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Messengers of Peace

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Countless efforts are made everyday by a global network of motivated Scouts working towards Peace. As committed citizens, these young people have the power to change the lives of millions. As stated by our beloved founder in his last message, “…the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people”.

Through a myriad of service activities and projects alongside communities, Scouts are making a difference across the world. I truly believe we can do even more. Together, we can leave this world a better place.

Please join us in this unprecedented step towards a better world and enjoy your reading.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Teare
Secretary General, WOSM
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Scouts do some amazing things, from simple community actions to large-scale projects such as preventing bullying in schools in the UK, helping street gangs in El Salvador to reduce violence, cleaning up a playground in Texas and planting millions of trees all over Africa.

In some of the most difficult conflict areas in the world - Kashmir, Israel/Palestine and Rwanda/Burundi, to name a few – Scouts are coming together in local communities to make a difference. If you add all this together then Scouts, as part of a global Movement, are making the world a more peaceful place. Observing this excellent work, King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, and King Carl Gustaf of Sweden, came together to recognise Scouts as “Messengers of Peace”.

They believe that the work Scouts are doing is very impressive, that Scouting should be recognised for its contribution to world peace, and that it should be supported to do even more.

World Scouting’s Messengers of Peace Initiative, launched by the World Scout Committee in 2011, aims to inspire the millions of Scouts who are doing great things in their local communities to tell the world about it, and thus inspire other Scouts to do even more. Any Scout project that brings a positive change in a community - its health, environment, social circumstances, safety or addresses conflict – is a Messengers of Peace project.
Messengers of Peace is a call-to-action to young people to act decisively in their community, to help others, and to make their community a more peaceful and harmonious place to live.

In order for this to happen it requires leaders – young people who are willing to be brave by reaching out to others and striving to change the world in which they live. This does not simply happen by magic. Scouting provides young people with a unique set of skills to facilitate this call-to-action, which we will explore below.

From the very first minute a young person steps inside a Scout hall or takes part in a Scout activity, they embark on an apprenticeship to leadership. This journey begins by working in a team to undertake challenges and games within the Scout programme. Each action during this practical process is a learning experience in leadership.

The Scout Method and, in particular, the Patrol System, provide the means for young people to step forward and become leaders of action.

1. Layers of Responsibility

A young Scout will assume many roles within a Patrol. As a new recruit they may, for example, be given the job to look after the Patrol Notice board. And as they become more experienced, they will assume other roles like cook, first aider, assistant Patrol Leader, and ultimately Patrol Leader. Each job has a level of responsibility and complexity. Through this simple process of “layering on of responsibility,” the basic foundations of leadership are instilled.

As a young person progresses through Scouting, they will also embark upon a journey of self-discovery and the development of self-leadership attitudes and spirit. The Scout Promise and Law provide and present young people with a value system and life code that they can strive to achieve. When making the Scout Promise, Scouts state that they will “do their best” to fulfil this promise. In doing so, they develop and internalize the Scout spirit and way of life – it is a never-ending journey.
Self-leadership is a quality that is evident in the personality of good and effective leaders. It represents leaders who are driven by a moral code and ethics. A leader is a person that others want to follow because he or she is focused, has clear objectives, and can make things happen. The Scout Method, when properly applied and exercised, produces such leaders in our ranks.

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2. Life in the Patrol

A Scout patrol is a microcosm of society. Within its membership are a number of young people who are bonded by friendship. They live, work and play the game of Scouting. A Patrol is a collection of individuals each with a unique set of personal and Scouting skills. The members are a collection of personalities and the job of the Patrol is to work together as a unit to overcome the challenges that Scouting presents.

The job of the Patrol Leader is a challenge for any young person. However, a young person does not simply land in the job. He or she is being trained for the position from the very first day they join a Scout group. As a leader of the Patrol, the Patrol Leader has to mould their group into an effective working team.

They need to create harmony, deal with conflicts, and create a team that supports each other in times of difficulty. They will also help one another to learn new skills and pass on their leadership skills. Many Scouts have opportunities to be leaders during their time in Scouting, and some will become Patrol Leaders.

