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14th World Scout Youth Forum Report

14th World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee



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Languages

The official languages of the World Organization are English and French. The World Scout Bureau will make all Youth Forum Documents available in both languages.

In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Youth Forum Document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.

Foreword

The theme of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum and 42nd World Scout Conference, “Bridging the World” challenges young people and participants to build bridges in their communities and across borders, emphasising the need to work together to put our planet on a path towards peace and sustainability. Under this theme, the focus on innovation, leadership, and global citizenship contributed to strengthening the capacities of all 713 participants that attended this Youth Forum representing 163 National Scout Organizations (NSOs).

This first-ever virtual World Scout Youth Forum is the largest in the Movement’s history with over 400 volunteers and staff supporting from across all Scouting Regions and time zones. By utilising a digital participation platform to host plenary sessions, workshops, breakouts, networking sessions, and exhibitions, along with a dedicated eVoting system, this Youth Forum provided an opportunity to all delegates and observers to engage across the different activities and aspects of the programme.

The Youth Forum, as a safe educational space for young people, allowed participants to learn, discuss, and raise their voices on issues of their interest, strengthening their involvement in decision-making processes. All the discussions have been reflected in both the Youth Forum Declaration and the proposal of amendments to the Draft Triennial Plan and Draft Resolutions to the World Scout Conference.

Despite the virtual nature of this Youth Forum, participants still made new friends and shared their experiences with their International Teams, while continuing to have fun. We aim that with the connections that were formed and through the Personal Action Plan participants will be able to exercise their leadership and competencies to bridge the world.

Last but not least, we want to thank all the World Scout Youth Forum participants for their enthusiasm and resilience during these difficult times. We hope that this Youth Forum has provided you the inspiration and tools to keep bringing changes to your communities and NSOs.

Yours in Scouting,

The 14th World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee:

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Executive Summary

The 14th World Scout Youth Forum was the first-of-its-kind being held virtually, gathering the largest number of young delegates and observers and putting together a number of exciting first-time experiences.

Thanks to a full agenda that took into consideration different time zones, participants had the chance to engage in plenary sessions, exhibitions, International Teams and networking activities. Communication through other informal channels was also possible to foster extra team discussions and work.

In this virtual context, the agenda were divided into the following key sessions: (i) plenary sessions; (ii) workshops and breakout sessions that happen outside the plenary; and (iii) social and networking Spaces.

The choice of the theme “Bridging the World” for the 14th World Scout Youth Forum aimed to provide a strong symbolic framework to be used throughout the event. The topics of **innovation, leadership and global citizenship** aimed to inspire young people to take action and accept the challenge to develop solutions towards issues that our world is facing.

A record number of 713 participants (299 delegates and 414 observers) from 163 Member Organizations joined the event. These participants were grouped in International Teams for discussion and intercultural dialogue. A total of 157 sessions were offered to explore some of the most relevant topics that young people are concerned about today, and for the future. To consolidate all of these learnings, the Planning Team prepared a Personal Action Plan for participants. Through the Personal Action Plan, participants had the opportunity to brainstorm the actions and steps they will take back to their National Scout Organizations and communities.

The Youth Forum has passed the Youth Forum Declaration. The Declaration summarised what challenges young people are facing today, including the Youth Forum topics of environmental sustainability and COVID-19 recovery. Besides this, the participants also expressed their views on the challenges that Scouting is facing nowadays and their vision for the future in Scouting.

Last but not least, the Youth Forum also discussed and passed proposals to amend the Draft Resolutions to the World Scout Conference. These proposals will be brought forward by the Youth Forum participants to Member Organizations for further discussion and deliberations. Amendments proposed and seconded by Member Organizations will be put forward to the World Scout Conference for formal consideration.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest welcome to the newly elected Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee for the 2021-2024 Triennium:



- **Fatima ALIYEVA**, Azerbaijan
- **Yoobinnara KIM**, Republic of Korea
- **Reese MEDINA**, Belize
- **Melissa Wilm SENNA PINTO**, Brazil
- **Alhassan SOLTAN**, Egypt
- **Maman Lamine SOUMANA IDE ISSA**, Niger

First-ever virtual World Scout Youth Forum

Due to the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this 14th World Scout Youth Forum was hosted in a first-ever virtual setting, and processes were put in place to ensure that all participants could have access and engage online in the full Youth Forum programme.

Actually, this new reality gave us the opportunity to have the biggest Youth Forum ever and with that in mind the structure of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum agenda looked different from previous editions due to this virtual format. A daily 4-hour block in the programme for the live plenary and some related sessions were delivered to allow everyone to participate. More sessions, time to network and visit the exhibitions area were also part of the programme outside of this 4-hour block, and were always offered twice to ensure participants were able to attend from around the world.

Through the digital platform that was available to access prior to the event, participants were able to view the detailed agenda, chose their favourite sessions and engage with other participants in the Meeting Hub. And of course, there was a lot of interactions on social media to share how participants around the world were engaging in the Youth Forum.

As a first-ever virtual event we learned by learned by doing, but delegates and observers found innovative ways to connect, communicate, debate and share their Youth Forum experience.

