CREATING A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

Dear Scouting friends, colleagues and partners,

The 2017-2018 year was an incredible milestone for our movement as we continued to accelerate our efforts towards achieving the Strategy for Scouting - Vision 2023 - to be the world's leading educational youth movement.

For more than a century, Scouting has offered young people the opportunity to develop life skills through the Scout Method, empowering them to be active citizens in their communities. Today, our Movement continues to grow all around the world. More than 50 million young people, supported by dedicated volunteers, take part in Scouting activities, programmes, events, and campaigns delivered through 170 National Scout Organizations.

The impact of this youth-led and volunteer-driven educational movement is truly remarkable. In 2017-2018 we saw 50 million Scouts engaged in over 750,000 local actions delivering more than 360 million hours of community service to build a better world.

Increasingly, we are looking up and out at the world around us, leveraging Scouting’s Youth Programme, Messengers of Peace, Scouts for SDGs and initiatives under the Better World Framework to tackle some of the most pressing social, economic, and environmental challenges affecting both people and planet.

We are also transforming the way we operate as a global movement by strengthening connections between our Regional Support Centres, championing an agenda for growth, and pioneering a fresh, service-oriented approach to the way we serve and support 170 National Scout Organizations through our WOSM Services.

All of this has led to a sharpened focus on delivering high-quality programmes, putting on world-class events, and expanding our network of partners to give more young people, adult leaders and volunteers of all ages an opportunity to experience the extraordinary power of Scouting.

We believe in the power of young people to change the world. Every single day, Scouts are creating positive change in their communities, which is why we remain united in our determination to continue Growing Together.

We invite you to explore this report and learn more about how Scouting is Creating a Better World each day in millions of local communities around the globe.

Yours in Scouting,

Craig Turpie
Chairperson
World Scout Committee

Ahmad Alhendawi
Secretary General
World Organization of the Scout Movement
STRATEGY FOR SCOUTING

Mission

The Mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

Vision

By 2023 Scouting will be the world’s leading educational youth movement, enabling 100 million young people to be active citizens creating positive change in their communities and in the world based on shared values.
Six Strategic Priorities

Youth Engagement
Scouting should give young people the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge empowering them to take an active part in the Movement and in their communities. Involvement, recognition and intergenerational exchange are key in providing a framework for our youth members.

Educational Methods
The Youth Programme should provide a non-formal learning environment, strengthening the capacity of young people to face the challenges of tomorrow. Scouting should attract, train and retain quality adult volunteers to deliver the Youth Programme.

Diversity and Inclusion
Scouting should reflect the societies in which it exists and actively work to welcome all individuals without distinction. This diversity should not only be reflected in the membership, but also the methods and programmes used within the Movement.

Social Impact
Every Scout should be involved in community service and share their experience to inspire others. Through activities and projects, Scouts contribute to their communities and become leaders of positive change.

Communications and Relations
Scouting’s profile should accurately portray what we do and why we do it, reflecting our shared values. By using the most impactful methods of communication, and engaging in strategically relevant partnerships, Scouting should be recognised as the world’s leading youth movement.

Governance
The governance of WOSM should be transparent, accountable, efficient and clearly linked to its overall strategy, focused on achieving the Mission and Vision of the Movement. The roles and responsibilities of the different levels in the organisation should be clearly defined and understood, ensuring a customer-focused approach. In doing so, we ensure high synergy across all levels of WOSM with a high “return on investment.”
THE SCOUT MOVEMENT

Scouting is the world’s largest educational youth movement engaging 50 million young people, adult leaders and volunteers in 224 countries and territories worldwide. As a growing Movement, Scouting is deeply embedded in the context of local communities and able to respond to the diverse needs and aspirations of young people.

Since its founding by Robert Baden-Powell in 1907, Scouting has engaged young people in transformative education, training and learning opportunities. Through the core Scout Youth Programme, and guided by the Scout Promise and Law, Scouting offers young people a unique non-formal educational experience that directly contributes to their growth and development.

Scouting is all about learning by doing. By taking part in activities such as building and renovation, exploration and hiking, and acts of community service, Scouts develop the emotional, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual skills needed to become leaders and active members of society. Scouting also teaches young people how to be agents of positive change in tackling some of the most pressing social, environmental, and economic challenges facing our planet.
THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF SCOUTING

In 2017, WOSM carried out an impact study in Kenya, Singapore and the United Kingdom, to measure the effects of Scouting on the personal development of young people. The results in those countries showed that Scouting has a positive impact on nearly all aspects of personal development, and that Scouts outperform their non-Scout peers in nearly every category of personal development, including physical activity, employability, emotional intelligence, leadership, resilience, and active citizenship.