Through the Scout programme, Patrols are presented with challenges. Through leadership and teamwork, the patrols respond to these challenges and strive for success. The Patrol system offers many opportunities and the skilled Patrol Leader will use these opportunities to allow leadership to be practiced by members of the Patrol. Sometimes they will fail, but this is all part of the learning experience. Over time they will learn from their mistakes and improve.

A Patrol Leader is in fact a leader of leaders. Everyone rises in their skill level.
“Through leadership and teamwork, the patrols respond and strive for success.”

3. Combination of Elements

The combination of two aspects of the Scout programme – the journey to self-leadership and the experiences and lessons learnt through life, leadership and opportunity within the patrol – produce unique individuals called, “Scout Leaders”.

Scout Leaders are not adults, to whom this term is often referred, but rather young people who possess a unique skill set and leadership qualities. They are proactive and seek to take actions that will change the world. Scouts of this kind are likely to be Messengers of Peace and have already taken up the call-to-action.
4. Empowering Young People

Messengers of Peace focuses on the core principles of Scouting – to help other people, to serve others and to do a good deed every day. Through the call-to-action presented to young people, it is expected that young people step forward and take action.

Creating a better world is a noble challenge and it begins in your local community. Scouts are expected first to make a commitment to action, and then to start on the initial steps to action. For most Scouts, this will be an expansion of the good deed ethic that they practice each day. Some Scouts will have participated in group-based community service through their Scout programme. Through the Messengers of Peace call-to-action, Scouts are encouraged to take on and lead community-based and changing-the-world projects.

To do this, they must start by identifying an action within their community that needs attention. Then they must create a plan of action, engage their community, and set about undertaking their action. This is a challenge for these young leaders and their Patrols. They have the skills and wherewithal to do it – the Scout method has provided them with this expertise.

It will be scary. It will be difficult. But it is a worthy and empowering challenge that any Scout can consider.

This opportunity places Scouts firmly at the heart of their community, with Scouting being a vital part of that community. Young people feel engaged and are in a position to instigate real change, resulting in the improvement of their community. Through the process of taking action, they will interact with people in authority and community leaders, and will be in a position of potential influence for change.

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5. The Continuing Journey

Scouting is a continuous journey for all its members and our aim – the development of young people – is a clear focus. The Scout Method is a proven model and proactive leaders are a product of our successful programmes. This journey provides Scouts with two unique influencers – the journey of self-leadership and the Patrol interaction called, “Patrol life”. Together they instil Scout knowledge and practical experiences that make them stand out as leaders among their peers. Often a Scout may not know or be aware of this unique set of skills. And it is often the case that these skills are not realized until later in life.

The Messengers of Peace’s call-to-action is part of the continuing journey to create the leaders of tomorrow. The call-to-action is a challenge to all Scouts. It is not an easy undertaking, but like all challenges the rewards when successful are great.

Scouts who have already undertaken an action come back to do more – it becomes a part of their lives. The personal rewards are massive and communities are quickly seeing the value of Scouting.

Messengers of Peace is a tool that everyone can use. For Scouts, it is a real and worthy challenge to play an active part in creating a new future. For Associations, it is a tool to reignite the spirit of Scouting and service to others. It can also be used to refocus age ranges and present a means for the development of Scouting that is firmly based in local communities.

We invite all Scouts to explore this unique opportunity to create a better world.
THE NETWORK

THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF MESSENGERS OF PEACE

A Universal Brotherhood of Service

by Cynthia Marquez

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In 2007, at the end of our first centenary, Scouts all over the world were invited to start and organize service actions for our communities and countries - giving a Gift of Peace to the World. The result of this invitation resulted in more than 10 million volunteer Scouts developing projects and partnering with local governments, the private sector and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Positive impact projects included fighting against AIDS in Africa, promoting inter-religious dialogue, raising awareness about racism, combatting child labour, and supporting children’s rights.

The Network, as we now call it, started in 2001 with the support of the World Scout Committee as “Gifts for Peace”. But the first idea of a Network started way back in 1922. Over a short period of time, Baden-Powell addressed both the inaugural Conference of the World Scout Movement in Paris, and took part in the 3rd International Congress of Moral Education in Geneva as a keynote speaker.

At both events, he shared his vision of the Scouts as a worldwide brotherhood of service to the world. He envisioned young people learning to be brothers and sisters through the simple act of joining efforts to serve others, irrespective of nationality, social background or religious belief.