Summary of the Youth Forum's discussions

The choice of the theme "Bridging the World" for the 14th World Scout Youth Forum was developed to provide a strong symbolic framework to be used throughout the event to strengthen unity. The theme also aimed to connect young people from different parts of the world to share their experiences and embrace their diversity to promote a culture of peace. Under this theme, the Youth Forum offered sessions and workshops that centred the discussions around three main topics: innovation, leadership and global citizenship.

The topic of **innovation** aimed to inspire young people to take action and accept the challenge to develop innovative solutions to the most pressing issues of our times. On this topic, the Youth Forum welcomed keynote speaker, Gitanjali Rao from the United States of America, who is an innovator, author, scientist, Scout and promoter of STEM who was recently named TIME's first Kid of the Year in 2020. She helped participants reflect on some challenges in innovation and how we can overcome them. She also shared her experiences of using science and technology to tackle issues ranging from contaminated drinking water to prescription drug addiction to cyberbullying.

In her inspirational talk, Gitanjali challenged the participants to keep five principles in mind:

- Learning is a lifelong process
- Creativity may take time: we need to trust the process
- Mentors are important, find a mentor to guide and inspire you on your journey
- Do not be afraid to ask questions
- Have a problem-solving mindset, always observe, identify challenges and think about how you can address them

Throughout the Youth Forum, the topic of **leadership** was addressed by challenging participants to develop their critical thinking, teamwork and communication competencies. During all workshops and breakout sessions, there was also a heavy focus on how to become active **global citizens** to lead change in our communities.

With the support of different partner organisations, several workshops were offered that took a deep dive into critical issues like climate change and humanitarian action, providing both new knowledge and tools to support young people in being part of the solutions in their local and national communities.

This learning path led participants to reflect on the topics they wish to include in the Youth Forum Declaration. Including these topics into the Declaration is the way for participants to advocate for the challenges they face, and the solutions they suggest to reshape the world they live in.

“Bridging the World” emphasises the need to connect and work together to achieve a more peaceful and sustainable world. Through featured projects and best practices sessions, participants had the opportunity to learn and get inspired by Scout-led initiatives from around the world that contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Name of Sessions	Number of delivered sessions
Dialogue for Peace	22
Bridge Builders Workshops	15
SDGs Project Showcases	4
Youth Advisor Candidates	18
Getting to know the Youth Advisors Candidates	18
Q7A on the Youth Advisors Report	1
Empowered to Raise Your Voice – Conference Resolutions	24
Breakout Sessions on the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024	2
Meeting in International Teams	40
Building Bridges – Developing Personal Action Plans	2
Networking Rooms	5
Bridging Cultures – Celebrating the Diversity and Unity of the Scout Movement	1
How to make Technology Work	5
Total sessions delivered *	157

- 150 sessions in English, 4 in Spanish, 3 in Arabic, 1 in French and 1 in Russian

The unity of the Scout Movement was also visible in the exhibition space of the event, where the “Bridging Cultures” session gathered participants to celebrate their diversity and resilience during these challenging times. Music had the power to bring participants together, as sustainable musician, SDG advocate and Eagle Scout, AY Young, gave a captivating performance that celebrated the unity in Scouting.



Other sessions of the programme, including plenary and breakouts allowed participants to engage in discussions around the Draft Triennial Plan and Draft Resolutions for the World Scout Conference, using an innovative eVoting system. The discussions took place mainly within International Teams, while the voting was completed by each delegation. This approach allowed participants to learn from each other and share perspectives with other youth around the world.

