

# Join the NSGSO 2017!

Stourbridge, 30th July - 6th August

Do you play an orchestral or concert band instrument? Are you a member of The Scout Association or Girlguiding? Are you aged between 12 and 25? Then we want to hear from you!

Following the massive success of the new Concert Band in 2016 and increased applications over the last few years for the Symphony Orchestra we are inviting applications for both ensembles again in 2017

Both courses include a week of rehearsals and workshops with a professional conductor and sectional tutors alongside social activities and we want you to join us!

For more information and to apply go to:

**[apply.nsgso.com](http://apply.nsgso.com)**  
or email [enquiries@nsgso.com](mailto:enquiries@nsgso.com)

Applications close on  
December 10th, so don't  
wait - apply now!





## The National Scout & Guide Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band **STOURBRIDGE 2017**

We are really pleased to announce that applications for the 2017 NSGSO course are now open. We are taking applications for both the Orchestra and Concert Band. The closing date is midnight on Saturday 10 December. I would be really grateful if you could ensure that this email and flier are circulated as widely as possible amongst young people aged 12-25 in your county, district, group or unit. Last year 115 young people attended - a record year and we hope to take even more in 2017 so please encourage individuals to apply.

The course and concerts are based in Stourbridge, West Midlands and run from Sunday 30 July - Sunday 6 August 2017. The course is hosted by Birmingham Scout County in conjunction with Girlguiding Birmingham.

### **NSGSO Orchestra and NSGSO Concert Band**

The Orchestra is now in its 42nd year, and after the success last year of forming the Concert Band it will again be run alongside the Orchestra. So there is a choice of 2 ensembles to apply for. There is slightly different criteria for each - please see below and also our website for specific information.

#### **The NSGSO Course**

The NSGSO meets every year for a fantastic week's course of music and social activities led by professional tutors and conductors and hosted by 6 staff members. The course will be held in Stourbridge from Sunday 30 July to Sunday 6 August 2017. During the week the Concert Band will perform 2 concerts in the community and also their main Saturday lunch time concert on 5th August. They will also have the opportunity to take part in the two concerts with the Orchestra as guest artistes. For the Orchestra the week will culminate in two evening concerts in Birmingham on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th August with the Concert Band as guest artists. Both the Orchestra and the Concert Band will also play a joint piece together at the Friday and Saturday evening concerts. Alex Peace Gadsby, England Commissioner is already booked to attend the concert on Saturday evening 5th August.

To see for yourself what the NSGSO course involves watch our short promotional film [NSGSO Promotional Video](#)

**Our aim is to make sure that this email and flier reaches as many young people as possible.**

The NSGSO had its 40th anniversary concert in 2015 but we are still not as widely known as we would like. Please could you circulate via email/Facebook groups/county websites/tweet etc. We would be most grateful.

**To apply for the 2017 NSGSO Course and to find out lots more detail go to [apply.nsgso.com](http://apply.nsgso.com)**

**The closing date for applications is midnight on Saturday 10th December.**

**For the Orchestra all applicants must be:**

- A Member of the The Scout Association or Girlguiding.
- Aged 13-25 by 31 August 2017
- Proficient player of a least one orchestral instrument (Grade 5 or above)

*Please note*

- 1. String players who are Grade 4 may be accepted under certain circumstances.*
- 2. Applicants between the ages of 26-30 will be considered in the event that a section is under-subscribed.*

**For the Concert Band all applicants must be:**

- A Member of the The Scout Association or Girlguiding.
- Aged 12-25 by 31 August 2017
- Proficient player of a least one concert band instrument (Grade 4 or above)

Details of all instruments are on the website at [apply.nsgso.com](http://apply.nsgso.com)

**Further Information**

The cost of the course has been kept the same as last year at £490, payable in four instalments. The course cost includes full board, accommodation, rehearsals and workshops with a professional conductor and sectional tutors, uniform for new members, transportation during the week and social activities. You just need to transport yourself to Stourbridge and after that everything else is paid for. We can pick you up from Stourbridge station or Birmingham airport.

For help with funding applicants should contact their group first, then district and then county. Applicants can of course do their own fundraising for this event. We can help you with contact details if you would like to email.

For anyone wishing to use this course for their DofE, QSA or QGA residential then this year must be the first time that they have attended.

Please do email me at [jill@nsgso.com](mailto:jill@nsgso.com) with any queries that you have.

The closing date is Saturday 10th December

Thank you,

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