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World Scout Youth  
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## **RESPONSE TO THE 9TH WORLD SCOUT YOUTH FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS**

Summarised below are the recommendations from the 9th World Scout Youth Forum, which were put to the World Scout Committee and other groups as appropriate following the April 2006 World Scout Committee Meeting. The recommendations can be read in full in Attachment 1.

A progress report was tabled to the April 2007 World Scout Committee meeting and shared with the members of ScOutPost. Overall, the recommendations from the 9th World Scout Youth Forum were well received and acted upon accordingly by the World Scout Committee and other volunteers, supported by the World Scout Bureau.

### **Recommendation 1: Translation of documents for 10th WSYF**

- The 10th WSYF Planning Committee have worked with the World Scout Bureau to provide documentation that can be translated into English and French. Where possible, these documents have been provided in advance to Regional offices of the World Scout Bureau for translation into regional languages. Not all documents have been able to be translated into Arabic, Russian and Spanish. Simultaneous translation will be available in English and French during plenary sessions.

### **Recommendation 2: Deadline for nominations for Youth Advisors**

- Changes were made to the WSYF Guidelines and accepted by the World Scout Committee in order to accommodate the request for more time to get to know candidates for the position of Youth Advisor to the World Scout Committee. These changes have included providing advanced information on the candidates experiences and letter of motivation, with the endorsement of their National Scout Organization. The timing of the presentation of candidates allows participants the opportunity to discuss with the candidates their experiences and to ask questions before voting.

### **Recommendation 3: Young people as delegates to the World Scout Conference**

- The World Scout Committee have encouraged National Scout Organizations to include young people in their delegation to the World Scout Conference. There are more participants to the 10th World Scout Youth Forum than ever before, with many of these participants going on to be members of their NSO delegations at the World Scout Conference. At the time of writing this report final registration figures had not been received to allow for specific analysis. Once the analysis is available it should be used to encourage NSOs to include young people in their delegations to the Regional Conferences.

### **Recommendation 4: WSYF subjects have links to World Scout Conference topics and World Scouting in general**

- The 10th WSYF Planning Committee has worked closely with the World Scout Committee to identify topics that relate to the World Scout Conference and World Scouting in general. Recognising the unique opportunity that a World Scout Youth Forum provides, the programme has been designed to provide opportunities for sharing experiences, learning about new areas of activity in Scouting around the world and preparing the participants that will attend the World Scout Conference. Participants to the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Youth Forum and Conference documents in advance of arriving in Korea in order to be prepared to fully engage in discussions.

### **Recommendation 5: Support for 2007 celebrations**

- Scouting's centenary was celebrated in many ways in 2007 from local to global levels. This marked a significant milestone for Scouting and many people had been involved in long preparations before the year arrived. These included:
  - Gifts for Peace projects in over 110 countries,
  - participation by millions of Scouts in the Scouting's Sunrise on 1st August 2007,
  - the 21st World Scout Jamboree in the United Kingdom,
  - a World Scientific Congress on the contribution of the Scout Movement to the development of education,
  - and many other Scout gatherings and celebrations.

Scouting received significant attention around the world as the contribution of Scouting over the centenary was acknowledged by people both within and outside of Scouting.

### **Recommendation 6: Develop relationship with WOSM & WAGGGS**

- WAGGGS / WOSM Consultative Committee continued to explore the relationship between the two organisations and there were ongoing cooperation at national level between the two organisations. The Scouts of the World Award programme is open to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

### **Recommendation 7: Youth Advisors Position Description**

- A Position Description for Youth Advisors was written and accepted by the World Scout Committee in April 2006. A subsequent paper reviewing the operations of the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee was tabled at the April 2007 World Scout Committee Meeting.

### **Recommendation 8: Host NSO for WSYF establish support fund for Scouts from developing nations**

- The Korea Scout Association, working with the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau, has established the Operation Saekdong (solidarity fund), which has supported 60 young adults from 60 countries to attend the World Scout Youth Forum and the World Scout Conference. The fund for Operation Saekdong was USD 200,000.

