12th World Scout Youth Forum

Participants’ Evaluation Report
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Respondents’ Background

The evaluation survey (in English only) was sent to the Forum participants immediately after the Forum ended. Additionally, those Forum participants who have attended the 40th World Scout Conference as well have been asked additional questions about the immediate impact of the Forum in the Conference evaluation (responses presented at the end this report). The evaluation survey was sent to a total of 203 recipients, and received a total of 116 responses. This accounts for a response rate of 57.14%.

NOTE: The final list of Forum participants (excluding those who did not come to the Forum, but have registered) contains a total of 176 participants. Out of this number, 40 have not attended the 40th World Scout Conference, which accounts for 22.73% of the total number.

Respondents’ Age, Gender and Regional Distribution

The average age of the respondents was 22.26 years (with the most common age being 22). Out of the 116 respondents, 53 were female (46%) and 63 were male (54%). Of the 116 respondents, there were 4 from the Africa region, and 4 from the Eurasia region, followed by 8 from the Arab region, 16 from Interamerica, 20 from Asia-Pacific and 64 from Europe.

Role at WSYF

Of the 116 respondents, 72 were delegates, 41 were observers, and 3 selected “Other” (and specified that they were either members of the Planning Committee or from the World Scout Bureau).
The charts below show the respondents’ impressions about the logistical side of the event, the organization and facilities. The first chart is based on a rating scale from 1 (the lowest grade) to 5 (the highest grade). The second one presents the average grade participants gave to each of the question lines.

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The overall average grade for the logistics and organization aspect of the Forum is **3.80**, however, it is important to note that one grade in particular – the grade for internet connectivity at the venue, stands out as the only grade below 3. If this grade were excluded from the calculation, the overall average grade would be 3.98. In particular:
- The participants have shown high levels of satisfaction with the venue and facilities (more than 83% opted for grades 4 and 5);
- Participants were also very satisfied with the food and beverages (over 85% chose grades 4 and 5);
- The welcome and transport to Rogla had an average grade of 3.98, and over 71% of participants chose grades 4 and 5 for this aspect;
- The accommodation received the highest grades from more than 85% respondents;
- The participation fee was rated somewhat less positive than the other elements, with over 37% of respondents grading it with 3, and an average grade of 3.39;
- The internet connectivity, as mentioned, received the lowest grade in this section, with over 49% of respondents rating it with the lowest grades (1 and 2);
- Finally, the audio and visuals at the Forum received the highest grades from more than 65% of respondents.

Of the 116 respondents, 36 provided additional input in the form of written comments, and in them, they expressed congratulations to the hosts on a job well done, but also criticised the internet connectivity, the lack of coordination between arrival times and bus departures from Ljubljana to Rogla, as well as the audio settings in the plenary hall. Their original answers are available in Annex 1.

**Respondents’ Preparation for the Forum**

The respondents were asked to rate the usefulness of several communication channels in their preparation for the Forum. Here are their grades:

![Usefulness of Communication Channels in Preparation for the WSYF](chart)

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As visible from the chart above, two sources of information were dominant, and graded very highly – the 12th WSYF Facebook group (76% of respondents graded this channel
with the highest grades), as well as emails from the Planning Team (over 73% of respondents opted for grades 4 and 5 for this channel). According to their answers, the pigeonholes have not been useful for many respondents (25% graded them with the lowest grade), while 36.5% marked as their answer "non applicable". Furthermore, respondents deemed that wsc2014.si was more useful for gaining information than scout.org, ScoutPak or the Youth Wall.

The following chart presents respondents’ opinions about the usefulness of certain documents/tools in their preparation for the WSYF:

Usefulness of following documents/tools in participants' preparation for the WSYF

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As visible from the chart, the e-preparation tool, COMPASS, received an almost equal percentage of grades 3, 4 and 5 (24.8%, 23.8% and 25.7% respectively). The 12th WSYF and 40th WSC documents received the highest grades from over 86 and 76 per cent of respondents respectively. The Impact Assessment of the WSYF and YA system report received grades 4 and 5 from over 54% of respondents, while the Global Youth Trends Report received the same grades from over 58% of respondents. Finally, the documents provided in the USB key received the highest grades from over 58% of respondents.

Overall, respondents who opted for providing written comments made remarks about: the need for having a clear overview of all disposable communication channels, having COMPASS more detailed and adjusted to the age group of the participants, as well as a need for having the Forum documents available for consultation in sufficient time before the start of the Forum. The respondents’ full answers are available in Annex 2 of this report.
Evaluating the Forum Programme and Working Methods

Assessing the Innovations

The respondents were asked to reflect in particular on some elements that were introduced for the first time at the WSYF. The chart below shows their responses:

As visible, the international teams received a high rate of approval, with over 74% of participants rating them with the highest grades (4 and 5). Furthermore, the introduction of draft resolutions and amendments to the Triennial Plan instead of Forum recommendations was received positively as well, with over 70% of respondents giving it grades 4 and 5. The team blogging received mixed review, with respondents spreading their answers across the spectrum of grades, similar to the review of the Global Resource Pool. The keynote speech was graded highly (with 67% of respondents giving it grades 4 and 5), as was the Triennial Plan session (with over 72% of respondents grading it with 4 and 5). The “Unlocking our Potential” session was graded similarly, with over 63% of respondents giving it the highest grades.
Evaluating the Forum Sessions