SHAPING LEADERS

Over the years, Scouting has inspired millions of young people to serve their countries and communities, equipping them with the necessary life skills to play an active role in society. Among the many famous figures who were once Scouts are astronaut Neil Armstrong, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, the famous composer and performer Sir Paul McCartney, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon and civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

THE SCOUT METHOD

The Scout Method is how Scouting is practiced and is what makes Scouting unique. The Scout Method is a cohesive system of progressive self-education that when put into practice creates a meaningful experience for young people based on the shared values of Scouting. The eight elements that make up the Scout Method are: The Scout Promise and Law, Learning by Doing, Personal Progression, Team System, Adult Support, Symbolic Framework, Nature, and Community Involvement.
Today, the Scout Movement worldwide is embracing change and growing faster than ever thanks to the leadership of 170 National Scout Organizations (NSOs)*, and the commitment of young people and volunteers in communities around the world.

From its early beginnings as an experimental camp on Brownsea Island in the United Kingdom, Scouting has now grown into a global movement with an unprecedented reach, engaging 50 million young people and volunteers to build a better world.

* In early 2019 with the addition of the National Scout Organization of Vietnam.
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* recorded from 1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018

1.2 BILLION COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS SINCE 2013

95% OF NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS ARE OPEN TO BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS.

140 WORLD SCOUT BUREAU STAFF ACROSS 8 SUPPORT CENTRES

Europe Support Centre – Geneva, Switzerland and Brussels, Belgium
Eurasia Support Centre – Kiev, Ukraine
Arab Support Centre – Cairo, Egypt
Asia-Pacific Support Centre – Makati City, Philippines

Interamerica Support Centre – Panama City, Republic of Panama
Africa Support Centre – Nairobi, Kenya

Global Support Centre – Geneva, Switzerland
Global Support Centre – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Everything we do in World Scouting is tailored towards supporting our membership of NSOs to:

- Create a positive impact by delivering Scouting to millions of local communities worldwide.
- Strengthen their capacity to reach our standards of excellence in organizational management and significantly grow their membership.
- Develop high-quality programmes for young people, and training for adult volunteers who deliver the Scout Youth Programme to millions of girls and young women, boys and young men everyday.
- Engage strategically with partners and work with them to benefit from joint programmes and initiatives.

We also support NSOs to be part of a united Movement and feel empowered by democratic decision-making. As such we invest in ensuring that our governing structures, which are comprised of volunteers, are well prepared to make informed decisions in the most transparent ways possible.

Influence

Our aim by 2023 is to become the world’s leading educational youth movement. We invest 10% of our total spending in communications and partnerships to ensure the Scout Movement has visibility on the global stage, showcasing the power of non-formal education and the impact we are achieving in communities worldwide.

Growth & impact

By 2023, Scouting aims to enable 100 million young people to become active citizens, creating positive change in their local communities. This is why we invest 78% of our total spending in capacity strengthening, programme development and community impact projects and initiatives.

Unity

Scouting is present in more than 224 countries and territories. To ensure our Movement’s unity, we invest 12% of our total spending in providing WOSM’s governance structures the support they need to exercise their decision-making function.
Mesengers of Peace and Donor Advised Funding

Through an enhanced grantmaking system we channel financial support from donors directly to NSOs to support the development of Scouting worldwide. Our year-round granting is based on applications that are open to all 170 NSOs. Here is the breakdown of granting support we provide to NSOs by region.

Sources of Support

- 15% Other Sources
  - Fees, seminars, networks
  - Investment income
  - Other donations
- 34% Membership Registration Fees
- 29% Donor advised funding through the World Scout Foundation
- 21% World Scout Foundation Operating Grant
- 1% World Scout Shop

How We Use Our Funds

Our funds are used to support NSOs across the different areas of work (capacity strengthening, programme development, community impact, good governance and communications and partnerships).