Deeply affected by the First World War, he referred to the Movement as “a Universal brotherhood of service”. Asking Scout Leaders and nations to embrace this vision too, he believed Peace could be achieved one day as a result of young people, united by a common goal becoming the future leaders of society and replicating the same practice as adults.

Nowadays, although not facing a World War, we still see much conflict in our daily life. Yet we still have a unique opportunity to be connected by one common aim - Peace. As humans and as Scouts, we want to create a better world and be part of the solution.

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As broad as the concept might be, we see Peace as a result of various personal initiatives that we Scouts can start through a good deed, a service action, a service project or by learning about social entrepreneurship. Collectively, Peace could be the result of cooperative actions driven by, or with the participation of, Scouts and young people involved in their local community.

Peace could be the result of the learning experience when Scouts, young people and social actors together plan how to integrate efforts and use resources effectively to build sustainable development and trustworthy partnerships.

We envision Scouts working together with representatives of society in relevant projects and applying their collective intelligence to improving the quality of life. And all of this inspired by the Scout Law and Oath.

Our Network is a collaborative effort and is always evolving. Our challenge now is to turn this Network into a better, more motivating environment where youth is empowered to initiate action and be part of the decision-making process.

“We Scouts have the possibility to inspire people to choose Peace as a daily practice by offering simple acts of kindness.”
How can our Network support National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and National Scout Associations (NSAs) to become high profile partners for potential sponsors? How can our Scout Service projects be aligned with today’s youth interests and society’s needs to inspire young people to join our universal brotherhood to promote Peace?

Every day Scouts do good deeds, participate in activities to help others, the environment, promote dialogue and support people in need. Every day thousands of stories worth sharing happen in our local groups, in which a Scout is one actor or the main leader of an extraordinary change in people’s lives. Our stories can inspire others to learn, improve, replicate and continue working. We Scouts have the possibility to inspire people to choose Peace as a daily practice by offering simple acts of kindness.

As a natural continuation of “Gifts for Peace”, since its launch in 2011, Messengers of Peace has more than 500 million service hours registered on scout.org. You are part of this 40-million Scout Network and your effort might be an untold story. How many more stories can we share to inspire the world?

Baden-Powell shared his vision more than 100 years ago. Share your story to inspire others to join our effort. We are changing the world today, and every day.
FEATURED PROJECT

AMAHORO AMANI
Hope after darkness
For two decades, the Great Lakes region (Rwanda, Burundi, Eastern DR Congo) has suffered from a series of conflicts resulting in regional and national instability. Poverty, environmental problems, violence and social marginalisation affect in particular the younger population and contribute to mutual distrust between ethnic groups and nations in the region.

In 2005, Scouts in the region joined together to establish the foundations for lasting peace and sustainable social development. This remarkable effort resulted in the creation of hundreds of peace clubs led by youth mediators. In January 2012, Amahoro Amani began a new phase of its project in order to increase the support for and empowerment of community mediators and peace clubs, which work towards promoting and sustaining peace locally.
Community mediators have been trained in dealing with differences, managing conflicts non-violently and training others to be proactive Messengers of Peace too. Activities and workshops involving youth from different backgrounds (both Scouts and non-Scouts) are organised to promote peaceful coexistence and acceptance within and between communities. Trainings to raise awareness of ethnic prejudices and build capacities for conflict resolution increase youth empowerment and local ownership of peaceful processes.

The local peace clubs’ activities focus on mutual dialogue and understanding, which can help youth to identify and address problems in their communities together. Through peace education and understanding personal prejudices, young people are better equipped to manage conflicts positively. The Amahoro Amani project is an impressive example of grassroots Peace-building initiated and run by local youth, and it has potential to continue growing and achieving an even wider impact in the region.
FEATURED PROJECT

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The Scouts in Lebanon were praised recently for their work to improve the well-being and support the integration of thousands of Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Working closely with the national authorities and local communities, Lebanese Scouts have focused on the basic needs of families fleeing the war in neighbouring Syria, providing winter supplies, warm clothing and helping the children in particular to feel at home in their new communities.
Dr. Atif Abdelmageed Abdulrahman, Regional Director of Arab Scout Region said: “Scouts are not the Red Crescent or Red Cross, nor are they the UN, but they live in the host communities, and cannot stand by when vulnerable families and children arrive. They are trained to take leadership, and so they have taken action.”