The chart above shows the respondents' grades for various parts of the Forum programme. In particular:
- The informative sessions (e.g. Regional reports), were graded highly (with over 61% of respondents giving them grades 4 and 5);
- The discussion and exchange sessions were also graded very highly (with over 75% of respondents giving them grades 4 and 5);
- The training sessions received a high rate of approval, with over 70% of respondents grading them with 4 and 5;
- The draft resolutions session has also received high approval from over 68% of respondents (who graded it with 4 and 5);
- The time with Youth Advisor candidates has received a mixed review: even though more than half (52.4%) of respondents graded it with highest grades, over a quarter of the respondents graded it with 3, and almost a fifth (19.4%) graded it with the lowest grades (1 and 2);
- The informal time (coffee breaks and evening programmes) received very high grades (over 88% of respondents graded it with 4 and 5).

A total of 30 respondents provided written comments on this section, mainly referring to:
- a need for more time to discuss draft resolutions, and to get to know the YA candidates, a need for revising the concept of drafting resolutions within international teams (several respondents commented how this process would have been more productive if done in NSOs). The full responses can be found in Annex 3 of this report.
Achieving the Forum Objectives

Respondents were asked to assess the level of achievement in three specific objectives of the Forum, and the three pie charts below show their responses to each of them:

As visible, a majority of respondents (over 62%, or 64 out of 103 who responded to the question) think that the WSYF enhances youth involvement in decision-making at a World level in Scouting a lot, or greatly. Even more approval was given to the second objective, where less than 9% of respondents (9 in total) thought that the WSYF provides little or neither little nor a lot of opportunities for networking and establishing contacts between participants. Finally, 70% of respondents (72 out of 103) stated that the WSYF contributes greatly or a lot to providing participants with new skills and knowledge that enable them to play a constructive role in society.

A total of 14 participants left written comments on this aspect of the Forum, mainly asking for an improvement in the next Forum in terms of deciding whether it should be an educational or youth involvement event, as well as calling for more in-depth and better-defined discussions. The full answers are available in Annex 4.

Additionally, respondents were asked to state whether or not the Forum has been a source of motivation for the following:

- Taking part in more world-level Scouting events and activities;
- Taking an active part in the decision-making processes at national level in your NSO;
- Creating a joint project with another Forum participant from a different country;
- Organizing an exchange with participants from another country.

The chart below presents their responses, which have shown that a majority of participants felt motivated for each of these activities:
As visible from the chart, of the 103 participants who responded to this question:
- 94 were motivated by the WSYF to take part in more world-level Scouting events and activities;
- 88 were motivated to take an active part in the decision-making processes at national level in their NSO;
- 60 were motivated to create a joint project with another Forum participant from a different country;
- 72 were motivated to organize an exchange with participants from another country.

Finally, participants were offered an opportunity to provide additional comments and suggestions for changes and improvements, and one that clearly stood out is the need for better-defined scope and objectives of the Forum, as well as clear communication of these to the NSOs. Additionally, some participants praised the good work of the hosts, and considered the Forum to be a great experience. Their full answers are available in Annex 5.

*Note: As an additional expression of the suggestions for changes and improvements, please see the comments from international teams, collected during the last session of the Forum in Annex 6.*
WSYF participants at the WSC

Part of the 40th World Scout Conference evaluation survey was a section on the World Scout Youth Forum, for those participants who have attended both events. A total of 97 out of 385 respondents of the Conference evaluation (or 25.2%) were also Youth Forum participants.

They were asked to grade the success of the Forum in preparing them for the Conference in the following aspects (as shown in the chart below):

As visible from the chart, participants expressed high levels of success in all of the above-mentioned aspects, and in particular:
- Over 80% of them considered that the Forum had done well in informing them about the working methods of the Conference (grades 4 and 5);
- Almost 90% considered that the Forum had done a good job in informing them about the content and what to expect from the discussions about the Triennial Plan 2014-2017;
- Over 72% felt well prepared for participating in drafting resolutions at the Conference; and
- Over 83% felt that the Forum helped in understanding the main issues and challenges discussed in WOSM.
Annexes

Note: The following annexes contain the respondents’ original answers, without any alterations, as well as no grammatical and spelling corrections.

Annex 1: Q6: Additional comments on the logistics and organization aspect of the event:

1. More of a focus on Schedule and plans to catch up when behind. A lot of the rush was avoidable if we had been more on to it earlier in the day or more flexible at the end

2. Electricity was not provided in the plenary hall. The host committee did not have plan B in case of the bad weather. It was a chaos when we had to stay inside. There wasn’t enough room for us. The purpose of the workshops were not clear everytime. Unfortunately the restaurant was not prepared for this quantity of people.
   The wifi was really bad, it was really hard (and after 2 days impossible) to connect to the wifi in the plenary hall. As it was really important.

3. Congratulations ! Everything was excellent.

4. Bad sound in the mail hall. Very nice venue!

5. Amazing host committee
   Very thoughtful and well prepared for the youth forum

6. It would have been nice to know beforehand that we had to wait a few hours in between transfer from Ljubljana to Rogla... Facilities at Rogla were great. Pity that we could not go outside as much as we’d like to due to the rainy weather.

7. I really had a great time here! thanks a lot!

8. Would have been nice to leave for Rogla earlier rather than stay in the capital. After a long day of travel we really wanted to shower and rest. Internet was good but would have been nice to have elsewhere than just conference area.