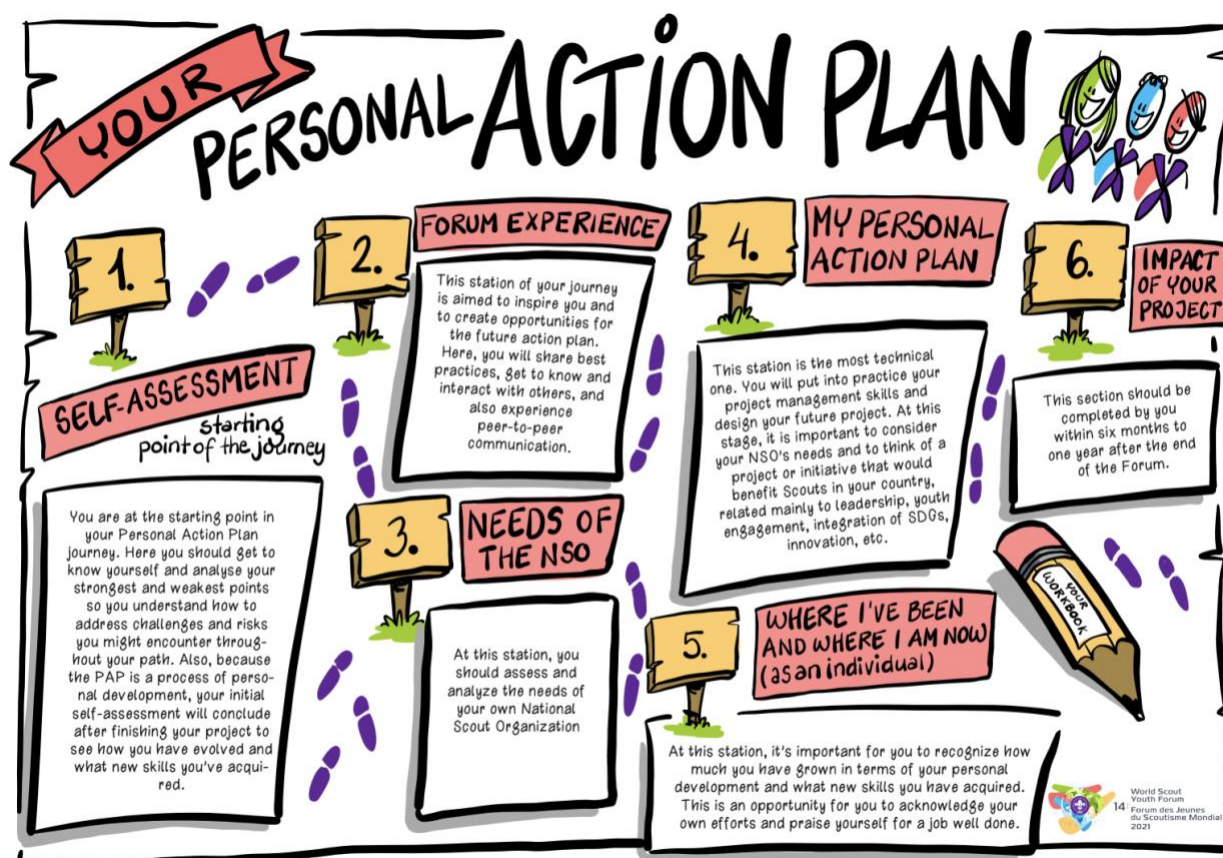
Furthermore, the voting sessions during plenary sessions contributed to strengthening the decision-making competencies of participants, allowing them to discuss proposals of Amendments and share their views on the future of Scouting in the next Triennium. In total, the Youth Forum conducted 78 votes. In the Appendix you will find both the Youth Forum Declaration and the proposals of Amendments of the Youth Forum towards the Draft Triennial Plan and Draft Resolutions.

The Personal Action Plan

As an educational event, during the Youth Forum each delegate and observer was invited to embark on a learning journey to reflect on their expectations and personal interests, as well as the expectations for their National Scout Organizations. Each individual was challenged to develop a Personal Action Plan to guide their personal growth during and after the event, and to identify how best to transform the outcomes of the Youth Forum and Conference into local and national actions.

With the support of an entry and exit survey and a process of six steps, the Personal Action Plan aimed to:

- Promote participants personal development, empowerment and involvement at different scales.
- Guide participants throughout the Youth Forum in a journey where they will be able to reflect on their personal growth.
- Give participants tools to build their own Personal Action Plan to be implemented after the Youth Forum.
- Provide participants with a follow-up on their Personal Action Plan.



"Meeting so many Scouts, ideas, cultures and all of us talking with the same passion is truly inspiring. Being part of the biggest World Scout Youth Forum and the first virtual one makes me really grateful."
-Maria Florencia Cagliero, 23, Scouts de Argentina

"The International Team experience has been wonderful, consisting of members from Brazil, Portugal, Australia and Canada! I had gathered a lot of insights from my fellow patrol mates with regards to their personal scouting experience, events that they have been through, personal thoughts on Scouting affairs or Conference Resolutions, as well as how their NSO operates and challenges that they are facing."
- Khai Ken, 21, Singapore

Social Media

The Youth Forum was featured on dedicated @scoutconf channels and on main WOSM channels on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and TikTok.

The official hashtag was #ScoutYouthForum, which participants, interested Scouts and stakeholders used to share their Forum experience. On dedicated @scoutconf channels on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, 215 items were published the week of the Youth Forum, generating 41,322 interactions.

The Facebook channel generated the highest engagement rate with over 33,000 reactions, clicks, comments, shares and messages. Instagram was also active where the @scoutconf page grew by 35% (692 new followers) throughout the week and approximately 250 user stories tagged the channel.

The plenary sessions were shown live on Facebook (@scoutconf) and YouTube (@worldscouting) where they were watched 10,900 times.

"Overall this has been a wonderful learning experience. I have really enjoyed some of the sessions, learning new techniques to help create more open dialogue working in diverse groups, and innovating new ideas. It has also been inspirational to hear the stories of people's initiatives in their own local communities."