Dr. Atif took a World Scout team to visit two communities in the Nabatieh and Akkar regions on 14 and 15 January 2014. With him were representatives of the World Scout Foundation (WSF) which oversees the funding for local projects like this. The team included businessmen Siegfried Weiser, WSF Chairman, John Sutin, WSF Board Member, and WSF Director, John Geoghegan.

Thanks to the funding from Saudi Arabia’s King Abdullah, extra resources have been made available to help Scouts do even more such work, and to offer better training to young leaders.

Siegfried Weiser said: “These Scouts are amazing – they reach out to the most vulnerable communities, giving thousands of hours of volunteer service, helping to make these families feel welcome in a strange land, and providing support like warm winter clothing. They are truly “Messengers of Peace”! Thanks to the support from King Abdullah, they also have winter kits to offer these families, complimenting what is being provided by the local communities and the Government of Lebanon”.

The Prime Minister of Lebanon, his Excellency Najib Mikati met with the World Scouting team to discuss how this assistance is targeted. His Excellency is the Patron of one of the Scout associations in the Lebanese Scout Federation. “With more than 2 million refugees fleeing Syria, and some 840,000 in Lebanon, the work the Scouts are doing throughout the region is really impressive”, said Weiser.
“These Scouts cross ethnic, religious, political and cultural boundaries to make sure their new neighbours can feel welcome. They truly are Messengers of Peace!”

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Secretary General
World Organization of the Scout Movement

“Being able to witness this first hand is a privilege. In Europe, we hear in the press of how refugees are being hosted by neighbouring countries, but it is only when we see the reality of how a country like Lebanon is affected do we see the true scale. And no government can cope alone. So, local Scout volunteers are vital in this programme. Working alongside national authorities this local volunteer force is truly impressive. It is not the first time the Lebanese Scouts have worked in this way – they have had their own troubles at home in recent years and have served their communities selflessly throughout. Now they are continuing this service.”

Scott Teare, Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, said: “We are not a relief or humanitarian agency. However, these small efforts at a community level throughout the region all add up to an impressive impact. These Scouts cross ethnic, religious, political and cultural boundaries to make sure their new neighbours can feel welcome. They truly are Messengers of Peace!”

Scouts were first recognised as Messengers of Peace by Saudi Arabia’s King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and the His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden because of their service to local communities in projects such as support to street gangs in San Salvador, street kids in Manila, building schools and houses for people in Colombia, or dealing with bullying in schools in the United Kingdom. Since its inception in 2011, the online community of Messengers of Peace has so far registered over 500 million service hours on scout.org from Scouts around the world towards 38,000 local community projects.
SCOUTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD ARE WORKING FOR PEACE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

SHARE YOUR PROJECTS ON SCOUT.ORG
LET'S HELP

WORLD SCOUTING HELPS TYPHOON VICTIMS IN THE PHILIPPINES
In January 2014, a World Scout team led by His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, the Honorary Chairperson of the World Scout Foundation, and Scott Teare, Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, visited several initiatives undertaken by Scouts in the Philippines, in particular those supporting rehabilitation for typhoon Haiyan victims.

Typhoon Haiyan struck on 9 November 2013, devastating many communities across central Philippines. Tens of thousands died and millions were displaced from their homes. The World Scouting team visited Scout Groups supporting rehabilitation work in Tacloban. With over 1.5 million Scouts, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, led by the Honourable Jejomar Binay, Vice President of the Philippines and the National President of Boy Scouts of the Philippines, is one of the largest members of the World Scouting family. Scouts from all over the country reacted within hours of the disaster to provide support to multiple relief organisations.

During the visit to Tacloban, Scott Teare said: “The Scouts here are doing some amazing work to help those affected quickly get back to normal lives. What is important for us is how Scouts in the Philippines were prepared for such disaster. While we are not a disaster relief agency, there are Scouts all over the world, like the Scouts in Philippines, ready and willing to help when disaster strikes. We have seen this great work pan-out recently in support of the Syrian refugee crisis, in Haiti and Nicaragua.”

During the visit, The King of Sweden presented a cheque for USD 100,000 from the World Scout Foundation to support the disaster work being done by Scouts. In post-disaster circumstances, Scouting is one of the few local groups organised to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable in their communities.