9. I don’t know about the participation fee, my NSO took care of it..

The internet connection should have been better in the rooms. During the forum I found it necessary to download, read and manage documents, and for those who need a quiet environment for good concentration, should have been able to do this in their rooms.

10. The internet connection should be provided also in the accommodation not only in the hall.

11. The forum was not as organised in its delivery from a meeting and technical point as the conference was altho the content was extremely good.

12. We were told to be at the conference-venue in Ljubljana at 12am on sunday 4th, and when we arrived, our bus was not coming until 5pm. That we could have been told before, so we could have waited to arrived.
   The internet down in the bungalows was not existing. And in the venue it only worked half of the time.

13. I believe that anything that depended strictly from the hosts and volunteers was of a very high quality, thank you for your hard work. But the hotel itself in Rogla had some issues, that were out of your control, but still caused some annoyance (like lack of Internet at the bungalows, lack of keys per people in the room, etc etc).

14. closer living to the plenary and food

15. Plugs in the plenary hall

16. No wifi in the bungalo made it a bit challenging, also arriving so late on Sunday and starting the program so early on Monday was a bit painful
17. I was extremely unsatisfied with the welcome and check-in upon arrival in Ljubljana. I was rushed into a taxi with no explanation of where I was going, and when I arrived at the conference center to await my bus, I found out I would have to wait more than five hours. After the wait, my bus was not on time and we did not depart for Rogla for over an hour. There were not enough staff members (Scout or hotel) to provide an efficient check-in at the resort.

The internet connectivity was a joke. There was no way to be productive when using the wifi; it only covered the meeting room and lobby. Complaints were acknowledged, but nothing was done. This is unacceptable and unprofessional.

The audio system was useless. Every single speaker asked whether they could be heard through the microphone, wasting time and rendering the system unhelpful.

18. The food got better during the week when a second station was set up.

WiFi needed to be more accessible in the hall so that no one could talk to all their delegation.

The accommodation was nice but lacked privacy due to layout and lack of storage.

19. The time tables for lunch weren't enough

20. I think the question of whether of not the venue fitted the purpose needed to be asked. Breakout's shouldn't have taken place in the hotel lobby.

21. The sounding was really bad.... And for the accommodations is a 3 because we only had 1 key...and so if it wasn't on the reception and if nobody was in the house.. you had to find that one dude with the key... other than than they were quite nice

22. Good effort, great job! You were amazing and it was a great Youth Forum :)

23. Plenary hall audio-visual was very bad

24. I understand that the accommodation in hotel support the conference for his spaces. But I also think that is not so scouting sleep in a 4 stars hotel, with any kind of facilities and huge buffet. Maybe I would like live in a more scouting atmosphere with tent, fireplace and more outside green life. This is not for a scouting way but also for think in a more world far way, canceling also the economic and social differences. I appreciate to stay in Rogla, lost in the slovenian forest, far from the caothic and every-day cities that we know.

25. It was all great!

26. You rock! Give courses in organizing events!

27. The wifi was terrible. Didn't work in many parts of the plenary hall, was very slow and dropped out.

The plenary venue was noisy, it was difficult to hear proceedings, and the audio and visual quality/transitions were poor quality and confusing.

28. Venue and Facilities: Amazing place, but the quantitie of plugs to plug-in ours computers during the voting section on the last day wasn't enough.

Welcome and transport to Rogla: The transport was great, but the problem was that they asked us when we arrive, but doesn't gave us a answer at when we should be there, than, some of us have wasted an amount of hours just visiting Ljubljana when we could do that during the conference.

Internet Connectivity Have faild some times

Audio and Visuals: Good, but the sound of the microfone some times was too low.

29. Wonderful hosts, they worked hard and they dedication is so inspiring.

30. The Interevent program was not communicated in advance which led to insecurity and confusion; it was really hard to change travel arrangements once they were entered in the system once
31. Really good, but the system of buffet for the lunchtime wasn’t very intelligent. And the wifi connection was really bad. And it would be great if there where electrical outlets (prises de courant) in the session room for our computer etc.

32. Very kind people. I am really happy and Thank you for all.

33. Wi-fi and good audio should be top priority.

34. More time for coffee break and interactive insights please :) 

35. It was a great place, maybe a too great place. I mean, I probably would have preferred a place with no swimming pool or sport fields but with a good audience in the plenary hall. And maybe worse rooms but lower price.

36. It was hard to have an effective Youth Forum when you couldn’t go connect to the internet. There must have been a limit on the number of people able to connect, because some days my devices recognised Rogla, but wasn’t able to connect.

Annex 2: Q9: Additional comments on the preparation documents/tools for the Forum

1. Overall it was a great Forum. I would’ve liked to have the documents on the USB stick before coming to the event, they were the most useful. The COMPASS is in itself a good idea to prepare the participants but.. this time it wasn’t useful in my opinion. It needs a lot of work because to me it didn’t do anything to prepare me for the events. But those are some smaller remarks, I really enjoyed everything else.

2. To share all the information of the last forums and conferences even if it wasn't approved. This will help us to know which thing didn’t work and why.

3. Earlier and more consistent information

4. Please allow more time on discussions on the session of understanding what our regions are doing. Especially in the APR we have some very diversified encounters as a youth. There were obviously many misconceptions imposed on my NSO. I believe it is the best for us to have a sort of open forum to let the delegate to speak about their NSO rather than having a very short briefing on that.