- Krzysztof, 22, Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (ZHP)

Conclusion

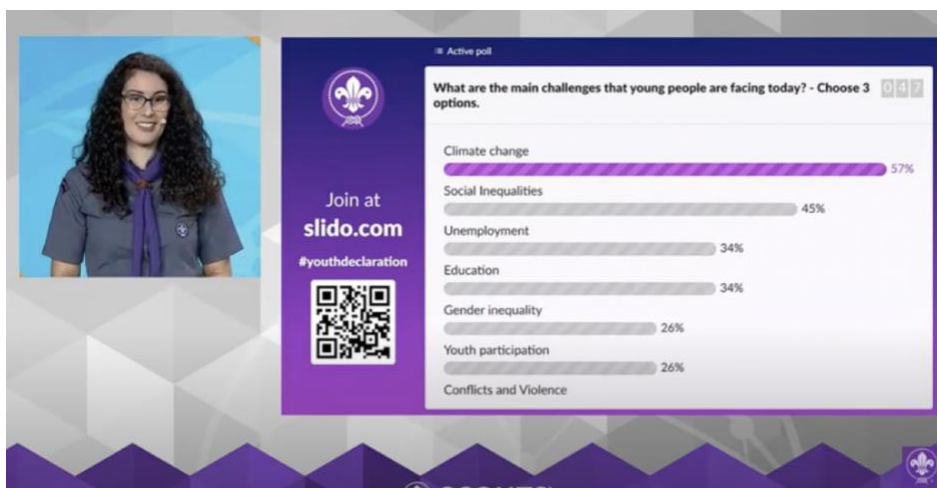
"Bridging the World" is never an easy task. We all work so hard in bringing youth voices to our own community, national, regional or even global level, eager to build bridges for intergenerational and intercultural dialogue.

For five days more than 700 participants from 163 National Scout Organizations engaged in this first-ever virtual World Scout Youth Forum. Starting in International Teams, we built small blocks collectively, one-by-one, and built our own bridges to the world. With all the intellectual debate, discussion and dialogues, we are confident that we can all shape the future of the Scout Movement and to create a better world.

It is very often we might face frustration, despair and disappointment during the process, especially when we tried so hard to create a positive impact on society. Let us not forget the most powerful tool we have - HOPE.

Let us all embrace the future with hope, changing things one step at a time and be brave to face the challenges and obstacles ahead.

With hope, we will bridge the world together!



A Word of Thanks

The 14th World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to the volunteers and staff from the Emirates Scout Association, the Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia and WOSM team for all their support and efforts to deliver a successful Youth Forum.

Lastly, the Planning Committee would also like to thank the Drafting Committee and the Tellers, who were comprised of participants of the Youth Forum, for their dedication and commitment to ensure a smooth and transparent decision-making process during the Youth Forum.

Drafting Committee

- Martin Meier (Youth Advisor to the World Scout Committee)
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- Ilka Essig (Germany)
- Ellen Van Campenhout (Belgium)
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Lastly, the planning committee express its gratitude to the outgoing Youth Advisors for their work, commitment and leadership during these last four years.

- Diana Carrillo (Mexico)
- Mori Cheng (Hong Kong)
- Julius Kramer (Sweden)
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- Martin Meier (Lichtenstein)
- Amal Ridene (Tunisia)

Appendix

Amendments to Draft Resolutions by the World Scout Committee

Conf Doc 6B	Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024
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Youth Engagement

Amendment 1(Addition)

1.4 **Encourage Regions and National Scout Organizations (NSOs) to create regional leadership programmes for young people to develop leadership skills and support intergenerational dialogue by including adults.**

Amendment 2 (Addition)

1.5 **Support NSOs to empower young people to participate in decision-making processes within the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), their Region, NSO and community.**

Amendment 3 (Addition)

1.6 **Support NSOs to develop effective mechanisms for ensuring meaningful youth participation.**

Amendment 4 (Addition)

1.7 **Ensure that all young people, regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, social background or disability, can equally participate in decision-making in Scouting.**

Amendment 5 (Addition)

1.8 **Promote young people's meaningful engagement in different social and political contexts at local, national, regional and world level.**

Amendment 6 (Addition)

1.9 **Improve the aspects of youth engagement in GSAT to work for long-term changes that target organisational and structural challenges that are hindering young people from participating fully in decision-making at all levels.**

Educational Methods

Amendment 1(Addition)

2.8 **Continue using the digital space for Scouting by drawing on free and open source platforms.**

Amendment 2(Amendment and Additions)

2.13 **while being environmentally sustainable.**

- **Assess the impact of World Scout Events on young people's personal development.**
- Review **and improve** the design and implementation of World Scout Events to strengthen environmental sustainability **to be environmentally sustainable.**

Diversity & Inclusion

Amendment 1 (Amendment and Additions)

3.1 **Evaluate where we stand as a Scout Movement on national, regional and international level ~~increase our understanding of where we stand as a Scout movement~~ and identify areas of action for improvement to be a more diverse and inclusive movement.**

Amendment 2(Addition)

3.4 Actively seek the involvement of youth and adult volunteers reflecting the composition of their local communities and ensure the necessary intercultural training to be able and confident to provide an inclusive Youth Programme reflective of the diversity of the local community.

Amendment 3 (Amendments and Additions)

3.5 Mainstream strengthen our gender equality gender equality and gender mainstreaming work throughout our work at all levels and structures of the Scout Movement, including by progressively implementing co-education.

Amendment 4(Additions)

3.6 Include disabilities, psychological disorders and mental health as important components of diversity and inclusion, and work to reduce systematic barriers for accessibility and participation.

Social Impact

Amendment 1(Amendments and Additions)

4.2 Reduce the impact of humanitarian disasters on young people by supporting NSOs to become responsible actors in humanitarian action. Support NSOs to become responsible actors in humanitarian action, and mitigating the impact of disasters on young people.

