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TURNING VISION INTO REALITY

Dear Brother and Sister Scouts,

"How do I want to see young people and the world in the near future?"

It is a question most leaders ask themselves daily. As leaders, we dream and envision them as very successful and important world leaders — visionary leaders. However, our thoughts and dreams will not ensure this... our actions will.

Scouting offers the opportunity for young people, guided by adults, to learn leadership skills, and values through Scouting programmes and fun activities to be active citizens. As 21st century Scout leaders and Scouts, we have before us our Vision 2023: "By 2023 Scouting will be the world's leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities and in the world based on shared values."

A vision to translate into reality. We will only achieve this if we are committed, enthusiastic, passionate and knowledgeable, with the strength of will and with focus. We will not only increase our membership but inspire them as we share our message about Scouting in the 21st century and beyond.

Throughout history, visionary leaders have emerged, most of them having had the Scouting experience.

Our greatest example is our founder, Baden-Powell, who began the Scout Movement with only 20 boys in the United Kingdom, which has spread globally and is now active in more than 220 countries and territories across the world. This is an example of a visionary leader!

As I ponder over the names of Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Wangari Muta Maathai and Bear Grylls, many other great men and women come to mind. Indeed, we need not look too far — we come across great visionary leaders everywhere — at home, at work places, schools, communities and also within our Movement.

They are leaders who have inspired us to make us believe in ourselves and inspire others. Many volunteers of the Scout Movement are committed to work at the regional and world level, investing their time, talent and resources to work on the strategic priorities of our Vision, to make it relevant and to meet global challenges of today. These are visionary leaders.

Our foremost aim is to help create a world of peace. A world where young people in Scouting are developed to be useful to themselves and their communities.

As we reach out to young people, we are also faced with local and global challenges — streetism, hunger, climate change, refugees, wars, conflicts and so on.

We, therefore, have a duty to reach out to young people with our non-formal education programme. Our flagship initiative, Messengers of Peace, as well as Scouts of the World Award, and World Scout Environment Programme are programmes that come together to help us make positive change and create a better world. We become visionary leaders.

Through these programmes, young people will have the opportunity to use all the skills acquired and in their own small ways, create solutions for the global challenges. From taking action to feed the poor, combating hunger through small scale food production, ensuring dialogue, peace and respect among different faiths, to feeding, clothing and accommodating refugees — it is only achieved by visionary leaders.

Our zeal and commitment should be unparalleled. Our strategic actions, innovative. Let's look beyond the present and make our Movement globally relevant to young people even after a century.

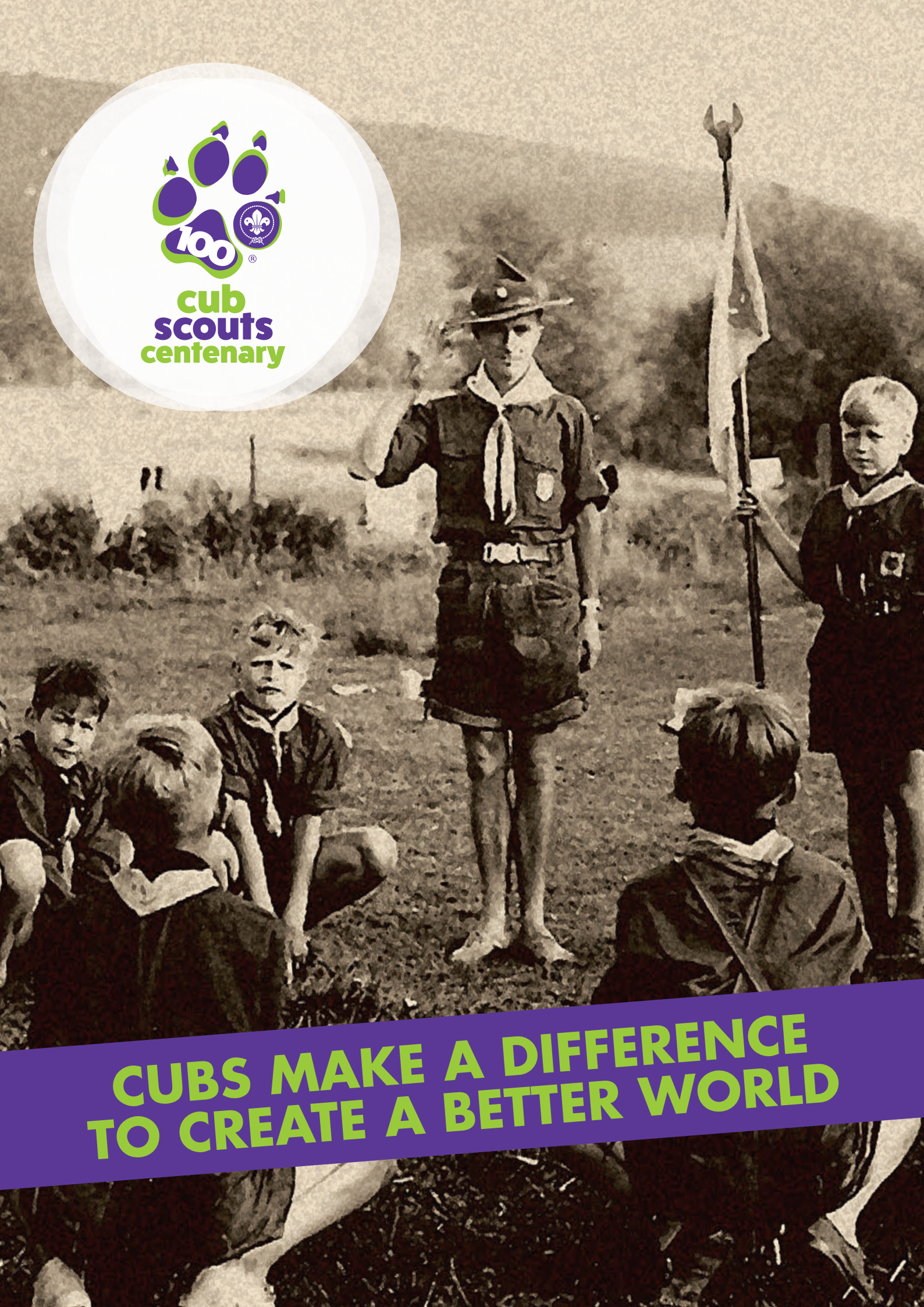
Our determination and commitment to achieving a better world is even more crucial now than ever. We have a world to change! A vision to translate into reality. Together as visionary leaders we create a BETTER WORLD.

The world community can count on us!



JEMIMA NARTEY

Vice Chairperson
World Scout Committee



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TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD**

WHAT CAN YOU FIND HERE

Throughout the world, Scouts work towards establishing peace and making a positive impact in their communities in many different ways. Featured in the following pages are selected projects chosen for their critical importance to the communities involved, or because they represent an effective model for action, or because they are so inspiring they will encourage other Scouts to take even greater actions in their home communities.

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"But the real way
to get happiness is by giving
out happiness

to other people."

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SCOUTING — REACHING OUT TO ALL AND MAKING AN IMPACT

Each week, in any local community, Scouts are making a difference — they are making a social impact! We know this when we visit Facebook, engage with the media or see the range of diverse activities in which our young people are involved. However, can we state that it is effective, sustainable or beneficial to all involved?

Some youth members may be creating a social impact through the completion of their badge work while others may be undertaking specific service projects aimed at ensuring improvements in a community. From our earliest years in Scouting, we learn to appreciate the value of doing a Good Turn daily and helping others. Through undertaking the many activities in the Youth Programme, the youth member undertakes many service and community projects; and through involvement in these diverse activities, Scouts are making a social impact while learning to become global citizens.

Social impact is a key part of achieving the Scout Movement's Vision 2023, which seeks an increase in the Movement "to 100 million young people who are active citizens creating positive change" by 2023. In August 2014, at the World Scout Conference held in Slovenia, measuring the social impact of Scouting was identified as a key theme to be undertaken during the Triennium 2014 to 2017. The Reaching Out to All (ROTA) Workstream was established to address this.