### **Recommendation 9: Millennium Development Goals**

- The Educational Methods Committee and Adolescents & Young Adults Task Team explored ways to work with the Millennium Campaign to develop this. Through the Scouts of the World Award programme, the MDGs have been promoted in order to encourage and empower young adults within their communities.
- There are 24 countries involved in the Scouts of the World Award in 4 Regions around the World (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Mexico, Peru, France, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Australia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan) And there are more than 15 countries developing, adapting or working in the implementation of the SW Award into their Rover programme (Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Belgium, Iceland, Japan, Switzerland, Thailand, Bhutan, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines).

### **Recommendation 10: Young people in external relations of Scouting and involvement in new initiatives**

- Youth Advisors and other young people actively participated in the World Scout Committee task teams and sub-committees.
- Regional Communications workshop provided opportunities for training spokespeople, with many young people involved in this training.
- NSOs training of young people in external relations varies. This area could be further explored, perhaps through sharing of best practices.
- Open call to NSOs for some positions is occurring, such as the UNEP International Youth Conference. This area could be further explored.

### **Recommendation 11: Promoting benefits of WSYF to NSOs**

- The 10<sup>th</sup> WSYF Planning Committee has worked with the World Scout Bureau to develop circulars and other materials to promote the WSYF. The World Scout Youth Forum was promoted at the World Scout Jamboree through displays and interactive activities for the Scouts.
- Promotion of benefits of the WSYF are incorporated into the WSYF Guidelines.

### **Recommendation 12: International service exchange and support for Scouts of the World Programme**

- The Educational Methods Committee conducted a thorough exploration into the feasibility of establishing a service exchange programme managed at the World level. This was deemed not to be feasible at this point in time. Where exchange programmes already exist amongst NSOs, Scouts are encouraged to explore those opportunities.
- The Adolescents & Young Adults Task Team continued to support the Scouts of the World Award partnership and there has been an increase in the number of NSOs looking to establish, or already delivering the Scouts of the World Award.

### **Recommendation 13: Pricing structure of world events to consider travel**

- The World Scout Committee are exploring ways to minimise costs for the WSYF & World Scout Conference. The Host Committee has made a commitment to ensure that costs are kept to a minimum for participants. The solidarity fund was established in order to help Scouts who would not otherwise be able to attend to participate in the WSYF.

### **Recommendation 14: Environment Education encouraged in NSOs including Scouts of the World, SCENES and review of Scout World Conservation Badge**

- The Environment Education Task Team, Adolescents & Young Adults Task Team and World Scout Bureau have worked with environmental experts within and outside of Scouting and local Scout groups around the world to develop and test the World Scout Environment Programme. This includes:
  - principles and aims for environment education in Scouting,
  - a framework for environment education in Scouting
  - the World Scout Environment Badge,
  - programme activity resources,
  - SCENES (Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment),
  - Scouts of the World Award and
  - developing partnerships.

### **Recommendation 15: Establishment of Environment Education Task Team supported by Education Research & Development Department of World Scout Bureau**

- An Environment Education Task Team was established, consisting of Scouts from around the world with experience in environmental education.
- A Unit Manager Environment Education was appointed to support the Environment Education Task Team through the World Scout Bureau.

**Recommendation 16: Youth involvement through support for Youth Advisors to World Scout Committee meetings and other operational expenses. Support from World Scout Committee members to WSYF**

- Youth Advisors have had representation at all World Scout Committee meetings since 2005 and have been welcome to contribute to the agenda and the meeting discussions. The Youth Advisors have actively participated, along with other young people, in the work of the sub-committees and task teams of the World Scout Committee.
- Members of the World Scout Committee are attending and supporting the 10th WSYF.
- Youth Advisors are considered in budget discussions of the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau.

## Recommendations

### Recommendation 1

Due to the increasing number of participants at the World Scout Youth Forum, representing all the Scout Regions of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, it is recommended that at future meetings of the World Scout Youth Forum all documents are available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. In the same way, the World Scout Youth Forum recommends that simultaneous translation is available in these languages.