Amendment 2(Addition)

4.4 Develop tools to assist NSOs and World Scouting in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness and impact of the NSO's Youth Programme and develop strategies on how to effectively support NSOs in improving their youth programme.

Communications & External Relations

Amendment 1(Addition)

5.1 Review and refresh WOSM's branding and messaging to position itself as the leading educational youth movement and an advocate for the rights of children and youth through a refreshed visual brand, messaging and adaptation for digital use.

Amendment 2(Addition)

5.4. Disseminate and activate WOSM's strategic partnerships for the benefit of the Scout Movement, by operationalising new and existing partnerships and supporting NSOs to develop and manage partnerships, especially focusing on social development and addressing climate change.

Governance

Amendment 1(Addition)

6.4 Ensure NSOs can thrive in shifting realities, supporting organisational resilience, through innovation and robust change, crisis and risk management, while taking into account climate change impacts on governance.

Amendment 2(Addition)

6.10 Be a role model of our own policies and ethical standards within World Scouting's structures and its affiliated institutions, including the proactive management and procedures to deal with Safe from Harm issues, gender equality, youth empowerment, ecological awareness and transparency.

Amendment 3(Addition)

6.14 Ensure equal standing between both official languages as foreseen in the WOSM Constitution, and strive towards delivering materials and information in both languages simultaneously to allow for more NSOs to actively participate.

Amendment 4 (Addition)

6.15 Continue and increase the efforts made on environmental sustainability under the Better World Framework Service and consider developing a separate WOSM Service in environmental sustainability.

Conf Doc 4A 2021-D Strengthening Safe from Harm in the Scout Movement

Amendment 1(Addition)

requests all Member Organizations to:

address the issue of Safe from Harm as a matter of highest priority, recognising that the safety and mental well-being of young people and their development is at the heart of the Mission of Scouting;

Conf Doc 4A 2021-F Evolving the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference

Amendment 1(Addition)

ensure youth participation in the new event by creating a quota, ensure that a defined percentage of each NSO's delegation is to be under the age of 30, this quota is intended as a transitory measure and would be re-evaluated each triennia;

Amendment 2(Addition)

explore the use of incentives to ensure youth participation in the new event;

Amendment 3 (Addition)

create provisions for engagement of participants not physically present at the event;

Conf Doc 4A 2021-G Youth Advisor system and youth involvement in decision-making

requests the World Scout Committee to apply the following measures to enhance youth involvement in decision-making in the World Scout Committee:

Amendment 1(Addition)

introduce a measure that no less than one-third of the Voting Members of the World Scout Committee are between 18 and 26-years-old at the moment of election

Amendment 2(Addition)

evaluate this measure in three triennia to guarantee young adults as Voting Members of the World Scout Committee, as well as delegates to the World Scout Conference, and to reaffirm the participation of young people as a priority at all levels of our organisation.

Amendment 3(Addition Defeated)

~~**take action to increase the number of voting members of the World Scout Committee to 18;**~~

Amendment 4(Addition)

urges the World Scout Committee, Member Organizations, and the Youth Advisors to explore:

- youth involvement as the default and as the norm, rather than a distant ambitious goal,
- emphasis that the youth of our Movement are involved and vocal in all matters, across all layers of WOSM,
- awareness of the power of language in instilling this as a core principle in WOSM governance,

- a more positive narrative in all communication, documentation and reports regarding youth engagement,
- this narrative becoming the norm in and through all levels of WOSM, including the global, regional and national level,
- avoiding the use of status-quo terminology such as 'quota', 'ensuring the presence of young people as Voting Members', and 'reserving a fixed number of seats'
- an intergenerational balance on Voting Members of the World Scout Committee by limiting the presence of old(er) voting members, in order to ensure intergenerational dialogue at all levels of our Movement.

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2021-H Strengthening WOSM's environmental sustainability

Amendment 1 (Addition)

calling on World Scout Committee to be a role model in the fight against the climate crisis;

Amendment 2 (Addition)

requests Member Organizations to,
empower our members to take the lead in local action to mitigate climate change and actively be engaged in responding to natural disasters.

Amendment 3 (Additions)

- requests the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to,

consult academic and industry experts to create sustainability initiatives, policies, and educational methods;

review current WOSM sustainability initiatives and policies, in consultation with academic and industry experts to ensure they are based on evidence;

create an environmental sustainability standard for all WOSM events, taking into account local challenges;

set environmental sustainability as described in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a key framework when developing the next Strategy for Scouting;

Amendment 4 (Addition)

D. create a system to monitor the environmental impact of World Scouting's operations on a world and a regional level, and encourage the modus operandi to do so;

Amendment 5 (Addition)

E. bring together good practices when it comes to reduce the environmental impact of our activities and ensure they are shared among WOSM's Regions;

Amendment 6 (Additions)

F. develop a climate impact strategy for WOSM with clear action plans and measurable goals, as outlined in Conference Document 12 and taking into account the feedback provided by Member Organizations at the 42nd World Scout Conference, aiming to significantly strengthen environmental sustainability practices towards achieving climate neutrality of WOSM's operations by being carbon neutral at the latest by the 46th World Scout Conference in 2033;

Amendment 7 (Addition)

G. strengthen global partnerships in environmental sustainability to support the measures outlined above.

Amendments to Draft Resolutions by Member Organizations

Conf Doc 4A

2021-I Resilience and risk management in Scout Events

Amendment 1(Addition)

recognise the opportunities and explore ways that, through the increased use of digital technologies in Scouting (after the pandemic), a greater number of young people around the world can participate in international events in the future.