The ROTA team members who were working at the Better World tent at the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan, were amazed by the feedback they received from more than 5,000 young people, who individually identified service projects they were undertaking in more than 4,000 locations! Each of these projects were mapped out on a world map, which demonstrated the extent that Scouts are making a social impact globally in local communities in over 200 countries and territories!

But what do we mean by the term social impact? For Scouting's purposes, social impact is the effect a Scouting activity has on individuals and their families within a community and wider, as well as the Scouting members involved in planning and

implementing this activity. This means that Scouting makes a direct impact at the individual and the community, as well as perhaps at the institutional level. For each youth member, this is the direct impact that Scouting has on his/her personal development (skills and abilities) as well as his/her socio-emotional development (behaviours and attitudes) towards becoming better citizens.

At the community level, this is the impact the actions of Scouts may have in improving the lives of people in that location. At the institutional level, which could include the national and international areas, members of Scouting can play an active part in shaping national debate, policies and opinions on matters such as youth employment, environment and inclusive practices.

It is critical however, to remember firstly, that any activity undertaken in Scouting occurs mainly to assist each youth member to become an active, responsible and empowered citizen. This is the purpose of Scouting. The selection of community activities is secondary to the personal development of each Scout but it is an important aspect, as this is how the young person develops the skills, attitudes and abilities he/she needs in order to develop fully. While the focus is at the individual level for the youth member, it makes an impact on the adult involved as well. It is important that we get serious about measuring the social impact we are making in Scouting. This will assist us in many ways including improving the quality of our Youth Programme, as the activities selected should increase the relevance to young people, and give a sense of purpose for the communities selected.

By measuring our impact, Scouting can contribute in a meaningful way to challenging situations in local communities and in doing so, help create a better world. It can assist our members to better understand, communicate and target our support to specific communities, as well as demonstrate the relevance of Scouting to other people and groups such as parents, peers, other young people, the government, various institutions, donors and potential new adult volunteers.



PETER BLATCH

Chair, Reaching Out To All
Workstream (ROTA)
Member, World Scout Committee

Scouting plays a changing role in different societies. While activities in one given country might create significant impact, this same project may not be appropriate or acceptable in another. It is essential that Scouting uses flexible and adaptable models suitable and appropriate to each culture to measure its impact. Any model selected, must recognise the diversity of our Movement, and consider the various ways Scouting achieves its impact, and reflect the specific societal, economical, and cultural circumstances.

To assist Scouting in measuring our social impact, the ROTA Workstream is currently establishing a partnership with an educational or social entrepreneurial institution. Collectively, we will develop a toolkit for measuring social impact for National Scout Organizations (NSOs) with a view to trialling this in selected NSOs, to seek feedback and be ready with an updated version by the 41st World Scout Conference in 2017. The Workstream looks forward to sharing this with you soon!

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FRAMEWORK

The Scout Movement has a commitment of “creating a better world”. This is about community involvement through Scouting, whereby the society stands to benefit from the Scout Movement which empowers young people around the world to become responsible and committed citizens in their society. The Better World Framework becomes an inspirational call for action for Scouts, non-Scouts and the community to join efforts.



Through the Better World Framework, we would like to encourage National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and young people to contribute to the positive development of their communities, including opportunities for volunteering, internships, community service, and partnership projects with other non-governmental organisations (NGOs), civil society and the private sector.



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We want to highlight the potential of the Movement’s world programmes, national programmes and community actors joining efforts and collaborating to achieve the big idea of “creating a better world”, inspiring others to take part in the journey.



Food for Life

Young people motivated by an active citizen mindset will then become a Global Network of Service inspired to take action — just as what Baden-Powell had envisioned in the early days of the Movement. One single project can jointly recognise one or more of the programmes. The world programmes and local programmes are similar to a basket of fruits — you may prefer to eat one favourite type of fruit, or you may eat all the fruits — the decision is up to you.

As part of our commitment, and as a result of our efforts, Scouts permanently contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through our continuous and collaborative actions, we contribute to achieve a higher purpose for our global society.



Learn more about the Scout Movement’s world programmes and the Better World Framework at scout.org and from your NSO.



EQUIPPING THE COMMUNITY WITH LIFE SKILLS

To combat food scarcity in Africa, Scout groups in this continent had initiated the Food For Life (FFL) project to help the population produce enough food for their family and generate income as well.

The aim of the project (which was introduced in 2003), is to equip Scouts and young people with agricultural skills to produce their own food, and with entrepreneurial skills to generate income from agriculture. National project coordinators are also trained to provide support and training to Scouts at the local level.

Participants of this project get to learn methods to successfully grow vegetable and crop species, harvest the crop, develop a simple business plan and maintain records to make farming an income generating activity.

Since then, the project has been introduced to Rover Patrols in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Malawi and South Sudan. Other countries that have

implemented or are implementing the project include Burundi, Benin, Kenya, Lesotho, Niger, South Africa and Uganda.

In Ethiopia, the Biruh Tesfa School Scouts in Debre Birhan Scout Council have been helping more than 180 orphans and kids from financially poor family in their society through this project since 2013. The income from the sales of the vegetables had financially supported a Scout to receive full medical treatment for her illness, and supported other financially-challenged Scouts with their medical needs as well.



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AFRICA

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HIGHLIGHTS



CREATING A BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The 1st Gordons Bay and 1st Somerset West Scout Troops in South Africa built a large Jungle Gym for the Nomzamo Primary School. They tried to use as much recycled materials as possible, such as using an old ladder to make monkey bars, cutting the rims of tyres and bolted them together to form a climbing net, and using an old net from the beach as a large hammock and climbing net.

They also filled veggie boxes with compost and potting soil, planted two small rectangular boxes with vegetable seeds and an old tractor tyre with sweet potatoes. The Scouts set up a geodesic dome as a structure to grow granadilla fruit to provide fruits and nutrient to the school children and later, provide shade for the children during summer.

 scout.org/node/146181



"I CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE" PEACE TALKS

In November 2015, the first ever Nairobi Peace Talks were held at the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON). Jointly organised by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) of Kenya and Interpeace entitled "I Contribute to Peace", the sessions provided an opportunity for people from various parts of the country and from different backgrounds to share their personal stories and experiences in contributing towards a more peaceful society. During the Peace Talks, speakers from different sectors shared their personal stories, ideas and practical solutions to build peace. They began in 2013, with the first ever Geneva Peace Talks co-organised by the United Nations Office in Geneva, the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform and Interpeace. The presence of the Scout Movement was very evident with a delegation consisting of the Chief Scout Francis ole Kaparo, who is also the chairperson of NCIC, the Chief Commissioner, National Programme and Training Commissioners, National Executive Commissioner of Kenya Scouts Association, and the Youth Programme Manager from the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre.

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SCOUTS SAY NO TO XENOPHOBIA

Xenophobia is the unreasoned or irrational dislike, fear or hatred of that which is perceived to be foreign or strange. (According to Wikipedia, Xenophobia can manifest itself in many ways involving the relations and perceptions of a group of people towards another, including the fear of losing identity, suspicion of its activities, aggression, and desire to eliminate its presence to secure a presumed purity. It can also be exhibited in the form of an "uncritical exaltation of another culture" in which a culture is ascribed "an unreal, stereotyped and exotic quality".)

Recently, there have been many xenophobic attacks reported in South Africa against people from other nationalities. This situation has led to the death and injuries of many people. Over 2,000 others have also been displaced.

To help make the situation better, Scouts of South Africa have been promoting good citizenship without taking strong political stands. In response to these attacks, the Scouts have been supporting a national campaign by LEAD SA to say no to xenophobia. As part of their duty to others, Scouts living in areas where people have been attacked are providing shelter and/or food where needed to people displaced by the violence.

The Scouts are upholding and protecting human rights. Every person has a right to be safe from harm. Scouting remains a social force that promotes multiculturalism, peace, brotherhood and concern for others, leading to constructive contribution to our communities and countries. The Scouts demonstrated the commitment to holding the values of diversity and inclusion and that a Scout is a friend to all!