- 8% Management and general
- 92% Membership support services

For the full consolidated Financial Statements visit https://www.scout.org/governance
SCOUTS FOR SDGS: BUILDING A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD FOR ALL

For more than a century, Scouting has made any extraordinary contribution to improve the sustainability of our planet, promote peace, tackle climate change, and reduce inequalities. Already Scouts have contributed more than one billion hours towards sustainable development.

Now, as a global Movement, we are taking that commitment one step further with Scouts for SDGs - an unprecedented mobilisation that aims to engage 50 million Scouts to make the world’s largest coordinated youth contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Along the way we plan to deliver two million local projects and an additional three billion hours of service for the SDGs.

Scouts for SDGs leverages the Youth Programme and initiatives under the Better World Framework to raise awareness and take action for the SDGs. In 2018, with contributions and support from Alwaleed Philanthropies, we unveiled a new Scouts for SDGs campaign and online digital hub, plus a range of educational tools, training and resources to support NSOs to align their Youth Programme with the SDGs and mobilise around the 17 Goals.

Here are some of the programmes and initiatives under the Better World Framework that are working to inspire, educate, and empower young people to take action for sustainable development:
World Scout Environment Programme

The World Scout Environment Programme offers young people of all ages a chance to connect with nature and engage in activities to protect the environment, tackle climate change, and contribute after natural disasters. With support from partners, WWF and UN Environment, this year the World Scout Environment Programme began a full review to align its content with the sustainable development educational objectives and be more relevant for today’s most pressing environmental challenges. In 2018, five more Scout Centres of Excellence for Nature and Environment (SCENES) were accredited as places that have made a long-term commitment to protect the environment and promote environmental education.

Scouts of the World Award

As a voluntary initiative, the Scouts of the World Award supports Scouts aged 15 to 26 years old to develop projects that take action around a social, environmental, or economic challenge impacting their community. In 2018, the programme gained further traction in Africa, Arab, and European Scout Regions, while remaining strong in the Interamerican and Asia-Pacific Scout Regions. The programme now is aligned with the SDGs and is inspiring Rover Scouts to work towards sustainable development.

Scouts Go Solar

Scouts Go Solar raises awareness about affordable and clean energy, while equipping young people with the skills and competencies to build a more solar-powered world. Developed in partnership with Solafrica and Greenpeace, this year the initiative trained 11 Scouts Go Solar ambassadors from different regions on tools and techniques adapted for Scouting that will help to promote the programme.

Patrimonito Scout Badge

The Patrimonito Scout Badge raises awareness and mobilises young people around World Heritage preservation and promotion, challenging young people between the ages of 15 and 26 to carry out voluntary service projects at a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We launched the new Patrimonito badge this year in partnership with UNESCO to recognise Scouts who complete their Scouts of the World Award at a World Heritage Site and were part of the call for projects for the World Heritage Volunteers campaign to encourage more actions by young people at the World Heritage sites.

Dialogue for Peace

Now in its fifth year of collaboration, World Scouting and the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) are working together on the Dialogue for Peace programme, empowering young people with the necessary tools to promote and practice effective dialogue about peace and understanding across cultures. To date, the Dialogue for Peace programme has engaged more than 1,000 young leaders, and accredited volunteer youth trainers and facilitators to deliver the programme around the world. A guide for dialogue ambassadors is available online as an reference resource for NSOs.
MESSENGERS OF PEACE: PROMOTING PEACE AND INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

Since its early beginnings, Scouting has helped to build a lasting culture of peace by incorporating the ideas of teamwork, unity, and intercultural understanding into its Youth Programme and activities. By teaching young people about the values of respect and duty to others, Scouts are working to build a world that is more peaceful and inclusive for people of all ages.

For nearly a decade, Messengers of Peace has been part of that vision to engage Scouts in building a global culture of peace and justice through millions of individual and community service actions. In 2018, Scouts carried out over 750,000 local projects in thousands of communities across 170 countries.

This year, 11 Scouts were honoured with the Messengers of Peace Heroes Award during a ceremony at the United Nations headquarters for the International Day of Peace. The Heroes gifted one billion hours of community service to the United Nations and were recognised for their outstanding contribution to peace, security, and sustainable development.