More time should be given to the international team to come up with the resolution, I think the planning committee can consider to have the workshop in the beginning or middle part of the forum so then more time for youth to post their thoughts and further inspire people for discussion.

5. The compass was a really good and new way to introduce us to the Forum but I certainly think it should contain even more and go hand by hand with us through the documents provided.

6. Expand the COMPASS tool! Now it provided ‘just general’ information. You might want to include more detailed (optional) information on the topics that will be discussed during the forum/conference and/or the forum/conference documents.

7. Compass is a great tool, but the actual content on it was rather lacking. There were also a lot of times when things were written in one way in a Circular and another on the website. The survey that was put out just prior to the event on transport was badly phrased, it implied (in fact, it straight out said) that you would be met at any of the surrounding airports (eg Venice) rather than them just wanting to know which one you were going to.

8. I did’nt know there was so many channels for communication during the preparations. For me it would have been useful to recieve an email from planning team with information about all those platforms. I only knew about wsc2014.si, the facebook group for both the forum and the conference. Also I read the emails I got.

9. Keep working on the Compass, it’s very useful
10. The USB KEY WAS A WONDERFUL AID I WOULD SUGGEST THE CONTENT BE DELIVERED TO PARTICIPANTS LIKE THIS AGAIN BUT SOONER IN 3 YEARS TIME MAYBE THROUGH DROPBOX

11. There was nothing in our pigeon hole.

And I only brought a ipad, so I had no use of the USB key, though I thought it was a good idea :)

12. I'm confused about the question, since you are asking about how these affected the preparation to the forum. The Pidgeon holes and the USB was something that we did not get before coming to the event, and therefore I would not call it preparing for the forum.

13. It could be useful to send the links to the facebook group, the youth wall, the scout.org site to one of the emails sent. That way, you are assured that all participants know about the existence of all the communication channels.

14. More time to show what has been done the past triennium based on the resolutions / recommendation s

15. The only problem here was that many of the documents were published so LATE that preparing properly was difficult

16. COMPASS was useless. It was not up to date with what an e-learning platform should be, and was unprofessional. While the information was needed for a basic understanding of the forum, NSOs should not be sending delegates that do not already know this information. There was no need for a 45 minute platform when it could be sent in an e-mail that would take 5 minutes to read. It would have also helped to have native English speakers as the voice-overs for the presentation.

17. Usb was given on arrival at which point most participants didn't have a computer or had done the reading beforehand.

The documents that were going to be used should have been specified and made compulsory.

18. I would like to see more time for international teams to plan resolutions.

19. Compass seemed to be targeted at a much younger group of people. Information was probably useful for a first timer who on their own / on behalf of their NSO had not prepared, but the style was patronizing.

20. Exclude COMPASS

21. Getting the two biggest and most relevant documents the week before the forum certainly dampened many participants ability to participate fully.

22. Add in subject **URGENTLY READ**

23. We need more awareness about the materials provided how to use it

24. I think that all the italian team felt a gap in his preparation to the 12th world scout youth forum. I think that should be the NSO to prepare his delegates with a training course, not only about the documents but also about the world scouting, and also to create a strong team where the delegates knows each others from enough team.

25. For the next, can call many organization other scouts for some discussion

26. The forum should build more clear focus regarding its purpose. There should be place available for resolutions prior the event.

Moreover, the hosting committee should additionally be involved in the process of resolutions making and amendments so they have higher quality and reflect the structure and capacities of the WOSM executive branches.

27. Please make sure the opening and closing ceremony is appropriate for a gathering of this size and proportion; we felt the dedication that should be committed to these events was spent elsewhere

28. Good idea the USB key in the welcome pack !

29. Just important to complete this by the list of all the participants before WSYF.
30. Note that everyone does not have access to USB portal.

31. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST TO THE NEXT FORUM TO CREATE THE SAME TOOL LIKE COMPASS IT HELPED ME TO MUCH

32. Pigeon holes should be reminded at least twice a day

33. All probably great stuff, but access was a pain. We relied on internet, it were not able to connect.

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Annex 3: Q12: Additional comments on the Forum programme and working methods

1. There could’ve been more time with the YA candidates.

2. More time needs to be given for discussion and preparation for the draft resolutions session to make sure everything is correct and gets properly considered, other than feeling like it was rushed at the end

3. Working in international teams was simply amazing. I can’t even imagine a WSYF without international teams.

4. The idea of the International Teams was brilliant. But as they wanted to use these teams for prepare and write new draft resolutions and amendments it would be useful next time if they made up the teams by interests. They would be more effective if those people could work together who have the same interests.

5. It was disappointing that the draft resolutions were not proposed directly to the World Scout Conference, rather they had to be first adopted and modified by delegations.

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7. As the sessions were compact n get busy with draft resolutions with time, teams had really less time to blog.

8. None of the discussion sessions were long enough, you were always just getting in to something good and then it was time up. I did really like the format of the Regional reports though, much more useful for engaging with the concepts and purposes of the Regions than just hearing from them all. Project Fair was a bit weird though, didn’t get much out of it. YA candidates being given sessions to facilitate was good, but the material they were given was a bit lacking and it was therefore hard to gauge whether your person was bad or the stuff they had to work with was bad.

9. More time to discuss resolutions in delegations after international team work

10. I think the international teams were to big. We were to many people (10) trying to make up our minds. The discussions was interesting and good, but the decision making was not so good. We were ineffective, so the outcome of the blogging sessions and draft resolutions sessions was not very impressive.