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MAKE DIALOGUE FOR PEACE A DAILY PRACTICE

On 21 September each year, people from all walks of life come together to commemorate International Day of Peace. Last year, the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre joined Kenya Scouts Association at an event organised by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) alongside a host of other stakeholders to celebrate this day.

The theme for the year "Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All" highlighted the importance of all segments of society to work together to strive for peace. It called for all stakeholders — governments, civil society, the private sector, faith-based groups, other non-governmental organisations and individuals — to be actively involved in supporting and promoting the attainment and preservation of a peace culture.

Speaking at the event, Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo, Chief Scout of Kenya Scouts Association and Chair of National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), urged all nations to make the dialogue for peace a daily one stating that it is the responsibility of every citizen to protect the peace experience in their countries. He thanked the young people for taking up the responsibility to secure their future by advocating peaceful coexistence in Kenya.

He further urged the young people of the nation to join the Scout Movement and join the over 1 million Scouts carrying the banner of peace around the country as ambassadors of peace.

Meanwhile, the guest of honor, Cabinet Secretary Hon. Dr. Hassan Wario, made a call to young people to reflect on the importance and ideals of peace and asked stakeholders to engage them in the dialogue for peace.

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DIALOGUE FOR PEACE PROGRAMME:

THE SCOUT MOVEMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF INTERWORLD, INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

The Scout Movement has over a century of experience building change in communities — beginning at the local, then going up to the national, regional and global levels. A network of 40 million young people, committed to being exemplary members of society, has an almost unlimited capacity to change the world.

This network, and the values behind the Scout Movement, as well as the long history of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in mediation and peacebuilding, are the reasons the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID), as early as 2012, sought its expertise and partnership promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue among youth. Today, KAICIID and the Scout Movement are well on the way to achieving the goal of making the dialogue traits of Scouting more visible, and integrating the 7 Principles of Dialogue into the global Scout Movement.

The Scouts are a natural partner for KAICIID because of their commitment to building a peaceful world through engagement and education of young people that promotes young people as constructive members of society. Together, KAICIID and WOSM believe that they can promote peace at the grassroots level by giving Scouts the capacity to build local dialogue initiatives from within the Scout Movement itself to serve their local communities and beyond.

In fact, the links between our two organisations go back even further than 2012. KAICIID's Secretary General, Faisal Bin Muaammar, is on the directorate of WOSM, and has served on the Board of the World Scout Foundation. In addition, there are also several dedicated Scout leaders among the staff in KAICIID.

Building cooperation between divided communities comes naturally to the Scouts — in Ireland, the Philippines, India, Pakistan, or Nigeria, Scouts have worked with local communities to build bridges of dialogue through the Messengers of Peace Initiative.

Established through a Memorandum of Understanding signed in November 2013, the KAICIID-WOSM partnership builds on these achievements. The partnership already includes dialogue trainings, training of trainers, and the groundbreaking Dialogue Badge.

Throughout the dialogue training for trainers, KAICIID introduces the Scouts to specific dialogue tools and methods so that they can facilitate and conduct interworld, interreligious and intercultural dialogues within their communities. The training of trainers provides the new trainers or "Dialogue Patrol" the skills to design and implement trainings and to bring this knowledge back to their local and regional Scouting communities throughout all six regions of WOSM.





KAICIID and WOSM are also collaborating in designing the Dialogue Programme and Badge, which builds the framework for all dimensions of dialogue within the Scout learning system to reward Scouts who incorporate dialogue in their everyday life.

This year, the manuals built from the trainings of the trainers and booklet for the Dialogue Programme and Badge will be tested regionally — drawing from ongoing projects within the Scout Movement and implementing and evaluating new projects. This testing will ultimately help adapt the Dialogue Programme and Badge booklet and training manuals at the local level for each country.



Lotta Eriksson of TheGoals.org team shares ideas from Scouts on issues they would like to address.



Hello there!

My name is Lotta Eriksson and I work with TheGoals.org in cooperation with the World Organization of the Scout Movement. TheGoals.org is an amazing project that will take the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (undp.org/content/undp/en/home/sdgooverview) or Global Goals as they are called to the young people of the world. Scouts around the world have pledged 1 billion service hours, and TheGoals.org is a new and fun way to learn about the world issues, and how to contribute to the solution.

Imagine working with other Scout troops around the world, on the goals you are most excited about — goals such as ending poverty, creating safer cities or stopping climate change. You can make real change with your troop via your mobile phone. This is what TheGoals.org is all about!

We had the amazing opportunity to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Yamaguchi, Japan, during summer 2015. It was a truly fantastic experience. Getting the opportunity to meet so many Scouts from all around the world, and to see the potential for global change was very inspiring! At the Jamboree we had two stations — one at the Global Development Village, and one in the Better World tent. We talked to over one thousand Scouts about what they would do in their community to create real change. Here are some of their stories:

Moritz, Oliver and Marcel from Germany want to work on matters related to climate change — "We will have a campaign to make all Scouts cycle to meetings to help save the climate!"

Weng, Fu, Natalie, Venus, and Vicky from Macau want to work on gender equality — "There are a lot of sexual harassment incidents but no laws to prevent it. Maybe we can have evening meetings to educate the Beaver Scouts and put up posters to encourage gender equality at schools and in public areas."

Emilio, Rafael, Yahyaa, Le, Josiah, Alex, Graeme, Mark-Anthony and Jeremiah from Trinidad and Tobago want to work on health issues — "We think there should be more focus on health (matters) in our community. We want to organise a Sports Day once a month for young children and include activities that encourage healthy eating."

TheGoals.org will be like one big Jamboree, online on your phone, and in 2016, it will be released to Scouts worldwide. Keep an eye out on scout.thegoals.org for your chance to make real change!

Lots of love,

Lotta Eriksson

Part of the TheGoals.org team

INTEGRATING CHILDREN IN HOT CONFLICT ZONES IN SCOUT ACTIVITIES

The province of South Kordofan, in Sudan, has been in a conflict situation for a very long time. The Scouts in the area decided to help integrate the affected young people and children into the community and to keep them safe from the risk of being involved in violence. The Scouts also wanted to help the affected people adapt to their reconstructed areas, to increase the awareness in the community to renounce violence, and to establish values of peace.

In addition, they identified the most influential areas to establish Scout troops and train adults and young people to provide a suitable work environment, and to encourage enrollment of young people and children into the Scout Movement.

The Scouts served 5,568 community service hours in this nine-month project in 2015.



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ARAB SCOUT REGION HIGHLIGHTS



INSTILLING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Cleaning a community park was a project the Al Sadaqa Palestinian Girl Scouts initiated to help create a sense of responsibility among young people towards protecting the environment.

The 35 Scouts organised a volunteer activity at the Gamal Abdel Nasser Park, an important public facility frequented by city residents and expatriates, and collected harmful waste and trash. In addition, they also discussed children rights and protection, and relevant projects in the future.

This activity, which registered 70 community service hours, is part of the group's plan to initiate a sense of responsibility among Scouts and members of the society, and strengthen their integration skills with the community.

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SUDANESE SCOUTS HELP TO REBUILD SCHOOL WALLS

Undisciplined students from a school in the Tactouk district of the Sennar territory in Sudan were playing truant, easily leaving the school without permission and going out onto the streets. This was due to the demolished wall surrounding the school as a result of intrusion of outlaws, which also destroyed the garden in the school yard.

The local Scouts felt strongly concerned about this problem hence when the principal of the school asked for their help in rebuilding the wall, they gladly assisted. Their kindness gained the admiration of the school employees, students as well as the local residents.

The principal was very grateful and thanked all the Scouts involved. He also hoped for the school to have a Scout troop one day. Through the little acts of kindness, the Sudanese Scouts lived up to the Scout Promise of helping others, and making their community a better place.

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DELIVERING FOOD TO PEOPLE IN NEED

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar where Muslims fast from dawn to sunset to experience the hunger that poor people go through. It is the month of charity and compassion hence the Scout of Kairouan Medina in Tunisia decided to contribute to the community by delivering more than 200 food plates to people in need to break their fast.