Document translations should be a task for World Scout Bureau Regional Offices, if they find it necessary and have the resources.

### Recommendation 2

As members of a democratic movement it is recommended that changes to the current election process for Youth Advisors are made to ensure an informed and fair election process. It is recommended that the World Scout Youth Forum delegates are provided with an opportunity to meet and get to know the candidates in order to be able to make an informed choice when voting for a person, their ideas and competencies.

It is recommended that the deadline for candidate nomination occurs 2 days before the election and that candidates be given the opportunity to present themselves a full day before the election.

### Recommendation 3

It is recommended that the World Scout Committee strongly encourages National Scout Organizations to ensure that at least one delegate from each National Scout Organization represented at the World Scout Youth Forum is also a delegate to the World Scout Conference.

### Recommendation 4

It is recommended that the World Scout Committee should ensure that future World Scout Youth Forums allocate more time to subjects related to World Scout Conference topics and Scouting in general. In this way participants can be more prepared to play a constructive role during both events.

### Recommendation 5

The World Scout Youth Forum:

- Considering that 2007 marks a landmark year in the history of the Scout Movement;
- While considering that 2007 centenary celebrations are a unique chance to promote Scouting's contribution to societies worldwide;
- Acknowledging the work of the World Scout Committee, World Scout Bureau and initiatives undertaken by National Scout Organisations so far, to implement the plans for centenary celebrations following the decisions of the World Scout Conferences in 1999 and 2002;

Recommends:

- That the World Scout Committee and the World Scout Bureau continue to

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- promote 2007 centenary celebrations;
- National Scout Organizations use the opportunity provided by centenary celebrations to enhance and promote the image of Scouting;
- The World Scout Committee, World Scout Bureau and National Scout Organizations to ensure that young people are fully involved in the management of all activities organised as part of the centenary celebrations;
- That National Scout Organizations ensure that as many of their members have the possibility to participate in the 21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree, Join-in-Centenary activities and the Scouting's Sunrise celebrations;
- That National Scout Organizations take an active role in the Gifts for Peace project, which will both enrich the educational programme of National Scout Organizations and provide opportunities to promote the worldwide contribution that Scouting makes to peace.

### **Recommendation 6**

It is recommended that the World Scout Committee should encourage cooperation between the National Scout Organizations of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and Member Organizations of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, through the implementation of joint world programmes. The World Scout Committee should allow members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to take part in the Scouts of the World Programme.

### **Recommendation 7**

The World Scout Youth Forum:

- Recognizing that the World Scout Committee's approach to Youth involvement is prescriptive as opposed to youth initiated;

Recommends:

- That Youth Advisors are tasked to construct and publish a concise, transparent job description and person specification for the Youth Advisor role, in conjunction with the World Scout Committee.

### **Recommendation 8**

It is recommended that the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the Host Committee responsible for organizing the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference establish a fund to assist developing nations to send representatives to the World Scout Youth Forum.

This fund should be managed between the World Organization of the Scout Movement, the host National Scout Organization of the World Scout Youth Forum and the World Scout Conference.

### **Recommendation 9**

In order to help developing countries take control of their own development, it is recommended that the World Scout Committee promotes the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by disseminating toolkits to National Scout Organizations to help train and inspire action on the theme of the MDGs.

**Recommendation 10**

The World Scout Youth Forum recognizing that:

- Scouting is an educational movement that takes action in the heart of society in interaction with a large number of associations, non governmental organizations, international organizations and public institutions, of which they share some common convictions, values and objectives;
- The World Organization of the Scout Movement and National Scout Organizations therefore has regular contact with these agencies and conclude various partnerships.

Recommends that the World Scout Committee should ensure :

- That young people participate in external representation of the World Organization of the Scout Movement with international organizations and non governmental organizations;
- That National Scout Organizations encourage their youth members to participate in external representation of Scouting with national or local branches of international organizations and governments;
- That National Scout Organizations train the youth who participate in such representation;
- That the World Organization of the Scout Movement appoints a youth coordinator on the establishment, implementation and management of each new programme or project.
- That the young people who are invited to carry out the tasks above are chosen by a call for candidature circulated to the National Scout Organizations.