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World Organization of the Scout Movement
The high-level World Scouting team also visited the Ticket To Life programme, a Scout programme supported by Messengers of Peace, which extends Scouting to street children in Manila and other parts of the Philippines, and handed over a further cheque for USD 100,000 as part of its ongoing support to this project. Scott Teare, Secretary General of World Organization of the Scout Movement added: “We are very proud of the work that our Scouts in Philippines are doing with these vulnerable children. And the Ticket To Life programme is running in many other countries around the globe. The task is daunting but the need to serve these children is so great.”

Messengers of Peace is an initiative of World Scouting, supported by the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. Thanks to his support and that of other donors, extra resources have been made available to help Scouts across the world serve their communities better.
In 2012, Ukraine began implementing the national project, “Peace Platform: Scouting unites Ukraine.” On the 100th anniversary of Scouting in Ukraine and as part of the project, many Scout groups of the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU) joined together to develop and organize joint national programmes and activities.
With the support of the Parliament of Ukraine and the Ministry of Youth, the Peace Platform has put on social initiatives such as the Ukrainian Scout Forum in the Cherkassy Region, Scientific and Methodical Conference, 100th Anniversary of Ukrainian Scouting: History and Prospects for Development in Kyiv, Festival of Scout Creativity in Mykolaiv, Jamboree “Su - Uchkhan” in Crimea, Summer Scout Camp in Odessa Region, activities in Ivano-Frankivsk Region, Gathering “Gilea” in Zaporizha, and “School of a Warrior” in the Lviv Region.

Another project called “100 Good Deeds to the 100th Anniversary of Ukrainian Scouting,” was implemented in all NOSU regional offices.

Approximately 96 Ukrainian Scouts from different parts of the country joined the Messengers of Peace Initiative and registered on scout.org. By posting photos of their good deeds, they shared their experience with other Scouts around the world.
Between 2012 and 2013, the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU) worked toward establishing the National Scout Youth Programme with input from Ukrainian Scouts in seminars and a conference. In May 2013, Scout leaders met with the Minister of Education of Ukraine, Dmitry Tabachnik, to develop this programme. Through this programme, youths will participate in socially beneficial activities, life competency sessions, and use ideal characteristics and the image of Scouting to help define what it means to be a young citizen of Ukraine. The goal of the National Scout Youth Programme is to better integrate Ukrainian Scouts into the world community.
Thanks to this Messengers of Peace Project, the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU) can create information and resource centres to train Scout leaders, increase membership of the organization by 150 percent, and bring about an even more positive impact to Scouting for the 7,750 Ukrainian youth leaders and their mentors. The project is gaining in popularity and continues to develop in the 27 regions of the Ukraine. Each Ukrainian Scout now has a real chance to become a Messenger of Peace!
CIRCLES OF EXISTENCE

SCOUTS PROMOTE INTER-CULTURAL DIALOGUE

Since its inception, Israel has been facing many challenges due to the cultural and religious diversity of its population. As a way to promote a peaceful coexistence among the different communities, Scouts launched a special dialogue project.

The Circles of Existence project was first organised by the Israel Boy and Girl Scouts Federation during 2011 and 2012 in order to empower youth to deal with diversity within Israeli society and to engage in inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue. Israel, much like its Scout Federation, is made up of individuals from various religious and cultural groups. This pluralism together with the delicate political situation in Israel and the Middle East make it liable to tensions within and between communities.
The project seeks to encourage tolerance, cooperation and friendship between Arab and Jewish Scouts and Scout communities, and build a foundation for mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence also reaching beyond Scout communities. It does so by organising gatherings of several ‘circles of existence’ groups. In 2011-2012 the project involved approximately 480 participants. Scouts belonging to different religious or cultural groups and associations are represented in every circle. The Scouting Method and Scouting activities (such as hiking together) are used to encourage communication and cooperation between Scouts from different backgrounds.
Learning about each other’s cultures, customs, ways of living and ideologies, among other aspects, is central to the project. Increasing mutual understanding is facilitated by interpersonal experiences. The project creates a space for interpersonal encounters between youth from different groups, which enables young people to connect and relate to individuals from groups other than their own and consequently develop feelings of solidarity and friendship across boundaries. Encountering diversity on an interpersonal level and in the Scouting setting can encourage inter-religious dialogue and learning between Scouts from Jewish, Druze, Christian Catholic, Christian Orthodox and Muslim groups. What is more, through personal experiences and increased understanding, participants can become ambassadors of peaceful coexistence and extend the project’s impact to the wider community.
In 2011, El Salvador became one of the most violent countries in the world. Dangerous gangs imposing their law on local communities and families ruled the streets with no mercy. Obliged to participate in illicit activities due to economic constraints, youngsters saw no future for their life away from the gangs’ control.
The country’s fragile economic situation has exposed both families and their young members living in hot zones, commonly known as the gang territories, to unprecedented violence. One path seemed to be the safest: joining illicit gang activities and receiving both economic support and protection within the most dangerous areas.