11. The time to work on the resolutions was really really short! We should have work on it longer and also earlier to have time to propose amendments on others teams’ resolutions.

12. The international teams were an interesting twist to the youth forum, and very useful for sharing knowledge and discussing the day’s events. For creating draft resolutions though, we would definitely have needed more time with our teams - the whole session was chaotic with everybody giving different instructions, participants acting on their own without an agreement in their own team, and there was simply not enough time to make proper draft resolutions, especially if we wanted to discuss among our own national delegation about them. This is not the way to teach us about representing the view of our NSO, but to act alone. Also, we had no time to deeply go through the submitted amendments and draft resolutions before the voting session, without skipping part of the programme on that day.
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<td>International teams were a great tool for improving group cohesion, networking and getting to know other participants. However, using them for the actual work didn't work too well as decisions needed to be made in national delegations anyway and if you accidentally got very different 8 countries in your group, agreeing on anything was very difficult.</td>
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In general, I would have wanted to see more time for discussions about the triennial plan and strategy for scouting, and subsequently, more time for making amendments to these papers.

From training sessions, I attended the ones on global citizenship and advocacy. Honestly, I wish the advocacy session had been mandatory for every youth forum participant because it gave a good background understanding on how to influence decisions. This kind of training would have been very helpful for all those delegates who hadn't done similar things before and would still be going to the conference and try to have an impact there.
17. Moving from resolutions to draft amendments was utterly pointless. As soon as we arrived at the Conference everything reverted to the original documents for discussion, totally disregarding the suggestions from the WSYF. Resolutions would have been much more effective, demonstrating a concentrated interest rather than an attitude of interjecting ourselves into issues that were not our place to discuss. This is not to say that youth should not discuss any particular areas of Scouting, but doing so made the Forum appear to be overreaching through its efforts.

The blogging was ineffective and pointless. The topics were too broad for the small amount of text we were asked to stick to. Daily blogs was too lofty of a goal, and did not benefit the Forum or the Movement.

What did we gain from Mr. Alhendawi’s address? Everyone at the Forum was already hyper-sensitive to youth issues and causes. How could the money spent on his accommodations been put to better use serving Scouts? He flew in on a private plane; one wonders how in touch he is with young people, the overwhelming majority of whom do not have such resources.

There was no need for a session on the Triennial Plan. This is information participants should have arrived already knowing.

Unlocking our Potential was another waste of time. We gained nothing from this session, only lost time that could have been spent working and discussing resolutions.

It is ridiculous to consider having the Youth Adviser candidates teach a session and calling it “time with YA candidates.” In no way were these sessions a dynamic demonstration of the candidates’ skills or abilities. The sessions themselves were useless, leaving participants with no new information, skills, or ideas.

18. There should have been time just to talk to the Ya rather than asking them to facilitate sessions which they weren’t confident on.

Team blogging was pointless as we were all doing country blogs as well. Couldn’t they have been published on the youth wall instead?

The international teams were good but drafting resolutions in them as hard the next day as it was voted on in ns0.

Training and sessions such have had more content and not be superficially and discuss only what’s in the documents we’d read

19. The informal time was very, very important - it is now, at the conference so (!) important to know others but it also was a space to work on draft resolutions and discuss other “WSYF” related issues in smaller groups.

20. More time needs to be reserved for draft-resolution works, especially between the publication and voting of draft-resolutions. Draft-resolutions should not be done within the international themes as this does not reflect the reality of decision making and therefore does not teach important skills related to the resolution work. It also made it impossible ot keep track of who is actually proposing which amendment / draft-resolution to enable discussions before the voting session. The voting session should also be organized better and the international teams confuse rules of procedure regarding seconding etc.
21. The time Slots for the discussions were to short and it would have been better to have more sessions to write the draft resolutions more seriously.

22. Food safety, for the international coffee breaks.

23. Global recourse pool ...I just didn't join it yet thats why its a

24. Team blogging was good to build team spirit and to provide some team time, but it shouldn't have a compulsory nature, instead it should be optional, giving each team the liberty to write what they feel like they should ;)

25. Actually i think that the idea of the international team was a great idea but not well developed. For example, we spent all of time during the first day, making introduction game, instead to focus on the arguments of the forum. The time of the international time where we could comparised ourseflies was usefull but the time was not enough for develop good discussions. I think that 10 members for team are a lot, because not everyone take the chance to talk during the international team sessions, creating in this way a lower participation of the members. I liked that the team was formed by people form all over the region of the world, for increase the melting-pot and the global view. I think also that the coffe break and the informal time were the real moments were the Forum partecipants could knew each others and created strong relationships.

26. The structure of the Forum was very confusing.

27. Draft resolutions should be discussed in international teams but be proposed by NSOs because the time to do it otherwise was not sufficient

28. Too much things in the program. We never have time to have a deep conversation during work session. About the blogging, every delegation has a blog, a facebook page etc. and is in relation with his country and association, so it's was very boring. I would prefer to have more time to think about and write resolution (for example : 1st day - think and share ideas, 2th day - start writing, 3th day - write the definitiv text)

29. Needed more time working on draft resolutions, amendments and declarations to create a better balance between decision making and educational tool.