FOSTERING A GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG CHILDREN DISPLACED BY WAR

Since 2016, Violetta Pugachova has been working with Scouts of Ukraine to help internally-displaced children in Kiev find a sense a belonging in their new communities through playing games, gaining new friends, and teaching them Scout activities. She hopes these young people will feel welcome in their new home and be able to live fulfilled lives through Scouting.
SCOUTING INITIATIVE PROVIDES CLEAN WATER IN FIVE SOUTH SUDAN SCHOOLS

When 22 year-old Patrick Kilo Evans witnessed the unclean water that children were drinking at a primary school in Juba, he immediately wanted to take action. Aware that only 50% of Juba’s population had access to safe and clean drinking water, Patrick initiated the Water for Child project to target schools in South Sudan to bring the critical topics of hygiene and clean water to the forefront. The project ensures schools have clean water tanks and students have access to appropriate sanitation services and awareness of the importance of hygiene practices. Water for Child operates in five schools in Juba and trained Scouts to raise awareness about hygiene and clean water.

SHAPING COLOMBIA’S FUTURE HEROES THROUGH SCOUTING

Experiencing the direct impact of gang violence while growing up in Columbia, Camilo Ayala decided to use his struggle to spread peace among young people in his community. Turning to Scouting for hope himself, Camilo started the Heroes of the Future project: taking Scouting into the municipality of Soacha, where gang violence is still a daily struggle. Camilo is now helping over 500 local children overcome the effects of conflict and violence. Since the Scout groups started in 2014, the number and presence of gangs in Soacha have declined.

Read more about the amazing work Scouts are doing around the world https://www.scout.org/mop-heroes/list
INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE ACTIVE GLOBAL CITIZENS

We believe that by empowering young people to be active global citizens, we can build stronger, more resilient communities in every corner of the globe. In place after place, Scouts are driving social change with actions big and small, while ensuring that we leave no one behind.

Promoting gender equality

Scouting is inclusive and open to everyone, offering young people of all genders equal opportunities to grow and develop to their full potential. As a Movement, we are committed to increase awareness about gender equality at all levels of Scouting and preparing Scouts to be champions for gender equality in their own lives.

This year, in partnership with UN Women’s HeForShe campaign, we launched an educational tool on gender equality — the HeForShe Action Kit — for our 50 million members that can be easily implemented by Scouts at the local level. In 2018, girls and young women were also more engaged than ever before, with full access to Scouting in countries where it did not previously exist, and the right to participate in events that were once only open to boy Scouts.

Working with refugees

The power of Scouting is that it can be adapted for any context. Nowhere is this more evident than in refugee and IDP camps where Scouting is being used as an educational tool to help foster the integration of young people into new communities.

In Turkey, Scouts have been working with refugees from Syria since the start of the crisis, including some 5,000 Syrian Scouts and 1,000 Palestinian and Iraqi Scouts. Today, the NSO in Turkey has opened new Scout groups and trained leaders to deliver educational activities that enable girls and boys within the camps to develop leadership skills.

In Kenya, Scouts are addressing the threat of violence in refugee camps along the Somali border by offering Scouting activities to young people, giving them skills for the future and a greater sense of belonging. These kinds of grassroots initiatives are part of a concerted effort to assist NSOs with scaling up humanitarian efforts that enable more girls and boys living in challenging environments to benefit from the power of Scouting.

Responding through humanitarian action

In an effort to always lend a helping hand, Scouts are often among the first responders to natural disasters and humanitarian crises. In 2018, Scouts were active around the world following some of the year’s worst natural disasters, including the volcanic eruption in Guatemala, tsunamis in Indonesia, and flooding in India and Myanmar.

As a cornerstone of the Youth Programme, community resilience is emphasized as the most efficient and cost-effective approach to humanitarian action. This year, through our role in the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action, we co-led a capacity building workshop with UNFPA in Southern Africa on disaster response preparedness. World Scouting also continues to support NSOs to improve their programming in ways that engage more young people and volunteers in humanitarian action.

Check out the HeForShe Action Kit that is enabling Scouts to champion gender equality
https://www.scout.org/heforshe
DEVELOPING THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN RWANDA

Sandrine Nikuze committed herself to making the world a better place since the time she became a Scout at the age of 11. Starting with her community, the young leader works with and for young people, and helps improve the lives of vulnerable women in Rwanda. Sandrine became a troop leader while in secondary school, demonstrating her leadership skills and started a Scout unit while at Kepler University in Kigali. That initiative not only granted her the position Deputy Chief Commissioner of Rwanda Scouts Association, but positioned her as the youngest person in Africa with that role.
STRENGTHENING THE SCOUT MOVEMENT FOR THE FUTURE

This year was marked by a host of new and innovative mechanisms, established to strengthen the support we offer to NSOs. Through custom digital platforms, strategies for growth, and a tailored approach to service delivery we are helping the Scout Movement to adapt and prepare for the future.