This activity taught young people how to help and care about poor people. They got to learn some cooking skills during the cooking process but most importantly, they also learned to abandon the thought of violence and to become a better global citizen.

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HEBRON SCOUT GROUP VOLUNTEERS IN A LONG TERM PROGRAMME FEEDING THE NEEDY

In 2015, Scouts from Hebron Scout Group in the Palestinian city of Hebron had volunteered in a long term programme at the Al-Ibrahimi Hospice to support the needy by providing food on a daily basis. The Scouts are committed to cook, distribute food and serve the beneficiaries. They also believe that such activities will also create peace in the community.

Every Friday, cooked chicken, beef or goat meat, vegetables and over 15,000 loaves of bread were distributed to more than 2,000 people per day. During the month of Ramadan, food was distributed daily to more than 5,000 people. The Scouts had already served over 680 community service hours through this activity and are eager to continue to volunteer and serve the community this year.

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RAISING AWARENESS ON DANGEROUS OBJECTS

Considering the dangerous materials and objects that were left after the war in Gaza, 10 Scout leaders from Gaza Scouts Knights Group initiated an awareness campaign among children to prevent them from approaching suspicious objects and increase their awareness about the hazard, how to deal with it and report it. Through this campaign, themed "Do not approach", they managed to reach 120 kids through 12 intensive training sessions. This initiative was developed based on a previous project initiated in 2009 by UNICEF where these 10 Scout leaders were part of the trainers.

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VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

Leadership is something some people have as part of their nature, but that it is also something Scouting can help people become. You can pull forward the good values in a Scout and help them to understand what leadership is, and it is always about the interaction between people and about the value of understanding people.” — His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden

His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, has a personal experience of the leadership development that Scouting has to offer to young people.

He became a Cub Scout with the name Mowgli in 1955 and a Scout in 1958. Then as Crown Prince, one of his first official duties was to participate in a Scout camp in Sweden at the age of 10. Since then, he has allowed the leadership skills he developed as a Scout, to guide 40 million Scouts worldwide from his position as the Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation and Principal Honorary member of Guides and Scouts of Sweden.

His Majesty, one of 500 million Scouting alumni around the world, can empathise with the leadership skills young people develop in the Scouts. Leadership, he says is “something some people have as part of their nature, but that it is also something Scouting can help people become. You can pull forward the good values in a Scout and help them to understand what leadership is, and it is always about the interaction between people and about the value of understanding people.”

On a recent visit to Asia, to oversee the 60th meeting of the World Scout Foundation board at the World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and on a Scouting field visit to Tacloban in the Philippines, His Majesty talked about the quality of leadership that Scouting offers to so many.

“It is the quality of Scouting that has made it a lasting programme for over 100 years. Without quality, Scouting would not have the membership it has, and it would not be able to aim for 100 million members by 2023.”

However, good leadership is only one quality of Scouting; vision is another, and visionary leadership is the ability of an individual to see the bigger picture and to lead others to achieving it. Scouts, through their actions for peace, for environmental conservation and community action, have the vision to create a better world. By combining their vision and the leadership skills as described, all Scouts are a working example of visionary leadership.

His Majesty is leading by example when it comes to visionary leadership. In 2014 he visited Scouts in Tacloban immediately following Typhoon Haiyan (also known as Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines). The storm had destroyed buildings and left families devastated with grief. In a show of solidarity and support for the people of Tacloban, His Majesty helped the community look beyond the devastation and gave them a vision of what their community could look like in the future.

Two years later, His Majesty revisited Tacloban to find that the seed of vision had taken root, leadership from each Scout in the area can be seen and life was returning to normal.

His Majesty could not believe the extent of the change. “Everything is so green now. On our last visit everything was brown and grey from the flood waters. The rebuilding of the Scout headquarters that was destroyed is coming along and soon will be in operations.” The importance of this visionary leadership is that the building is intended not only to train Scouts to become good citizens, but to prepare them for future natural disasters.

The visionary leadership demonstrated by His Majesty, takes into account the past, to lead the present generations for the benefit of a better future for all in Tacloban and beyond.

SCOUTING OFFERS A TICKET TO LIFE TO STREET CHILDREN



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Ticket to Life (TTL) is a flagship project by the Asia-Pacific Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Launched in 2006, the project addresses the needs of street children through Scouting — to help alleviate poverty, socially integrate young people, and offer education and skills training to empower them to find employment.



The project involves street children, guided and mentored by young but trained volunteer Scout leaders of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines' (BSP) Youth Programme.

Dedicated leaders and street kids themselves deliver life skills intended to help lead the children to a better life off the streets and within the norms of their society. It inspires the street children to learn teamwork and leadership, and assimilate the values of Scouting: "Duty to others" and "Duty to self".

Six years after being actively involved in Scouting, 20-year-old Jerwin Gonzales is the leader of the Ticket to Life — St John Bosco Scout Troop in Malate, Manila. A street child who did drugs and was thrown into jail for theft, and whose life was in shambles, is now responsible for 27 street children between eight and 12 years old in the TTL project. His parents, once feeling hopeless, are now pleased to see the positive change in their eldest son. His sister is also an active Scout in the project, too.



Another street child who joined the programme two years ago is 11-year-old Andrea. She has the heavy responsibility of minding her two-year-old brother after school daily. "Home" to her and her seven siblings, tricycle peddler father and street sweeper mother is on the streets. Despite the very difficult living conditions, Andrea, who's ambition is to be a nurse, is progressing well in school. In a recent school examination, she secured the fourth position in a class of 44 students.

Scouts, as Messengers of Peace, are working closely with Our Lady of Remedies, a Catholic church in Malate, to reach out to the street children through the church's feeding programme and the TTL project.

TTL has also expanded to other countries such as Bangladesh, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and to more than 20 cities and towns in Kenya.



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SPREADING THE PEACE MESSAGE ON A TRAIN

Scouts of Indonesia had come up with a creative way to spread the message of peace... on a train! The project, called Scout Journey for Peace, started in 2014. Several Scouts would board a train from one location and during the journey to the destination they extended the Scouts' spirit and Messengers of Peace message to the passengers through several fun activities. They also distributed information about Scouting and Messengers of Peace to visitors and the public at tourist spots where the train stations are located.

In addition to the topic related to peace, the Scouts also talked about environmental conservation, solar power, and sanitation. Along the way, they also distributed bottles of water to the homeless and street children.

The Scouts completed the journey in January 2016 — from the Cirebon Railway Station to Cilacap in Central Java, Indonesia. This project (10 journeys in total) has made such significant impact that it has received the support from various organisations such as a media company and the Indonesian Railway Company.

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CLOTHE THE GLOBE

This is a new initiative that has been making headway in several regions. Clothe the Globe was an idea that spawned from the 2nd Interamerican Leadership Training held in Texas in December 2014. The participants wanted to facilitate the collection of clothes in their respective countries and contribute to the less fortunate. Today, this has turned into a global mission.

Scouts from the Roosevelt College Rodriguez Senior Scout Movement in the Philippines, for instance, collaborated with several organisations and donated 115 packages of pre-loved clothes, and 125 elementary and secondary books for the school library. The organisations involved included the Rotary Club of Rodriguez (sponsor), Roosevelt College Rodriguez Interact Club and NAVRESCOM, Inc, assisted by the Alpha Company, 2nd Infantry Division of the Philippine Army and Philippine National Police's Special Action Force, and with the special participation of Marine Group of Jean Cassard - des Compas de Navigation of the Scout Association of France.

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DIALOGUE WITH THE HOMELESS

Lack of housing is one of the crucial concerns in Hong Kong. There are thousands of people who are homeless due to income, family and personal factors, and most of them are in the inner city.

A group of Rover Scouts from different Scout groups collaborated and organised a visit to the homeless to have a dialogue to understand their situation while at the same time, provide them bread and lunchboxes. This six-month project involved 10 people serving 200 service hours. The group visited the homeless once a week at night during the weekend. The Scouts also invited their friends to participate so that more young people could have a better understanding of the situation and living environment of the homeless.