30. Regional reports should have been provided before arrival. Global trends session was way to short, as was the draft resolution session (we should work on them for multiple days, not minutes). Three minutes per YA candidate in plenary hall is WAY TO LITTLE.

31. TO HAVE MORE INTERECTION BETWEEN THE CANDIDATES AND THE YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

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**Annex 4: Q14: Additional comments on the objectives of the Forum**

1. While i enjoyed and learned a lot at the Youth Forum, i don't believe it provided an opportunity for participants to make a significant contribution to decision making at a world level.

2. The forum really prepared me to actively participate in the discussions at the conference and thereby greatly enhanced my involvement there.

3. If you want to use the youth forum as a way of enhancing youth involvement (which you should) you need to actually ask the young people their opinion on issues. You want to review the Scout Method next triennium? Great, start at the YF with some sessions on getting their feedback, their ideas etc. Run structured sessions on the actual meat of the next triennium, not just tweaking the triennial plan.
4. For me as a "freshman", this experience has given me a lot. Particularly talks during meals, coffee breaks and other free time has given me new insight, inspiration and motivation for keeping up the good work home in my community and NSO. The political side of the forum can sometimes be a bit too much to absorb, but the social interaction with fellow scouts from the rest of the world made a very special impact on me.

5. Discussing amendments beforehand was ultimately the single most influential aspect of the forum. The fact that we were able to present a full document of changes to the triennial plan and had a strong sense of "we've done this together" behind them helped us to promote them in the conference.

Equally, without the coordination efforts of few participants none of this would have come together in the first place.

6. Needs to be mandatory that youth forum participants are full delegates at the conference otherwise the forum is pointless.

7. Mostly a networking event, much more could be done, but I understand that it's all about the culture differences, and where everyone else is up to. Although we can't continue to stay behind, we need to continue to grow, so that we don't totally crumble.

8. So many things happened in such a short time for most of the statements I don't even remember doing.

9. Limited impact for youth involvement at world level - need a clear actionable plan for the abolition of the Forum in this regard. If it is a training tool to socialise people with documents/approaches/concepts, call it an educational event, not an 'involvement in decision making' event.

Not all NSOs need the 'new skills and knowledge' the way they were taught. They were too basic for my NSO. Education is good, but it needed to be at a higher level. Maybe 'streaming' of education for NSOs/participants, based on their position within NSO, or the extent to which their NSO has progressed on the route towards more young people in decision-making positions.

10. Again for the vision. The forum should decide whether it will be a personal development tool or youth engagement assembly.

11. Even though the WSYF is propagated as a youth decision-making body, it essentially does not decide things besides Youth Advisors. At times, we felt like the Forum was a dry run for the conference, older folk letting "the kids play" before the real decisions are taken. That said, youth involvement through exposure is certainly successful.

12. Sometimes I ask myself if we aren't too young for this. I'm a regional commisser and even me I didn't think I am qualified for this.. I don't know, it's just a reflection because all the procedure is very complexe (and in English it's harder).

13. The WSYF should be preparing the youth delegates with skills and knowledge that is necessary for the WSC, which it did not do.

14. I think so that the candidates must have more time to interact with participants in next WSYF
**Annex 5: Q16: Any final comments/suggestions for changes or improvement?**

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<td>2.</td>
<td>Use social media to ask for opinions when drafting the agenda, we should also be able to decide what we want to discuss on. Have talked to the planning committee and understand the agenda needs to be finalised before the final registration of the participants, still hope there are some open sessions that we can discuss what we want, and this may also serve as a breakthrough of the topics we can work on.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Internationa teams were great to get to know other people and their NSOs or youth involvement activities but they were certainly not the best option for drafting resolutions. This should be done by delegations because in the end they are voted that way.</td>
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<td>I am not sure whether the draft resolutions as a forum outcome is the most useful one. But in the end it is really helpful to go through the voting process and, for instance, to experience what happens when you put forward an amendment on a amendment, or when there is more than one amendment. To me, the most useful outcome of the forum is that we -youth as a group- are well-prepared for the conference. That we know what will be happening. That we know what will be discussed and that we know what we think about those subjects (and how people from other think about those subjects, shaping our opinions towards global citizens opinions). I think that providing sufficient background information and facilitate good discussions on the topics to be discussed during the conference is the most powerful method to prepare young people for the conference and empower them to really make a change.</td>
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<td>Felt the forum was a bit compact at times... Maybe a portal to discuss draft resolutions before the YF via Internet to participants.</td>
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<td>Hopefully you’ll read the conference evaluations we did at the conference too! (Green sheets of paper that were pegged to the line) Currently, I think the Forum is trying to do two things for two different audiences of participants. On the one hand we want youth involvement in decisions at a world level, but except for writing some recommendations or draft resolutions (which, to be honest, we could do on the first day - they have almost no relation to the rest of what we do), we're not actually sending any input off. The second thing we're doing is training people to attend the WSC and to be involved in their NSOs. But the problem is that some people are plucked from obscurity and have no idea about anything at a world level, and some people are their NSO's international commissioner. You need to decide on a purpose (or a couple), work on actually fulfilling it, and decide therefore who the audience should be <em>and tell the NSOs who this is</em>. Is this a training ground for young people who'll be involved in your NSO in the future? Great, then we'll stop sending our IC and send potential up-and-comers instead (of course, this will diminish the potential pool for Youth Advisors). Pick something, communicate what it is, and then do it well! Currently it’s a bit of a confused mess that is hard to follow and, whilst people get things out of it personally in terms of networking and fun, it's not much personal development benefit to a lot of the participants I think.</td>
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9. We should carefully assess the impact of the changes made to this forum as we can clearly see there was both positive and negative developments.