WOSM Services

Piloted and launched in 2018, WOSM Services is our one-stop shop to enable NSOs to deliver better Scouting activities and programmes to more young people worldwide. Through a new easy-to-use and accessible digital platform, NSOs can request high-quality and effective support through 12 WOSM Services related to the core areas of Scouting.

This year we brought together hundreds of new and existing resources, policies, toolkits, and guidelines designed to meet the needs of NSOs, along with a series of innovative e-learning courses and an enhanced monitoring and evaluation system to promote continuous improvement. More than 50 staff and volunteer consultants were also trained in 2018 to provide consistent and quality tailored support for the Scout Movement.

Growth of Scouting

We worked closely this year with NSOs to grow the number of young people and volunteers involved in their Scouting programmes and activities. The targeted guidance as part of the WOSM’s growth agenda has helped some 30 NSOs start developing and accelerating their growth strategies, and has brought them closer to achieving their growth commitments.
Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT)

The Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT) is World Scouting’s stamp of quality for NSOs, establishing standards of good governance and quality Scouting that mirror international best practices. In 2018, 37 GSAT Assessments were completed using World Scouting’s Quality Standard, which helped identify strengths and areas for improvement among NSOs. Five trainings involving 73 participants also took place to further promote GSAT in different regions, and GSAT’s capacity strengthening approach is raising the benchmark for Scouting programmes and operations worldwide.

Scout Donation Platform

Since its launch in 2017, Scouts all over the world have used the Scout Donation Platform to share their vision of a better world and raise funds for causes they care about. To date Scouts have raised more than USD 143,440 for 30 community projects through the social funding platform with 100% of proceeds going directly to support successful initiatives – everything from running menstrual health education programmes in Madagascar to flood relief projects in Fiji.

Regional conferences

Three regional conferences and youth forums took place this year: The 17th Africa Scout Conference and 8th Africa Scout Youth Forum in Harare, Zimbabwe; the 26th Asia-Pacific Scout Conference and 9th Asia-Pacific Scout Youth Forum in Manila, Philippines; and 27th Interamerican Scout Conference and the 6th Interamerican Scout Youth Forum in Panama City, Panama.

Together these regional conferences and youth forums brought together over 800 representatives from the national leadership of 101 NSOs. These events offered a platform to showcase new initiatives such as WOSM Services and Scouts for SDGs, while focusing on the core components of Scouting, including Safe From Harm training, Adults in Scouting policies, Youth Programme development and more.
ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH EXPERIENTIAL WORLD EVENTS

World Scouting’s programme of global and regional events are unique and immensely powerful. Every year, we enable millions of young people to meet new friends, learn new skills, and better understand the world around them in a fun, multicultural environment. These events give young people opportunities to travel abroad, meet people from different cultures and build friendships that can last a lifetime. In 2018, our vision of a better world came to life during a number of key World Scouting events.

JOTA-JOTI (Jamboree on the Air-Jamboree on the Internet)

More than 1.5 million young people and adult leaders in 2017 and 1.8 million in 2018 took part in Scouting’s largest annual event. Through amateur radio, online calls over the Internet, social media platforms, and a variety of messaging channels, young people from over 140 countries engaged with peers worldwide to learn from one another and be inspired to carry out acts of service in their communities.

YOUNG WOMEN PARTICIPATE IN THE ARAB SCOUT JAMBOREE FOR FIRST TIME

Maryem Salama, 17, grew up in what she describes as a conservative Tunisian family. She wasn’t allowed to go out by herself or get involved in sports. But a year ago, she joined the Scouts and now she’s camping with friends and enjoying the outdoors at the Arab Scout Jamboree. Salama is one of 78 pioneering young women who took part in the 32nd Arab Scout Jamboree, marking the first time that girls have been invited to join the celebration.

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32nd Arab Scout Jamboree, Algeria

Over 1,200 Scouts from 17 Arab countries took part in the region's largest Scouting event. Under the theme "Arab Dream," the ground-breaking Jamboree welcomed the participation of young women and female volunteers for the first time. Through a range of fun and educational activities, the Jamboree provided a positive learning experience set in the beautiful mountains and forests surrounding the village of Sidi Faraj, Algeria.

