away and Adventurous Activities notifications.

Our representatives at Girlguiding UK have changed quite a bit recently. I would like to open more communication with Girlguiding UK, which the possibility of running a monthly chat with both Girlguiding UK and The Scout Association.

There are quite a few people interested in reinstating witan (an international version of a rally). I believe this to be a good idea; I would like to follow this up this year. The secretary has been in contact with SAGGA finding more information about the funding and organisation. Hopefully this year (2008) we will be able to formalise a team to take this idea forward.