Drafting amendments and getting know the conference documents makes the link between the conference and the forum stronger, but doing so in random teams only hinders the process. In the other hand, because of the first couple of days of networking activities we were able to coordinate so effectively in the end. Finally, in terms of education we should provide the participants with skills and competences to perform well and have an impact in the conference next week and in their national contexts alike.

Finally, an amazing job by the hosts, I can just admire them all!

10. It cannot be stressed enough how important it is to use parliamentary procedure. The day votes were taken on the amendments and resolutions was absolutely miserable, inefficient, and unprofessional. The chair of the next WSYF absolutely MUST know and follow the correct procedure. The WSYF should elect a parliamentarian, in the same manner tellers and the draft resolution committee is elected. The chair of the resolution, amendment, and declaration session should be a native English speaker.


Don't patronize youth advisors or participants. We're all capable and top of our field.

12. Interevent:
- Time for sleep should be reserved in the agenda to ensure full participation of participants at the conference
- Accomodation was not appropriate (mouse, bat, worms, skorpion found inside the hoste, toilets flooding, no ariconditioning = no sleep)

13. Thank you very much for this amazing event!! I am very grateful to had this opportunity to influence youth work on a World level.

14. The forum had no clear purpose or goals, it didn’t cater to the broad needs of the NSOs. I think the Forum needs to be refocused on providing useful tools to NSOs for developing high quality youth involvement, while using the experience of those who are ahead of the tokenistic involvement WOSM presents as the way to proceed into the future.

15. ,going to get people who are coming to my country to present at things I will be at.

16. Make it longer.

17. I suggest to use more social channel, as Facebook, to communicate this global events and NSO communication for integrate and inform a huge qunatity of youth scouts all over the world.

18. Per question 15: I already take a very active role in decision-making processes, so I wasn’t there to be inspired, I was there to contribute, and to that extent, I don’t think the Forum delivered.

19. The youth advisers should foster and help the engagement of every delegation no matter its experience and size.

20. We feel this Forum, learning from the last, tried to fuse the educational and the institutional dimension of the event, which resulted in a packed schedule. Please consider expanding the time for the Forum or focusing on a dimension or offering a pick-n-mix schedule.

21. It's an amazing human experience ! Thanks !!!

22. Note that my answers are the same even if i would not have participated in the forum.
23. IT WAS A GREAT WSYF....

24. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRAT THE HOST COMMITTEE FOR THE GREAT ORGANIZATION....

Annex 6: International teams suggestions for changes and improvements and overall comments on the Forum

Comments (unknown team):
- (Agenda): Keep some sessions during the Forum open so that we can discuss topics submitted by the delegates prior to arrival;
- (Agenda): The days during the Forum are devoted to one topic, so that by the end of the day we would achieve a more fruitful outcome of the discussions (through for example a blog-summary)
- (Resolution drafting): more time on writing and lobbying, consider not being bound by international teams, but rather seconding from every region
- (Preparation): more training in conference attending before arrival (inspired by the Finish model?)

Zajec team:
- WSYF is a temporary solution for youth involvement;
- There is an need for empowering young people to run for Regional and World Committees,
- Recommend to NSOs to have internal youth Forums;
- Engage young people and give them more importance in decision-making, for instance voting rights for youth advisors.

Hedgehog team:
- Many of the discussion sessions were too short, just getting to the good bits and had to stop,
- Put people in teams before the event,
- Didn’t like proposing resolutions, triennial plan amendments etc. in patrols, prefer delegations,
- How did they choose the tellers and resolution committee? People wanted to volunteer but were told they couldn’t,
- Release resolutions earlier so delegations can read and discuss
- Consider electing the YAs later (maybe even after the resolutions session?)
- Not enough time in the agenda for praying for Muslim Scouts,
- Start the resolutions session first thing in the morning, so if it runs late it’s not as much of a problem,
- Could have a Q&A discussion panel of YA candidates
- If YA election was after draft resolution session, might not need speeches, or have shorter ones?
- Consider Spanish as an official language of the Forum
- Consider French and English translators available for discussion sessions
- The discussion topics of the Forum were too vague, the first 3 days we did very, very little of substance – nothing much that would assist people in their NSOs or that are critical topics for young people to give their views on at World level
- The Region round-robin session format was good though, got people engaged with what the regions do
- COMPASS tool was good, engaging and easy to use, but could do with some more content of substance
- Some semi-structured ideas sharing on common issues for NSOs session would be good (e.g. this room to talk about ideas for combatting this issue, and this room for this issue, seek input from participants day before on what the issues are)

Comments for future forums (team unknown):
- More time on resolutions – before or during
- Have a clear structure for resolutions (international teams and NSOs)
- Blogging? Why not use personal/NSO ones, save time for workshops
- Less team building or perhaps around discussion points like day 2
- Sitting in plenary for too long, more active sessions?