3rd Interamerican Scout Moot, Peru

In the summer of 2018, young people from 26 different countries gathered in the heart of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Cusco for a life-changing educational experience. Over 2,100 participants took part in activities related to the historical and cultural development of the Inca Empire, and involved young people in building a culture of peace, and sustainable development.

Roverway 2018, The Netherlands

Hosted in The Hague, Europe’s biggest gathering of young people attracted close to 5,000 Scouts and Guides between the ages of 16 and 22 to take part in a specially designed programmes comprising social, cultural, and Scouting activities with a focus on personal growth and development.

4th Eurasia Scout Jamboree, Belarus

United by their passion for adventure and learning, 350 young people between the ages of 13 to 17 came together in Minsk, Belarus, for one of the most anticipated Scout events of the region. Themed "Dialogue for Peace," the weeklong jamboree offered a wide variety of exciting educational experiences through outdoor activities, workshops, concerts, and excursions.
INFLUENCING POSITIVE CHANGE BY MOBILISING THE MOVEMENT

Imagine the power of 50 million Scouts working as active citizens to leave this world a little better than we found it. Through a new ambassador initiative, international days of action, participation in global forums, and celebratory events, Scouts were loud and proud about the impact of our worldwide Movement.

Welcoming Bear Grylls as the Chief Ambassador of World Scouting

Bear Grylls is known to millions of people around the world as a global adventurer, inspirational speaker, award-winning TV host and producer, best-selling author, and UK Chief Scout for nearly 10 years. In 2018, Bear became the new Chief Ambassador of World Scouting, helping us launch Scouts for SDGs and working to inspire more young people and adult volunteers to join the Scout Movement.

International Days of Action

Every year, World Scouting participates in a range of social media and online campaigns to engage our Movement in key international days of action and highlight our work with partners. This year was no exception with storytelling across our communications channels to reach millions of young people for Earth Hour, International Women's Day, International Volunteer Day, International Youth Day, the International Day of Peace, and Founder's Day, a special celebration to honour the history of Scouting.

MY EUROPE, MY SAY

This year the European Scout Region launched a new initiative in partnership with the European Commission’s Erasmus+ programme and AEGEE Europe to make sure the voice of young people is present in political discussions. My Europe, My Say aims at fostering youth political participation in the May 2019 European Parliamentary elections by reinforcing a sense of civic engagement among Scouts and non-Scouts. The transnational campaign is mobilising young European voters across 18 NSOs and National Scout Associations with accurate information about the elections, face-to-face and virtual meetings with local candidates, and pledges in favour of youth rights in Europe.

“Scouting is a worldwide force for good that unites young people with positive values and an adventurous spirit. We aim to make a difference in our communities, help young people learn new skills, and be kind to all people.”

Bear Grylls,
Chief Ambassador of World Scouting
Youth Advocacy and Civic Engagement

The participation of young people in civic spaces, political forums, and dialogues with government is essential to ensure that the ideas and concerns of youth are part of decision-making processes that affect them. This year, Scouts were active in a range of world and regional events. Scouting stepped into the spotlight at United Nations General Assembly, ECOSOC Youth Forum, High Level Political Forum, and we joined the Global Board of UNICEF’s Generation Unlimited.

World Scout Film Fest

We celebrated the creativity of our Movement with the first World Scout Film Fest in 2018. We received entries from Rovers in every region around the world and awarded three winners from Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, and Czech Republic. Tens of thousands of young people tuned in to watch the films live during an award ceremony in Malaysia.

Rovers Centenary

This year was a huge milestone for Rover Scouting. From sailing in Singapore to camping in Kenya, the entire Scouting world celebrated the same historic anniversary this year — 100 years of Rover Scouting. The Rover section was created a century ago to help young adults transition into adulthood, learn leadership skills, and of course paddle their own canoe.
A GROWING NETWORK OF GLOBAL AND REGIONAL PARTNERS

The World Scout Bureau and World Scout Foundation are working together across the non-profit, government, philanthropic, and private sectors to engage a network of donors, investors, and partners that share our commitment to building a better world.

