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## SOWA Discovery Weekend 2025

I am delighted to launch the Scouts of the World Award (SOWA) for 2025. SOWA is a Scout Network only award that gives Network members the chance to undertake a project of their choice within the themes of Peace, Environment and Sustainability and act on their chosen issue. More details about the award can be found on the Scouts UK Website [here](#).

In February, I will be hosting the **2025 SOWA Discovery Weekend** along with a team of excellent SOWA Trainers. If you are between the ages of 18 to 25 years old, you can attend and start your award journey.

**Date:** Friday, 7 February (7 PM) – Sunday, 9 February (2 PM)

**Location:** Crawfordsburn Activity Centre (Indoor Residential)

**Cost: £26.50** (cover trainers, food, and accommodation)

**Please note:** Participants will pay £26.50, with additional funding being sought from Districts. (Further details will be provided to applicants after they have booked for the event)

### Registration

To apply to attend the Discovery Weekend, **please register via the Scouts NI website [here](#).**

Since SOWA was launched in Northern Ireland in 2018, over 50 Scout Network members have attended a Discovery Weekend with many having begun and completed their SOWA Projects. The newest recipients received their certificates and badges at the NI Awards Ceremony on Friday, 3 January 2025.

More information for applicants will follow.

*Yours in Scouting,*

*Emma Webster*

[NI SOWA Coordinator](#)

## SOWA Discovery Outline Programme

### Friday

- 19:00** Arrival / Housekeeping
- 19:30** Introduction to SOWA
- 20:00** Icebreakers
- 20:30** Introduction to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Supper**

### Saturday

#### **Breakfast**

- Morning** SDG modules:
- Sustainable Development
  - Peace
  - Environment

#### **Lunch**

- Afternoon** Review
- Project management – Practical Activity
  - Emotions – Behaviour Discussion
  - Conflict – Role Play
  - Prejudice – Train Carriage Discussion
  - Problem Solving / Planning

#### **Dinner**

- Project Ideas – Round table

#### **Supper**

### Sunday

#### **Breakfast**

- Review
- Administration
- Guest Speakers and SOWA Project Preparations
- Dragon's Den – Presentation / Discussion

#### **Lunch**