**Recommendation 11**

The World Scout Youth Forum:

- Recognizing that the increasing number of participants in the World Scout Youth Forum is a challenge for the World Organization of the Scout Movement;
- Acknowledging that it means a better reflection of the diversity of realities in Scouting throughout the world that gives legitimacy to the World Scout Youth Forum;
- Understanding that the World Scout Youth Forum aims at developing the participation of the young people in their National Scout Organization and the World Organization of the Scout Movement;
- Appreciating that it is a place for experimentation and the training of young people and that this experience should be available to as many people as possible.

Recommends:

- That the World Scout Committee endeavors to inform more young people of the importance and value of the World Scout Youth Forum and should promote to National Scout Organizations the benefits they gain from such an experience.

**Recommendation 12**

It is recommended that the World Scout Committee should consider creating an

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international service exchange programme where volunteers undertake service in a country in need.

It is also recommended that the Scouts of the World Programme should continue to receive particularly strong support.

### **Recommendation 13**

It is recommended that the World Scout Committee should review the pricing structure for world events to take into consideration the cost of travel.

### **Recommendation 14**

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Scout Youth Forum:

- Reaffirming the role of the environment in the Scout Method, Scout law and educational principles of the Scout Movement;
- Noting the current environmental challenges facing every region of the world and the roles that young people can play in mitigating and adapting to these;
- Further taking note of the Millennium Development Goals;
- Welcoming the Memorandum of Understanding between the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the United Nations Environment Programme;

Recommends that National Scout Organizations develop renewed efforts in order to improve their environment education programmes in all age ranges. These efforts should consider furthering the development of the Scouts of the World Programme, the revitalization of the SCENES (Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment) programme and the review and implementation of the Scout World Conservation Badge.

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- Further taking note of the Millennium Development Goals;
- Welcoming the Memorandum of Understanding between the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the United Nations Environment Programme;

Recommends that the World Scout Committee sets up a special task group that will be tasked with developing new resources and training materials to help National Scout Organizations improve environment education within their youth programme. This task group should be supported by the Education, Research and Development Department of the World Scout Bureau.

### **Recommendation 16**

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Scout Youth Forum:

- Considering that the 35<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference decided that youth involvement was the first strategic priority of the Scout Movement;

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- Whilst considering that the system of Youth Advisors is not the ultimate solution to youth involvement at the world level, believing that it is important to further strengthen the current system in order to ensure that the aims of Strategic Priority 1 – ‘Youth Involvement’ are implemented in the most effective manner;
- Considering the importance of constant dialogue between the Youth Advisors and the World Scout Committee underlined in the guidelines of the World Scout Youth Forum, when it is considered appropriate;
- Giving Youth Advisors the opportunity to make proposals will allow the World Scout Committee to better take into account concerns of young members of World Organization of the Scout Movement;
- Regretting that at the moment the Youth Advisors may be called upon to attend the World Scout Committee meetings only when the Committee considers it is appropriate;

The World Scout Youth Forum strongly urges that the following recommendations are implemented by the World Scout Committee with the aim of furthering youth involvement at world level decision making:

- The 9<sup>th</sup> World Scout Youth Forum recommends to the World Scout Committee that Youth Advisors should be represented in all World Scout Committee meetings with the right to speak and make recommendations. Youth advisors shall also have right to propose items for the agenda of World Scout Committee meetings.
- That the World Scout Committee ensures that the Youth Advisors or other competent young persons selected in a transparent way are fully involved in all workstreams or sub-committees that currently exist, or that may be set up in the future by the World Scout Committee;
- That the World Scout Committee shall ensure that an appropriate number of its members will attend and take part in the World Scout Youth Forum in order to facilitate dialogue between the World Scout Committee and the participants of the World Scout Youth Forum;
- That the World Scout Committee makes its best effort to provide an adequate budget to enable the Youth Advisors to meet on a regular basis and cover personal expenses incurred as a result, during their term of office.