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ENSURING A CLEAN BEACH ALL THE TIME

The Hsinchu City Ke-Yuan Community Scout troop from Taiwan had organised a one-day cleanup at a local beach. By the end of the activity, they collected a total of 75 kg of trash that included cigarette butts, food wrappers, abandoned fishing gear and even toys and kitchen appliances. It was a really good learning experience for the Scouts in the area of environmental conservation.

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PROVIDING SHELTER TO THOSE IN NEED

During the World Scout Jamboree in 2015, Scouts of Australia donated all their contingent tents to the Nepal Scouts, to help provide shelter to those affected by the earthquake that hit Nepal earlier last year.

A total of 130 tents were donated. The Australian Scouts also plan to send a team of volunteers to Nepal this year to assist with rebuilding one of the training centres that was destroyed by the earthquake.

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ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE ACTIVE CITIZENS

Scouts of the World Award Seminar

The Scouts of the World Award (SW Award) is a programme that challenges all young people (Scouts and non-Scouts) to think about global issues and act upon them in their local community. It is the only award for young people offered by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

As part of the learning experience, all young people can gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to help solve global issues at the local level. The SW Award Programme requires a commitment from them to make their community a better place. Upon completion, the young people will be part of a network that inspires others to take action.

In November 2015, WOSM hosted a global SW Award seminar in Paris, France. The aim was to gather key Scout leaders of National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and various stakeholders from around the world, and provide updates on the development of the SW Award Programme. The skills and knowledge of the leaders were gathered to help revitalise the SW Award Programme for the senior Scouts section (15-26 years age range) to support the continuous growth of Scouting.

The objective of the seminar was for the participants to be able to explain the current changes to the SW Award Programme. The participants gained a clear understanding of the SW Award Network, SW Award Bases, SW Award Partnerships and SW Support Structures, and how it aligns with the "Better World" framework.

The Scout Movement has a commitment to create a better world. This is about community involvement through Scouting. As such, the society benefits from the Scout Movement through empowering young people to be responsible and committed citizens. Scouting should identify opportunities, both within Scouting and externally, for young people and adult volunteers to be active in the society.

WOSM has worked for many years on finding various ways to enhance the possibilities for young people to contribute to the positive development of their communities, including volunteering, internships, community service opportunities, and partnerships with other non-governmental organisations (NGOs). In the history of Scouting, there has been a clear understanding that more appealing projects or activities

were needed to attract young people to contribute to community development. The three key WOSM Programmes fulfill this — the Scouts of the World Award, the World Scout Environment Programme, and Messengers of Peace.

These Programmes aim to motivate the "active citizen" inside all young people, Scout or non-Scout, and inspire them to take action. They work together in a general framework to create a better world within a global network of service, just as Baden-Powell had envisioned in the early days of the Movement.

To demonstrate how all three Programmes benefit each other, Scouts could do one single project that jointly recognises one or more of the Programmes by following the criteria of each Programme as a guideline. This is similar to a basket of fruits where one can choose to eat his/her favourite fruit, or eat all the different kinds of fruits available.

For more information on the three Programmes and the Better World framework, please visit scout.org.



STARTING SCHOOL WITH A SMILE



In September 2015, Scouts from National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU) delivered presents for the new school year to internally displaced children. The beginning of the new school year is very important for every family as there are new challenges, lessons, friends and knowledge ahead. For each pupil, it is also a chance to meet old friends after the summer holidays, and for some, new classmates.

However, internally displaced children from the Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts regions, as well as from the Autonomous Republic of Crimea need particular attention. For them, the beginning of the new school year does not only mean a new school, but a new home and new friends, and the uncertainty of how their peers will welcome them.

Understanding the complexity of the situation faced by displaced families and children and the importance of assistance for this category of people, Scouts from Brazil, União dos Escoteiros do Brasil, and Ukraine have joined forces to support them. Thus, in the spring 2015 a big international project called "Scouts for Ukraine" was launched. It consists of four major phases that will continue in 2016:

The phases are as follows:

- "Starting the School with a Smile" — the main goal of which is to purchase basic school stationery for internally displaced children for the new school year.
- "With good at heart" — which will take place during the New Year and Christmas holidays.
- "The summer of vivid impressions" — when the internally displaced children can attend Scout camps in the summer 2016.
- A prize trip to Brazil in 2016 for the two most active participants of the project and one adult NOSU leader.

The main feature of the project is that each stage is not a one-time action but a constructive step which is part of a long term project aiming to facilitate the progressive integration of the internally displaced children in their new environment. "Today, it is essential to ensure the socialisation of the displaced children. Thus, experienced NOSU leaders will begin Scouting education in the schools which are part of the project. We hope that through Scouting activities throughout the year, children and young people will be able to adapt quicker to their new environment and an unfamiliar city," said the head of the NOSU National Board, Andriy Chesnokov.

380 internally displaced children attended the first stage of the project, for which Scouts recorded 7,850 community service hours in one month.



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SCOUTING GAMES FOR FAMILIES

Scouts in Ukraine wanted to promote dialogue and instill leadership skills among the young people of Dnipropetrovsk, third largest city of Ukraine, and its area. The Scouts organised various games for more than 70 adults and children. They participated in setting up camp, preparing food, and attending Scout master classes.

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EVER READY TO LEND A HELPING HAND

Fifty (50) Rovers and Scout leaders of the Georgian Organization of the Scout Movement, based in Tbilissi, have gathered for a day in June 2015 to clean the city after devastating floods damaged the roads, houses and a zoo where 12 animals were killed and many more escaped. Scouts worked the whole day to help the professionals clear and unblock the highway as fast as possible.

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UKRAINIAN SCOUTS REGISTERED 1 MILLION COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

The Ukrainian Scouts celebrated the International Day of Peace 2015 with the achievement of 1 million service hours registered on World Organization of the Scout Movement website scout.org. Last year was a very difficult year for Ukraine and for Ukrainian Scouting. However, Scouts of the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU) implemented two Messengers of Peace (MoP) projects and are currently preparing new ones as well.

It was not easy to reach this amount with a little more than 1,000 active members and 3,500 volunteers but the NOSU leadership and Scout leaders put in their outmost effort.

"We need peace. So as Scouts, we promote it everywhere," said the Head of the NOSU National Board and MoP Ambassador, Andriy Chesnokov. "We are trying to involve more Scouts in our online Jamboree on the Internet, and including, as a requirement, in all our competitions and workshops for a Scout to have a registered user account with the project updates on scout.org. The Scouts are doing a lot by helping the country, local communities and people in need now, but they are still too shy to let everybody know about that."

Now the NOSU, together with the Brazilian Scouts from União dos Escoteiros do Brasil are implementing the project to help internally displaced children in Ukraine. There are more than 1.5 million internally displaced persons in Ukraine and there more than 1/3 of them are children. There is also a plan to launch the National Youth Programme throughout Ukraine to involve more young people in Scouting.

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PROMOTING PEACE THROUGH CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In November 2015, the Pavlodar branch of the Organization of the Scout Movement of Kazakhstan, in cooperation with MAD Nevada Semipalatinsk (the anti-nuclear movement in Kazakhstan) hosted a Messengers of Peace camp. It was attended by about 90 people from Kazakhstan, as well as delegations from Omsk (Russian Federation) and Bishkek, Republic of Kyrgyzstan.

During the two days the young people participated in various cultural and educational activities focused on peacemaking, the role of the volunteer, and ecology. Through the activities, the Scouts familiarised themselves with the history of World Scouting and Kazakhstan, learned about the similarities between Scouts and volunteers, and about the environmental and man-made disasters. Children from the Omsk Scout group also shared their experiences in peacekeeping and Scout activities.

Trainings and workshops on the Scout Method, volunteerism and the development of the Scout Movement in Kazakhstan were also held for the adult Scout leaders.

At the end of camp, the Scouts of Pavlodar were ready to provide methodological assistance to start new Scout groups in the area, and to promote the peace culture in the community.

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LEARNING TO RESPOND AND HELP REFUGEES INTEGRATE WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Europe has recently been facing one of the biggest influx of refugees ever. Hundreds and thousands of refugees fleeing wars and conflicts from their countries have arrived in Europe and this has presented European countries many challenges.

