



Scouting's Partners

Doing better with others

SCOUTING AND PARTNERSHIPS

Scouting does not exist in isolation; it is part of the community and it needs to work in partnership with others, from individuals to organisations and institutions at local, national and world levels.

With its 28 million individual members active at community level in more than 156 countries, Scouting represents the best-positioned global movement to achieve the development goals shared by the international community.

To accomplish the Mission however, it needs allies among other international and global actors, especially the Programmes and Agencies of the United Nations, International Committee of the Red Cross and the Millennium Campaign that work with common issues and share our concerns, as well as other civil society movements and organisations that share our vision; an example being the alliance of youth CEOs of six of the largest youth organisations and movements.

Work done, and agreements signed at a global level between World Scouting and other international organisations, should open doors and facilitate collaboration and joint action at a local level, with mutual advantages, optimising resources and maximising impact.

To create a better world is an enormous challenge. Working in partnership with others will enhance Scouting's chances of success.

SOME OF THE PARTNERS

The United Nations and its Agencies

World Scouting has worked in partnership with the UN since 1947 when it was first granted consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Since then, the UN and its Agencies have expanded, as have their partnerships with World Scouting.

- UNICEF – UN Children's Fund
- UNESCO – UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
- FAO – Food and Agriculture Organisation
- ILO – International Labour Organisation
- WHO – World Health Organisation
- UNHCR – Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNEP – UN Environment Programme
- UNDP – UN Development Programme

The Millennium Campaign

World Scouting signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Millennium Campaign in Rome on 22nd April 2005. This Campaign informs, inspires and encourages people's involvement and action for the realisation of the Millennium Development Goals, with a particular focus on mobilising young people. An initiative of the United Nations, the Campaign supports citizens' efforts to hold their government accountable in their promise to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. Within this context, World Scouting:

- Has launched its campaign entitled "Youth of the world"
- Presents the World Scouting Report 2006, which responds to the issue of youth development.

The Red Cross Movement

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement comprise of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies worldwide.

The Red Cross Movement directs and coordinates international assistance to victims of natural and technological disasters, to refugees and health emergencies. By working in partnership with this movement, World Scouting contributes to its humanitarian mission.

International Labour Organisation

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) is working with World Scouting to address the issue of child labour. This is mainly done through the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC).

IPEC's aim is to work towards the progressive elimination of child labour by strengthening national capacities to address child labour problems, and by creating a worldwide movement to combat it. In 2004 World Scouting signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ILO/IPEC for a more formal commitment to the idea.

In the past three years, several Scouting seminars and projects have taken action concerning youth employment, street children, and child labour in Egypt, Kenya, Ukraine, and Russia.

The Youth Employment Network

The Youth Employment Network (YEN) was created under the impetus of the Millennium Declaration, where the largest gathering of Heads of State and Government ever met at the Millennium Summit in September 2000 and resolved to "develop and implement strategies that give young people everywhere a real chance to find decent and productive work." This is a partnership between the UN, World Bank and the ILO. World Scouting as an organisation is a member of the YEN Youth Consultative Group (YCG). YCG works to represent the concerns of young people on the functioning and strategic priorities of the YEN through interaction with High Level Panellists and other structures of the YEN.

The Jacobs Foundation

The primary purpose of the Jacobs Foundation is to help create those conditions, which are conducive to the wholesome development of young people. The Foundation is committed to contributing to the welfare and social productivity of the current and future generations of young people. In seeking to overcome social, economic and ideological barriers, the Foundation's emphasis falls on self-help and the exercise of personal responsibility.

Thanks to the support of the Jacobs Foundation, World Scouting has been able to implement the project Developing Young Leaders, Assuring Africa's Future. Through this project, the Africa Scout Region will enhance its capacity to empower young people to participate in national development and thereby bring about positive change to their lives and that of their communities. Among the issues to be addressed include how to integrate young people into the fight against HIV/AIDS, promoting peaceful coexistence, and participating in decision-making processes.

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