The full Drafting Committee Report on the Proposed Amendments to Draft Conference Resolutions can be downloaded [here](#)

The screenshot shows a virtual meeting interface for a Plenary Session. On the left, a video feed shows a man in a Scout uniform speaking. The main area displays a vote on a resolution titled "[INNOVATION] Paragraph 1". The vote is "Carried" with a simple majority. The results are: 188 votes in favour, 6 votes abstain, and 0 votes against. The total number of votes is 194, with 97 of 163 delegates (60%) participating. The interface includes a "LIVE NOW" button, a "50 + 200" icon, and a "116" icon. The Scouts logo is visible at the bottom.

Plenary Session - Voting on Youth Forum Declaration - Observers

9:25pm - 11:15pm

LIVE NOW 50 + 200 116

[INNOVATION] Paragraph 1

This vote is a public vote using simple majority to assess the results. Your delegation has 2 votes to cast. The vote options are in favour, against or abstain. Please allocate your vote, and then confirm more

Carried

Simple Majority 194 votes total 97 of 163 (60%)

In favour 188 votes

Abstain 6 votes

Against 0 votes

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Final Declaration of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum

We, the young people of the Scout Movement, delegates and observers, have gathered from 18 to 22 August 2021, at the 14th World Scout Youth Forum, in order to become more empowered and inspired, and to develop skills in decision-making which can be used within Scouting and society.

Through this Declaration, we:

- unite the voices of young people in Scouting;
- came together online, to claim our right to be part of the decision-making process for our movement even in the most difficult of times;
- acknowledge the instability caused by climate change and conflict that young people are facing across the world;
- share the vision, wishes, decisions and principles that are most valued by youth members today in the hope of informing and guiding the development of the Scout Movement;
- note the summary of discussions, dialogue, and debates that took place during the sessions of the Youth Forum;
- celebrate the historic levels of participation, with 229 delegates from 163 Member Organizations participating in this online Forum;
- draw attention to the fact that 58% (418 of 713 delegates and observers) will also take part in the World Scout Conference in the week after this Youth Forum;
- express our hope that the number of young people partaking in these global decision-making processes continues to increase;
- recognise that although it is non-binding, this declaration represents the views of Scouts around the world and thus deserves due attention and consideration;
- emphasize that active citizenship is at the core of the vision and values we promote, and that this declaration represents an expression of this vision;

Young People shaping a world full of challenges

1. On Youth Innovation

We believe that the innovation of young people can reshape the world for the better. The platform of non-formal education and empowerment that Scouting provides can support our youth in realizing this potential. Hence we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. provide youth with the inspiration and support to innovate within Scouting;
- B. establish support from adults, communities, or peers for youth ideas and innovation; and
- C. mitigate the practical barriers such as lack of experience, time, resources, education, etc. to unlock the potential of our youth.

2. On Developing Youth Leadership Competency

We are convinced that the development of leadership competency in young people is core to the aims of the Scout Movement. Thus we call upon the World Scout Committee to:

- A. encourage NSOs to develop and recruit youth for leadership roles within their organization, that are suitable to various experience levels;
- B. foster a culture where Youth Leadership is respected and readily supported and mainstreamed throughout all levels of our Movement; and
- C. ensure they provide opportunities for youth to develop leadership skills and experience at all levels of the organization, so as to set youth up for success in positions of equal authority to adult members at all levels of the movement.

3. On the Development of Young Global Citizens

We believe that global citizenship is core to the Scouting identity, and that this can be achieved through non-formal education and Scouting adventures. Thus we call upon the World Scout Committee to:

- A. facilitate cross-cultural opportunities for youth to build bridges across regions, with special consideration for mitigating the practical barriers to participation (financial, language, etc.); and
- B. encourage NSOs to incorporate global citizenship education into their Youth Programme.

4. On Environmental Sustainability

We recognize the ongoing climate crisis to be the greatest challenges of the century, and that the Youth of today will have to face it throughout their lifetimes. Thus, we call upon the World Scout Committee to:

- A. challenge our movement to work towards climate neutrality by the World Scout Conference in 2033, within our wider movement, our individual lives, and our communities;
- B. empower our members to take local action to mitigate the climate crisis;
- C. seek partnership with other NGOs to improve our climate protection and humanitarian response policy and work towards carbon neutrality;
- D. develop a framework for evaluating the environmental impact of large Scout events including jamborees and conferences;
- E. neutralize the environmental impact of world Scout events by 2033;
- F. ensure the programme of each NSO is closely aligned with climate neutrality and the Sustainable Development Goals, including the mobilization of our membership through local service projects such as the Scouts for SDG programme;
- G. work with NSOs to establish and achieve ambitious sustainability goals; and
- H. encourage NSOs to report and reflect on their environmental footprint