This is a truly heartbreaking situation and Scouts are called upon to take action to address this crisis. As such, the Scouts and Guides of Denmark, as Messengers of Peace, had joined efforts with Scouts from the European Scout Region, the Danish Youth Council, the Eric Frank Trust, and ASOCIO to take action and respond to the crisis.

In November 2015, a REfugee REsponse Seminar was organised in Copenhagen where National Scouts Organizations (NSOs), National Scouts Associations (NSAs) and non-Scouts were invited to learn about the current situation, share best practices and develop new ideas on how refugees can be welcomed and integrated in the receiving countries, as well as how to ease their stay

in the countries they are passing through. More than 85 participants from 27 countries attended the seminar. The Greek Scouts took the opportunity to start a refugee camp, while the local Danish Scout groups initiated various activities for the refugees in the local communities.

"I feel truly inspired by how much Scouts and Guides across Europe are already doing in this area! I am looking forward to see the further impact of all the fruitful discussions, new partnerships among Scouts and non-Scouts, and all the new ideas that were developed at the REfugee REsponse Seminar. Thank you to everyone for leading the way to improve the current state — this is definitely a step towards leaving this world a little better than we found it," said Pia Melin Mortensen, Member of Central Board, Scouts of Denmark.

EUROPEAN SCOUTS AND GUIDES ENGAGE IN REFUGEE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

The European Scouts and Guides have been working tirelessly the past few months to support refugees in their local communities. They realised that a simply tool is needed to gather and feature examples of how Scouts and Guides are supporting this effort. It was agreed that a "clearing house" on europak-online.net would be a useful tool to feature examples of what and how Scouts and Guides are contributing to refugee support activities.

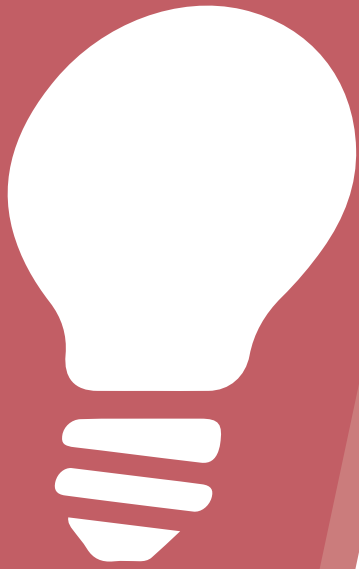
This communication platform is now available and all Scout and Guide Associations in the European Region are invited to share their stories and resource kits for the benefit of the two Movements.

There are 45 stories published thus far as of April 2016, from Austria, Belgium, Greece and Germany, to France, Finland, Serbia, Slovenia and The Netherlands, on how Scouts in their respective countries are assisting in the refugees support effort.



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EUROPEAN SCOUT REGION HIGHLIGHTS



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Rafael Carvalho Simões, a Scout from Portugal, completed a team project called "Monitoring of older people living alone" as part of his Scouts of the World Award (SW Award) project.

This two-year project aimed to combat social exclusion and loneliness of old age by meeting with the elderly, and helping them in whatever way necessary, for example, cleaning the house or going shopping with them.

Rafael, together with fellow Scouts Ana Rita Gil, Ricardo Costa, Ana Rita Cruz, Tatiana Peralta, Joana Matos, Anthony Santos and David Mósca, would also attend the Eucharist every Saturday at the Hospital John Chrysostom. There, they met with patients (mostly elderly), and also spent time with them, playing music to some, talking and listening to others.

During this volunteer activity, they had many experiences that were not always easy. Unfortunately, when they were volunteering, two people died in the hospital. This project took time, as they were all busy with their studies and part-time jobs. However, it was worth taking a little time to be with these people who thought they were alone, with no one to talk to, no one to tell their life stories, or share their experience in more complicated times. Rafael intends to continue this project, even though has concluded.

Rafael said that, "During the two years we worked on this project, we all grew as people, as Scouts, and it was and still is a spectacular experience. The SW Award not only teaches you how to serve, it also teaches you how to grow."

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NEW SCOUT GROUP HELP TO INTEGRATE A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Development Officer for the Roma and International Communities of The Scout Association (UK), Sian Bagshaw, attended the European Scout Region's "Diversity and Inclusion Training III" just about a year ago. However, little could she imagine that she would be able to put into practice her newly acquired knowledge and tools so soon. In early 2015, a large number of Roma families from Slovakia settled in Sheffield in South Yorkshire, United Kingdom (UK). Soon after that, the local Scout Council decided to start a new Scout group. The new group is based at Owler Brook Primary School in the Page Hall area of Sheffield that has the capacity to accommodate approximately 100 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The aim is to integrate the diverse community and to offer Scouting to the children and young people in this particular area of the town. After the first couple of weeks of activities, the response was encouraging. "The youth of today are the way forward. If we can get children working together, then they are the next generation of adults who will also work together," said Sian, who is supporting the local volunteer running the new Scout group. The new Scout group in Sheffield is among the first of many projects across the UK and the plan now is to follow this example and offer Scouting in some 200 of the most deprived areas in the country.

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SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF PEACE THROUGH THE PEACE LIGHT OF BETHLEHEM

On 12 December 2015, the Peace Light of Bethlehem was lit in Vienna, at an ecumenical service attended by Scout and Guide representatives from the European Region. After lighting their candles from the Peace Light lantern, they brought this symbol of peace back to their countries and shared it with their communities. This meaningful tradition has been passed down for more than 25 years.

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BLOOMING GREAT BULB PLANTING

In November 2015, the local Scout troop in Bridlington, United Kingdom, joined forces with the Bridlington Lions to plant 1,000 bulbs near Burlington Junior School.

The young Scouts were incredibly enthusiastic in their work and eager to help their local community. Scouts across the country are taking action in their local communities as part of the Million Hands project, which serves to help people in need and tackle real life issues that affect not only them but whole communities.

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DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS



An essential strategy adopted by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to ensure the growth and sustainability of the social impact of Scouts in communities worldwide is to invest in local capacities in each country, particularly in the most-needy parts of the world. Two aspects of capacity are addressed — leadership and organisational capacity building — to enhance the skills and capability of Scouts, volunteers, young people and staff in areas such as project management, conflict resolution and communication.

In line with this objective, the Interamerican Region (IAR), since three years ago, had embarked on a 10-year programme to develop a cadre of leaders in its National Scout Organizations (NSOs). The programme — Interamerican Leadership Training (ILT) — aims to develop the leadership skills of young adults, who, in turn, will train thousands of other Scouts in their respective home countries on their return.

The ILT has been designed as a training course for young people between 18 to 26 years old, and open to attendees from each of the 34 NSOs in the region where they learn how to lead teams, work on projects, learn various topics on leadership, and about the Messenger of Peace (MoP) Initiative.

At the end of each ILT, participants are asked in a short survey if they are glad they attended the ILT. The course last year was best summarised by this comment: "Absolutely! The ILT was one of the best experiences of my life and I'm so grateful for it".

In just two years, the ILT has become more than just a leadership training — it has become a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn and share experiences with other Scouts from the IAR in an environment of fellowship and Scouting brotherhood.

During the course, participants are asked to present a project that they would like to work on after they go back home. Some of those projects serve as an inspiration for other ideas back home. Other projects that materialised out of the ILT have expanded from a local to a global project, such as [Trees For The World \(scout.org/node/61206\)](https://scout.org/node/61206) which in 2014 attracted 14,645 Scouts from 24 countries to plant a total number of 57,161 trees, and [Books For All \(scout.org/node/62821\)](https://scout.org/node/62821) where Scouts from across the six Scout Regions provided books to people who lack access to such resources.

On top of the exemplary projects, many participants wanted to share their knowledge and experience with their NSOs. With this in mind, they proposed to their leadership teams to host a local version of the ILT with a syllabus adapted to each country's needs.