Key to our success is the World Scout Foundation which contributes to the growth and development of Scouting worldwide by providing financial and other support to World Scouting. Through a network of donors, investors, Baden-Powell Fellows and community leaders, the World Scout Foundation engages people who are passionate about Scouting to invest in everything from capacity building activities for NSOs to flagship initiatives such as Scouts for SDGs and Messengers of Peace.

"In Scouting, we help each other, we are friends and have a community. Unlike in sport, there are no ‘stars’ separated from the rest of the team in Scouting – nobody sits on the bench, everyone gets to play - it’s really important that nobody feels alone. In Scouting everyone is a star player!"

His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf, The King of Sweden
Honorary Chairman of the World Scout Foundation (WSF)
Together, this network of champions and partners contributes a wealth of expertise, knowledge, resources, and financial support to enhance the programmes, initiatives and operations of the Scout Movement. Here are some of the many partners that are helping to widen our impact:

- WAGGGS (Including annual joint Consultative Committee)
- AEGEE Europe
- AIESEC
- Alwaleed Philanthropies
- Arab Council for Childhood and Development
- Arab Gulf Development Program AGFUND
- Arab League
- Arab Union for Sustainable Development and the Environment
- Copa Airlines
- Council of Europe
- European Civil Society for Education
- European Volunteer Centre
- European Youth Forum
- European Youth Foundation
- FAO
- ILO
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- International Scout and Guide Fellowship
- Islamic Development Bank
- Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation
- KAICIID
- Kuwait Fund for Development
- Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa
- Nova Terra
- Protect Our Planet
- SA Archimedisc
- Solafrica
- Special Olympics
- The International Award
- UN Environment
- UN Women
- UNAIDS
- UNDP
- UNESCO
- UNICEF
- Visegrad Fund
- WHO MENA
- World Vision
- WWF
- YMCA
- YWCA
GOVERNANCE

WOSM is made up of 170 NSOs all over the world and is spread across six regions: Africa, Arab, Asia-Pacific, Eurasia, Europe and Interamerica. It is governed by the World Scout Conference, which takes place every three years. WOSM elects a World Scout Committee, the executive body of the organisation, which is responsible for the implementation of the resolutions of the World Scout Conference and acts on behalf of WOSM between its meetings.

World Scout Committee

The WSC is the executive body of WOSM. It is responsible for the implementation of the resolutions of the World Scout Conference and acts on behalf of WOSM between its meetings. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the WSC was composed of the following members:

**Voting members**

There are 12 voting members of the WSC, each from a different country but representing the interests of the Movement as a whole, which are elected by the World Scout Conference by secret ballot. They are elected for a three-year term, and may be re-elected for one additional term.

Craig Turpie, Chairperson
Jemima Nartemie Nartey, Vice-Chairperson
Edward Andrew “Andy” Chapman, Vice-Chairperson
Peter Blatch, Member
Mehdi Ben Khelil, Member
Jo Deman, Member
Ilyas Ismayilli, Member
Leonnado Morales, Member
Pia Mortensen, Member
Juan Reig, Member
Sarah Rita Kattan, Member
Janaprithe Fernando, Member

**Ex-officio non-voting members**

WOSM’s ex-officio non-voting members are made up of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of each Regional Scout Committee*, the Secretary General of WOSM, the Treasurer, who is appointed by the WSC, and one World Scout Foundation Board Member.

Ahmad Alhendawi, Secretary General
Joseph Lau, Treasurer
Hector Robledo Cervantes, Board Member, World Scout Foundation
Khamis Al-Rasbi, Chairperson Arab Scout Committee
Victor Atipaga, Chairperson Africa Scout Committee

**Youth Advisors**

The World Scout Youth Forum elects six Youth Advisors, whose role is to increase youth participation in the decision-making of the organisation. They are elected for a three-year term and take part in the meetings of the WSC. Youth Advisors, each from a different country, are elected while they are aged 18-26.

Ahmad Rusdi, Chairperson Asia-Pacific Scout Committee
Kevin Camilleri, Chairperson European Scout Committee
Sergiu Chirica, Chairperson Eurasia Scout Committee
Khamis Al-Rasbi, Chairperson Arab Scout Committee
Victor Atipaga, Chairperson Africa Scout Committee

* During 2018, there have been three Regional Conferences where a new Regional Committee for each has been elected. The Chairpersons of these Committees for the past period were:

- Dr Wayne A. Davis - Africa Regional Scout Committee Chair 2015-2018
- Paul Parkinson - Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee Chair 2015-2018
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