5. On the COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience of WOSM

We acknowledge the COVID19 pandemic has had a significant effect on our daily lives, economic realities, and led to the loss of lives around the world, and hence call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. facilitate NSOs learning from one another's pandemic response to accelerate the global recovery process;
- B. invest in technical competency and offer the needed financial and technical support for delivering high quality digital experiences;
- C. recognize and support NSOs in helping their communities through the various challenges faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- D. emphasise the value proposition of outdoor adventures, while they are needed more than ever; and
- E. diversify revenue streams away from membership fees.
- F. Recognizing the toll on not only the overall number of Scouts, but also the mental health of the remaining scouts. (youth ?)

Young people shaping Scouting¹

6. Youth Engagement

On Youth Engagement we believe that young people have a right to be involved in decisions that affect them on equal terms, while recognizing their need for safe spaces. We urge for the different approaches to youth engagement across the world to be strengthened to ensure meaningful youth engagement in governance at all levels. Ultimately, young people need to be part of the decision-making process.

We believe that by strengthening intergenerational dialogue we enhance both the role of young people and adults in our movement.

Hence, we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. engage with NSOs to ensure young people are able to claim their right to participate in decision that affect them;

¹ The following aspects are focusing on guiding the strategic policy setting of the next World Scout Committee and do not include various calls to continue the ongoing work on existing programs and initiatives.

- B. support NSOs to empower young people and adults alike to engage in an inclusive intergenerational dialogue;
- C. ensure there are safe spaces for young people at our new decision making event, while continuing to provide a learning experience for all attendees;
- D. ensure an inclusive process for the selection of event-specific roles; and
- E. propose structural measures to the World Scout Conference to ensure young people have voting rights as full members of the World Scout Committee, including but not limited to temporary age-based quota in the World Scout Committee.
- F. propose measures to ensure a minimum percentage of young people are represented in the delegations to the World Scout Conference as appropriate and support NSOs in increasing their youth proportion within their delegation
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7. Educational Methods

On Educational Methods, we strongly support in young people's right to non-formal education. We believe in supporting our members to strengthen our provision of non-formal education. We believe in continuing to offer online services to Scouts worldwide.

Hence, we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. further develop its e-learning platforms to allow all scouts to benefit from global programmes;
- B. put more emphasis on mental health in its Safe From Harm and educational initiatives, and empowering youth to advocate for mental health;
- C. strengthen resources focusing on disaster preparedness to establish resilience and promote growth and retention at NSO level; and
- D. invest in its Leadership in Peace programme and to:
 - a. Collaborate with partners to support peace and dialogue efforts, and
 - b. Commit to the UN Youth Peace and Security agenda.

8. Diversity and Inclusion

On Diversity and Inclusion, we reinforce that Scouting is a movement that is open to all. We believe in embracing diversity. We recognise that each individual is unique and a member of a diverse society, while emphasizing the values-based nature of our movement. We recommend that all NSOs create safe spaces for members irrespective of gender, sexuality, race, religion or creed.

Hence, we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. support NSOs in the development of their national diversity and inclusion work;
- B. create safe spaces at world events that cater to participants' needs;
- C. support more young people from challenging socio-economic backgrounds to participate in World Scouting events and initiatives;
- D. continue striving towards gender balance in its operations and decision making bodies;
- E. continuing and increasing efforts to include discussions about gender equality in NSOs' Youth Programmes; and
- F. support NSOs in ensuring that Scouting is accessible and suitable for people with disabilities.

9. Social Impact

On Social Impact we believe that Scouting positively impacts millions of communities worldwide, but is only measuring its impact on a small scale. We encourage all NSOs to engage in Social Impact studies so we can measure the impact that Scouting has on the world.

Hence we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. facilitate NSOs' access to social impact studies;
- B. work with academia and experts to assess Scouting's impact on the world;

- C. support NSOs in bringing Scouting to the most vulnerable contexts; and
- D. empower Scouts to be active in their local communities, to take and globally coordinate environmental action.

10. Communications and External Relations

On Communications and External Relations we believe in expanding our portfolio of partnerships while staying true to our Scouting identity. Additionally, we believe in inclusive communication.

Hence, we request the World Scout Committee to:

- A. continue communications between elected officials and NSOs;
- B. continue working closely with our partners from the Big 6 Youth Organisations, and specifically with WAGGGS;
- C. simplify language in policy documents to increase accessibility;
- D. foster closer collaboration between NSOs and WOSM;
- E. reinforce our external brand for social progress including youth, peace and security, climate action, and diversity & inclusion; and
- F. continuing using Youth Representatives to drive global policy debate on key issues for Scouting.

11. Governance

On Governance, we believe in continuing to adapt World Scouting's volunteering structure so that it reflects current trends, such as increased flexibility, in volunteering.

Hence, we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. recognize the equal standing of both official languages of WOSM and their importance for good governance and inclusive democratic decision making;
- B. ensure that youth engagement is not limited to Educational Methods but mainstreamed across the management and governance of our organization;
- C. create a WOSM Service focused around sustainability; and
- D. increase the accessibility of WOSM services to allow more NSOs to benefit from them.