Guatemala was the first NSO to take up this challenge and has already held four Guatemala Leadership Trainings (GLT). Colombia joined the ranks in March last year, followed by El Salvador, Nicaragua and Ecuador. Honduras is already working on organising their ILT in 2016. All these successful projects, including the local ILTs, have something in common — they are led by young people, with adults providing mentorship and logistical support — which is a way for the Scouts to learn about leadership by leading.



SCOUTS OF ECUADOR PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN NATIONWIDE REFORESTATION CAMPAIGN

On 16 May 2015, thousands of Ecuadorians including Scouts and volunteers took part in a historic nationwide reforestation campaign — the Siembraton. This successful campaign broke the Guinness World Records for having the most plant species planted in eight hours in 237 locations. The certificate of recognition was delivered to the President of the Republic of Ecuador on 30 July 2015.

Sowing the seeds of positive change

The tree-planting project of the Asociación de Scouts del Ecuador began five years ago when the Scouts of the senior branch of Quito-Ecuador invited Scout groups from other cities to join their efforts to create positive impact on their cities through reforestation.

More Scouts were roped in after the project was presented at the national level, resulting in 7,000 trees planted. Subsequently, the project became part of "Trees For The World" campaign supported by World Scouting. Their tree-planting campaign attracted the attention of the Ministry of Environment, which decided to sponsor it, naming the campaign "Siembraton" (plant-a-thon). The Ministry invited all citizens

to reforest different ecosystems throughout the country with plants provided by the Ministry, expanding the campaign to an unprecedented scale.

Through the campaign, a total of 57,512 participants, including all Scouts groups in the country, restored 2,269 hectares of land by planting 765,073 trees and plants. The logistics of the national event was largely organised by Scouts.

Scouts in Ecuador and the Asociación de Scouts del Ecuador are very proud to have played a significant role in this record-breaking feat, and they continue to serve their communities by organising annual tree planting campaigns to help their country achieve the target of zero deforestation by 2017.



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INTERAMERICAN SCOUT REGION HIGHLIGHTS



HAIR DONATION CAMPAIGN FOR GIRLS WITH CANCER

A Scout in Mexico started a hair donation campaign in 2015, to raise awareness about cancer among young girls and to produce wigs for them. The Scout leveraged scout.org, the Internet and social media to disseminate information and news about the hair donation drive. As a result, she received many donations from various states in Mexico with more and more people showing interest every day.

After six months, the Scout and her friends counted all the donations and the first count in 2015 came to a whopping 90 braids! These donations were delivered then to the Children's Hospital of Sinaloa, the hospital responsible for sending the hair to the institution where wigs are produced.

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PROTECTING SEA TURTLES AND ENDANGERED ANIMALS

A project for the protection of the sea turtles was held in La Playa Parguito located on the island of Margarita in Venezuela, with the aim of creating a sense of belonging among the people who live in the area and to raise awareness among tourists visiting the beach on how waste contaminants can threaten the lives of endangered animals.

Scouts of Asociación de Scouts de Venezuela created posters related to the protection of the turtle species and placed them strategically along the beach. They gave talks and distributed information to the public, as well as cleaned the crucial areas of the beach and the protective zone of sea turtles and their breeding grounds.

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DEVELOPING MESSENGERS OF PEACE

In late August 2015, the 1st National Meeting of Messengers of Peace (MoP) training was held Curitiba, Brazil, attended by 60 participants from 16 states. The overall objective of the meeting was to train new MoP ambassadors from different regions, who in turn can reach more people, and impact more communities.

The meeting discussed various issues such as project development, youth programmes, and how to leverage social media to promote the MoP Initiative. During the training, the participants learnt through lectures and practical activities to develop social projects that are applicable in their respective communities. Young people who have participated in the Interamerican Leadership Training (ILT) attended this training to provide insights and support.

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GIVE A FREE HUG!

Scouts from Scout Group Harmonia Cambe in Brazil organised a “free hug” project to promote kindness and good citizenship in the neighbourhood during the celebration of the city’s anniversary. It was a simple and powerful initiative to promote the culture of peace in the society.

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SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF PEACE

A group of Cub Scouts gathered in September 2015 to spread the message of peace in the area of Miranda State, Venezuela. The Scouts went around to learn and also talk about the environment, visited the zoo and houses of worship where they drew posters filled with peace messages and expressed their prayer for peace in unison as a pack. The young people helped to raise awareness among the public about Scouting and promoting peace around the world.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION THROUGH SCOUTING

Environmental issues and problems are increasing every day as almost all nations in the world are striving for the development of their respective countries. Most countries are still more focusing on socioeconomic development and ignoring the importance to take care of the environment. That is why the concept of "sustainable development" emerged after the 1960s. The basic idea behind sustainable development is to use environmental resources (renewable and non-renewable) in a way that it can be sustained for long time while at the same time, the same amount of resources can be shared with our children in the future.

Due to environmental degradation, many environmental issues has emerged over time which includes but not limited to greenhouse effect (global warming), ecosystem disturbance (resource depletion), air pollution (ozone depletion), water pollution (acid rain), climate change and so on. The last one mentioned has received high attention among the different governments, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders.

To mitigate these issues, there is a higher need for environmental education and awareness and this is the part in which we are working excellently in promoting environmental education through Scouting. For the Scout Movement, care for the environment has its roots since it was founded in 1907. In the words of its visionary founder, Baden-Powell: "Nature study is the key activity in Scouting and Guiding, and will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for us to enjoy. Try to leave this world a little better than you found it".

Thus, since its beginning, Scouting takes the environment into consideration, and this particular spirit took a more structural step in the 1980s, with the introduction of the World Conservation Badge, and then with the set up of the Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment (SCENES) in the 1990s. Building environment partnerships over time, Scouting developed the World Scout Environment Programme (WSEP) in 2008, which holistically covers almost all aspects of environment education through Scouting.

These last few years, the WSEP has gained its highest peak of implementation among the Scouting activities. People are now becoming more aware about the environment

and its protection, thanks to the multiplication of the communications channels through the Internet and social media. Currently, there are almost 50 National Scout Organizations (NSOs) that have adopted the WSEP and 26 SCENES establishments around the world. In October 2015, all 40 million Scouts worldwide were honoured with the "Youth Leadership Award for the Environment" for their dedication to environmental protection at the Green Cross International Conference for a Green and Inclusive Economy in Geneva, Switzerland.

WOSM also maintains strong partnerships in environmental education with various organisations, at the global/regional/local levels, by participating actively and regularly in the Conferences of the Parties (COP) on Climate Change, and developing complementary badges and programmes linked to the WSEP.

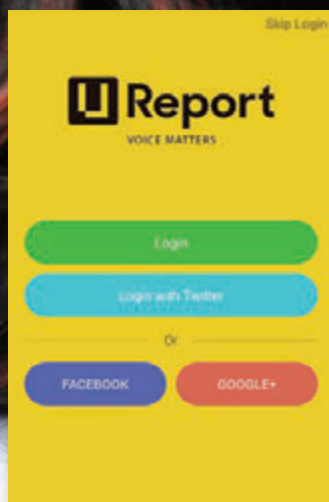
Recently, WOSM introduced the Solar Badge, under the umbrella of WSEP and in the framework of the project Scouts go Solar (SgS), in partnership with Greenpeace and Solafrica, a Swiss non-governmental organisation which works in close collaboration with the Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in Switzerland. The project aims to raise awareness among Scouts on climate change and sustainability solutions, and provide age-appropriate learning-by-doing activities using renewable energy technologies, particularly solar energy.

Since its official launch in September 2015 at the Asia-Pacific Regional Environment Education Workshop in Pakistan, the Solar Badge has been well-received and accepted by most of the NSOs. It is heartening to see so many Scout news related to solar activities published on scout.org and social media.

For more information on environmental education in Scouting, please visit scout.org/environment.

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U-REPORT ENABLING SCOUTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES

U-Report is a free communication, information sharing and opinion polling platform, used by Scouts in partnership with UNICEF, that gives young people a chance to speak out, be heard and change the world. This social messaging platform allows anyone from any community, anywhere in the world to respond to polls, report issues that matter to them, and work as positive agents of change on behalf of people in their communities and countries.