Team Beaver:
- To have more moments at the Forum to share good experiences and related problems,
- More time for all sessions, little discussion
- The sound system was not good
- No more bells
- More languages for interpretation

Ideas for next Youth Forum (team unknown):
- More international team time for perspective in drafting resolutions and activities and reflections
- Fika!
- Try to break-up discussions + voting on resolutions etc. – it’s tough!
- More time with delegation before having to vote (like conference)
- “Patrol” instead of “Team” – Scout Method
- We love the opportunity to discuss things and gain experiences in international teams, but need delegation time too
- Youth Advocacy session could be given to everyone
- Learning by doing – clear explanation and introduction to Rules of Procedure, etc.
- but opportunity to practice as well before
- Give us more time to read things on screen
- Don’t restrict resolutions just to teams – allow delegation too!

Evaluation (team unknown):
- International teams: great for learning and sharing, developing our skills, and networking
- Amendments and draft resolutions should have been done as national delegations
- More time to work on draft resolutions, declaration and amendments
- More fresh air! 😊
- More time to get to know the YA candidates – the voting after the resolution procedures, etc.

Team Owls:

Good:
- Overall WSYF teamwork
- Roller coaster
- International dinner /Slovenian dinner – new experience, collaboration
- Workshops
- Coffee breaks
- Disco! – cute DJs and cool music, good people to dance with

Suggest:
- better technical conditions
- More time for resolutions – better communication between teams; use google doc (use google doc not-editable for viewers) during the voting session; better time management (!!)
- Use different educational tools
- Transportation to Rogla
- Getting to know the international team better – spend more time in international teams (e.g. Tuesday)

Lots of love and thank you from the Owls!

Team unknown:
- The institutional dimension of the WSYF needs to be strengthened.
- Right now, the WSYF is not a decision-making body because other than YA elections, we do not decide anything.
- Going beyond the WSYF’s educational nature, true empowerment comes with decision-making power and responsibility.
- WiFi

Feedback from Jazbec team:
- Great discussions among all of the participants
- Sharing opinions and ideas with others
- Great platform to hear opinions
- The reduced plenary sessions were great!
- Interactive activities 😊
- Better preparation before the Forum
- Except the experience, the Forum was more of an inspiration to take action at national and regional level.
- True empowerment of participants
- Making new friends
- Methodology of international teams was great – enabled us to have friends from all regions
- More time for drafting “Draft Resolutions” and NSO time to discuss proposals
- Better transportation to the event.

Cuckoo team:
During the World Scout Youth Forum, we, the Cuckoos, thoroughly believe that:
- We've broadened our horizons and global outlook through interaction and debates with such a diverse and truly multicultural Forum.
- We encourage further diversity and more delegations from currently under-represented regions to attend future WS events.
- Our immersion in other cultures through coffee breaks and the Slovenian night have offered us an unrivalled global experience.
- This opportunity to shape future Scouting policies through draft Resolutions, amendments and declaration has been truly eye-opening for us and beneficial for our world Movement in ensuring effective decision-making.

Team unknown:
- Awesome bottle!
- Sessions were too short to expand and fully engage the ideas
- Programme trop chargé, du coup on ne peut jamais prendre son temps.
- Talking and debating about resolutions instead of blogging.
- More preparation for international teams about creating a draft resolution
- The process of seconding a document is too long and difficult by finding a patrol
- Thanks to the Slovenian organization!!
- Spanish as an official working language
- Free evening was a good idea
- Better wifi connection!
- Better transfer from the airport
- International coffee breaks are in a small place
- Sessions are not enough separated, too noisy!
- Weather could have been better ;)

Team unknown:
- Less noisy venue – chairs, echo.
- Cowbell is patronizing. Don’t do that.
- Enjoyed Bureau staff and WSC member being present and accessible.
- Enjoyed COMPASS – but room for improvement
- Slovenian host team very friendly and competent.
- Liked disco.

Team unknown:
- More time between submitting deadline/draft publishing and the voting needed
- More structured meeting procedure needed
- More input and consulting about political processes and constitutional issues needed during debates and also in the preparation to the WSYF
- We would like more facilitation during policy (draft resolutions?) making
- Meeting conditions need to be improved (wifi, sound, electricity at tables)
- More time for policy (resolutions?)

Team Volk:
Good:
- International teams are good for discussions and verifying of ideas
- Good and effective voting processes, good document management
- Coffee breaks were fun!

Improvement:
- Not enough time
- First day was not as effective as it could have been. We don’t need a whole day for integration activities.
- Crowded and loudly environment.
- The location should have been closer to a city
- International teams are not so effective in developing draft resolutions, because of cultural and other differences – it is easier to do productive work with people who share your opinions.
- It would have been good to communicate with the international team before the Forum.
- COMPASS tool has to be more specific/more clear.
- Stop ringing the bell.

Team unknown:
Improvements
- Less sessions and more time (so we can go more in depth).
- Make sure facilitators suitable for sessions
- Less team building n international teams, but more sessions with them.
- Clearer and concise amendment process
- More flexible programme (or more reflective of real times)
- More opportunity to implement our projects.

Awesome stuff:
- International Coffee Breaks
- Training Breakouts
- Food (minus the queue).

Team unknown:
- Be more efficient: more time to know better YA candidates, less integration time, more time to submit the resolutions, more time with delegation before we decide the resolutions
- Rethink the Forum process
- Keep the international teams – make them smaller
- Reflection time – do it related with the activities which happen during the day
- Coffee break - :D
- Give free time to meet with your delegation
- Blogging: don’t do it, someone else can do it smaller (with less effort?) and easier
- Provide WOSM regions reports before coming to the Forum
- Project fair - :D
- Compass - :D