Conclusion

We encourage the World Organization of the Scout Movement to serve all the young people of the Movement, not just those who can attend the Youth Forums and Conferences.

We encourage the World Organization of the Scout Movement to serve Scouts of all ages and backgrounds, not just those who can attend international events.

We draw attention to the fact that the statements in this Declaration were prepared by the young people representing their Member Organizations, after discussions and deliberations in International Teams that were composed of Scouts from diverse backgrounds and nationalities. Thus, this declaration fully represents the ideas and opinions of the participants as a whole.

Recalling the fact that this is the largest World Scout Youth Forum both in the number of Member Organizations represented as well as young people, we request the World Scout Conference, the World Scout Committee, all Member Organizations and the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee to embrace the 14th World Scout Youth Forum Declaration and respect the views and needs of young people all over the world.

14th World Scout Youth Forum in drawings and videos

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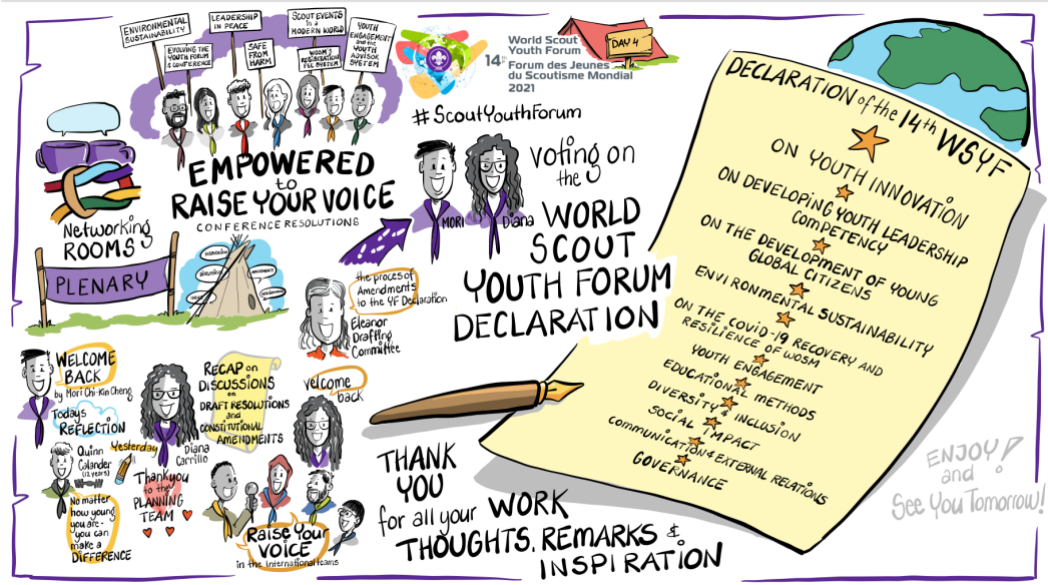
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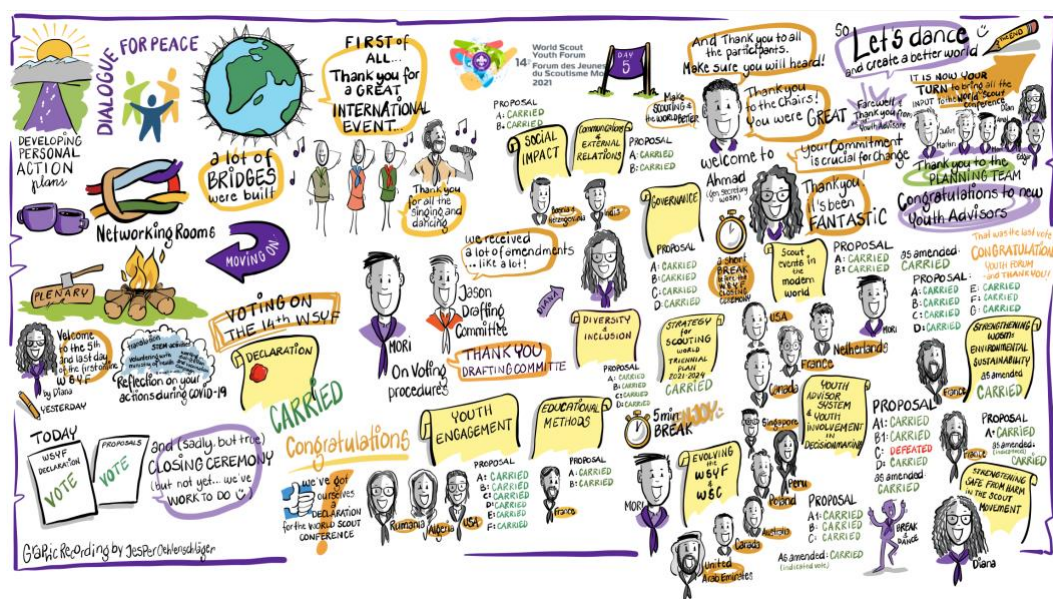
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