Initiated in Uganda in 2011 as a collaboration between Uganda Scouts Association and UNICEF, U-Report has grown into a social platform that gives people, even those using a basic mobile phone, access to life-saving information, and allows them to interact with decision-makers in real-time even in places without Internet connectivity. It has inspired many young people to do great things for positive change in their communities. U-Report has grown to over 1.8 million members in 20 countries (and counting) — from Uganda, Burundi, Central African Region, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe (Africa Region), to Argentina, Chile, Mexico (Interamerican Region), Pakistan, Nepal and Indonesia (Asia-Pacific Region), and Ukraine (Eurasia Region).

In November 2014, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) signed a global partnership with UNICEF Innovation Centre to create a global Communications and Advocacy Network through U-Report (visit ureport.in for more information). U-Report is enabling Scouts and ordinary people to access real-time information to make a difference at the grassroots level, encouraging citizen-led campaigns for positive change.

If you want to mobilise people in communities, share your opinions on issues in your community that matter to you, or amplify the voices of young people and ordinary people to hold governments and leaders accountable, then U-Report is the way to do it.

It connects Scouts and young people around the world to work together for peace and positive change. It has been used to mobilise Scouts and young people to spread messages of peace and to prevent violence in Uganda, Burundi, Central African Republic, Mexico and Chile. In Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, the Scouts and young people were mobilized for the prevention of Ebola, while in Nepal and Pakistan for disaster response following the earthquakes.

WOSM supports U-Report because it gives young people the chance to speak out, be heard and change the world. WOSM invites and encourages Scouts and Scout leaders to download and install the new U-Report App from goo.gl/Xxyodt, or your favourite App store, or follow @UReportGlobal on Twitter.

The U-Report mobile application also allows Scouts to use their phones to chat with individuals and groups, capture and submit stories with pictures or videos, and answer weekly questions on matters related to your community and country. It is easy and free to join U-Report so let's start making your voices heard, and start reporting now!



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SCOUTS RECOGNISED GLOBALLY AS PROTECTORS OF THE ENVIRONMENT



The recent 11th Conference of Youth ([COY11](#)) and 21st Conference of Parties ([COP21](#)) on climate change held in Paris saw a good representation of Scouts from all the Scout Regions. Each year, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is represented by a delegation of Scouts at the event. These representatives help to raise awareness among the public about World Scouting as one of the world's leading non-formal educational youth movement committed to the cause of the environment and climate change issues as part of its mission to create a better world.

In 2015, six Scouts were selected from an open call to National Scout Organizations for nominees. They are WOSM Head of Delegation, Fabien Baudelet (France), Rosa Yacarini Herencia (Peru), Rizwan Jaffar (Pakistan), Julijana Daskalov (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), Farouk Bouraoui (Algeria), and Saloum Diouf (Senegal).

Fabien, Rosa and Rizwan were WOSM's representatives at COY11, while Maylis Castaignet, a coordinator of COP21 mobilisation for the French Scouts et Guides de France, was a panelist at the "Girls for a Greener Future" ancillary event hosted by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), on the topic of "Girls in Action on Climate Change."

At COY11, the Scouts representative participated in significant discussions. For the first time in 11 years, COY, preceding COP21, was held in Villepinte and simultaneously in seven other cities around the world. In the time leading up to COY, 10 working topics at the heart of youth concerns were predefined. The participants brainstormed on togetherness (such as multiculturalism, ecumenism, disabilities), economics and finance (such as social and solidarity-based economy, entrepreneurship), agricultural and food, jobs, energy, the climate, and many more.

In the end, each young person was able to talk about the subjects that interested them the most. A condensed summary of the young people's proposals – [The Manifesto \(coy11.org/en/manifesto\)](#) – was delivered to French Minister of Foreign Affairs Laurent Fabius and President François Hollande.

Meanwhile, Maylis was involved in discussions on how WOSM is "filling the gap" left by institutional leadership in the response to climate change, the challenges to involving young people in the design and delivery of climate change-related programmes, and the advantage of involving girls and young women in climate change programmes.

Crucial voice at COP21

Several of the Scouts representatives spoke to members of the media on various occasions and during the Young and Future Generations Day on 3 December, to discuss how they, as young people, and Scouts around the world, are helping to tackle climate change.

During COP21, WOSM and WAGGGS jointly issued a [statement](#) on their stance on climate change education in combating the worrying effects it has on young people and their communities. The organisations called for more young people's voices to be heard and be part of the decision-making processes. It is the young people's future that is being risked if the much needed action is not taken to combat climate change, and that they need to be consulted on strategies or development programmes related to environmental and climate change. Both organisations urged all parties to recognise that

climate change is not only an environmental issue, but also a human rights issue – it threatens our ability to guarantee safety, dignity, and basic rights to all and endangers particularly the most vulnerable, including women and girls.

On 9 December, the representatives (and 40 million Scouts globally) were once again [recognised](#) at an event hosted by Corrine Lepage, in charge of a Mission for French President François Hollande on the Rights of Humanity, with the "[Youth Leadership Award for the Environment](#)", acknowledging Scouts' contribution towards environmental and humanitarian relief efforts. President Hollande congratulated the Scouts representatives in a video message for their leadership in environmental protection. This clearly demonstrates that Scouts are active and responsible citizens taking positive actions to create a better world.

This was also the same day the United Nations adopted a historic resolution on youth, peace and security that urges greater representation by young men and women in the prevention and resolution of conflict.

In addition to participating in the conferences, workshops and discussions, WOSM, together with WAGGGS, and Scoutisme Français had a joint exhibit stand to showcase the environment projects and efforts that the Scouts and Guides are involved in to create positive change in their local communities.

The representatives demonstrated the [Scouts go Solar](#) project, and engaged with the conference attendees with fun quizzes and [World Scout Environment Programme](#) activities such as My Carbon Footprint – a simple activity to get the public to start thinking about their personal daily energy consumption and how this affects the environment. The representative had accumulated abundance knowledge and experience, and hope to bring that back to their home country, share with their troops and benefit their local communities.

"It was a great experience for me, with many lessons learnt and I am looking forward to developing and implementing them in future endeavours." – Julijana Daskalov

"It was an enriching experience. For one year and a half since the end of my studies I wanted to be part of COP21 and I couldn't imagine that I could be an actor of this historical event." – Maylis Castaignet

"I was lucky to meet great people in the delegation and witness their commitment to show the visibility of Scouting." – Farouk Bouraoui

UPCOMING EVENTS

ARAB MOOT 2016

12-22 July

Morocco

DIALOGUE TRAINING FOR TRAINERS

17-22 July

Vienna

ROVERWAY

3-14 August

France

INDONESIA NATIONAL JAMBOREE

14-21 August

East Jakarta

ARAB EDUCATIVE METHODS FORUM

20-26 August

Cairo

AFRICA WEST ZONE EDUCATIVE METHODS FORUM

14-19 Nov

Nigeria

AFRICA JAMBOREE

August

Ivory Coast

WORLD SCOUT SEMINAR ON MESSENGERS OF PEACE



Messengers of Peace

12-16 October

Hungary

INTERAMERICAN DIALOGUE TRAINING

22-23 October

USA

INTERAMERICAN JAMBOREE

27 Dec 2016
2 Jan 2017

Ecuador

INTERAMERICAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING



December

Guatemala

WORLD SCOUT INTERRELIGIOUS SYMPOSIUM

27-29 Jan 2017

USA

EURASIA DIALOGUE TRAINING

31 Jan-1 Feb 2017

To be confirmed

ARAB DIALOGUE TRAINING

13-14 Feb 2017

Cairo



Messengers of Peace

4 STEPS TO BECOME A MESSENGER OF PEACE

Explore and research about local problems, people in action and good practices.

INSPIRE

Identify your motivation and talents. Choose a field of action. Select useful knowledge, skills and ideas to apply.

LEARN & DECIDE



SHARE

Share what you did, your experiences, outcomes and lessons learnt.



DO

Plan your actions, execute, monitor, evaluate and report.



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OF PEACE
CITIZEN**

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