However, when trying to return to society after being exploited by street gangs, these youngsters were discriminated against and judged by their previous faults. They faced social isolation and job deprivation that led to depression, economic difficulties and a reintegration into criminal structures.

In order to respond effectively to these challenges, in 2011 the Asociación de Scouts de El Salvador launched a programme aimed at helping integrate these youngsters into a healthier social environment through Scouting.
With the full backing of Messengers of Peace, the programme has been supporting projects developed by young offenders. A series of capacity-building trainings targeted at staff members and volunteers were promoted, focusing on areas such as project management and leadership. Workshops were held with the participation of parents aimed at improving fund raising methods and techniques, plus business networking in order to map key stakeholders. To conclude, a National Project Unit was constituted to help develop and implement the different projects.
This is a life-changing programme that has been empowering many young people in El Salvador, who can now become active citizens and help create a better world. Now, Leaders and Scouts have the right skills and tools to achieve self-funding and sustain their local groups and communities.

By empowering Scout leaders’ capacities and nurturing their motivation, the Asociación de Scouts de El Salvador is now able to provide positive answers to one of the country’s most challenging problems.
Has your National Scout Organization (NSO) or National Scout Association (NSA) identified an issue to address and needs funding to help get it off the ground? Before filling out the Messengers of Peace Grant Application Form, you should first think about project management. It is important that you build a team that will help you to carry out your project.

Your project must be goal-oriented. Sit down with your project team and develop a “S.M.A.R.T.” goal for your project. A goal which is S.M.A.R.T is a declaration that expresses clearly a positive improvement that is Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely.
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Sample Outcome Statement: “By 31 December 2013, six National Scout Organizations (NSOs) will have implemented and documented proper management systems and structures at the national level based on internationally accepted standards, as measured by SGS NGO Benchmarking and related tools, and which are critical for the success of Scouting both at national and regional levels.”

Once your S.M.A.R.T. goal is developed, you should read through and understand the Messengers of Peace Support Fund found at http://www.scout.org/node/6268. Now, you are ready to complete the Messengers of Peace Grant Application Form. Be sure to contact your Regional Office if you have any questions.

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ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU LAUDS MESSENGERS OF PEACE

South African social rights activist, anti-apartheid hero and Nobel Peace Prize (1984) laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu has been a great supporter of Scouting throughout his life. On 26 January 2014, he received representatives of World Scouting and the World Scout Foundation to be informed about the Messengers of Peace initiative. The Archbishop was briefed in full about World Scouting’s Flagship initiative and was amazed by what had been achieved in only two years.

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu with Peter Michelson from the World Scout Foundation
WORLD SCOUT BUREAU OPENS NEW OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR

Recently the World Scout Bureau opened a new office in the capital city of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, which will serve as a shared service centre for the global operations of the organization. The office has the capacity to host 30 staff members from multiple nationalities, who will support the 162 National Scout Organizations. WOSM is now broadly represented worldwide with offices in Cairo, Geneva, Kiev, Kuala Lumpur, Manila, Nairobi and Panama.

SCOUTS PROMOTE PEACE AT THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY LANDINGS

Following a long-time tradition that happens every three years, Boy Scouts of America held the 2014 Omaha Beach Camporee from 25 to 27 April on the shores of Normandy, at Vierville-sur-mer, France. Around 5,000 Scouts and Leaders from the United States and other European countries gathered to open the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings and recognize the sacrifices of those, who fought and died fighting for freedom and peace in 1944.
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