Scouting in Nkomazi Helps Change Children’s Lives

“It takes real to attempt to do something different, but when you achieve it, the disappointments along the way become worth it,” said Vuyo Mthimkhulu, a Scout of Scouts South Africa (SSA) Mpumalanga.

Scouting is a movement for young people supported by adults which aims to inspire young leaders to take up roles in their communities. Unlike formal education, Scouting encourages a more direct method of educating and inspiring young minds. It does this through programmes and activities such as creative crafts, community projects and adventure activities, such as camping, survival training and first aid.

“I am proud to be part of an organization that teaches young people to learn by doing,” Bongani Makhubela said.

In Nkomazi, Scouting has not only inspired, but also changed and touched lives. According to Joseph Chauke of the 1st Sidlamafa troop in KaMhlushwa, scouting goes beyond just a youth organisation. “Scouting is family,” he said, “because scouts can always be counted on to be there for you whenever you need them.”

Scouting not only equips the youth with the necessary skills to survive dangerous conditions in their communities, but also encourages scouts to be good and responsible citizens. “We train them to be emotionally, physically and spiritually responsible,” explained Sizwe Mdluli, who leads the 1st Mhlaba troop, one of the oldest troops in Nkomazi. This is done through learning by doing.

Young people are also taught to honour and respect the Scout promise and laws as written by its founder, Lord Baden Powell, in 1907. “A scout is someone you can trust with your life,” remarked Charity Khoza of the 1st Conluvasia troop in Boschfontein. “Because as Scouts we always follow our promise and law.”

Scouting continues to inspire and motivate young people through the awarding of badges that scouts throughout the world display on their uniforms. By doing so, these kids are encouraged to improve and develop to their highest ability. The highest badge in Scouts South Africa is the Springbok badge.

More than a century after scouting was founded, it continues to improve the lives of young people. Scouting is one of the best places for youths to learn responsibility, teamwork and determination and to help groom Nkomazi’s future leaders.

FOCUS ON NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANIZATIONS

Director of Education in Zimbabwe Honoured as Peace Ambassador

The Director of Education for Mavingo Province in Zimbabwe was recognized as an ambassador of peace during a Scout camp held at the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. In his speech he highlighted that the purpose of Scouting is in line with his Ministry’s work, hence there’s a need to promote Scouting in all schools for the benefit of the young people and the betterment of the nation and world at large. The National MoP Coordinator, Paddington Johannes also shared with the Director the impact Messengers of Peace programme has had towards creating a better world since its introduction in the country.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/350446

Validation of Niger Youth Programme

With the support of the Minister of Youth and Culture and the World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre the Niger Scouts Youth Programme has been widely presented and adopted. This document will improve delivery of quality Scouting in Niger. It also conforms to recommendations of the World Scout Youth Programme Policy and will go along way towards achieving World Scouting's vision and mission.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/353981

Food For Life Project in Ghana

Scouts in the northern region of Ghana have started the Food for Life project in their community to help address poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition. The project also aims to curb migration of young people to the southern part of the country.

Thanks to the huge support of the “Ghana Experience Team” of Dutch Scouts, the project is successfully under implementation. The project is divided in three progressive phases including: Rice farming between May-November; Vegetable farming between November-April and Guinea fowl rearing throughout all seasons. They have also built a Guinea fowl breeding shed. The Scouts hope to extend the project to other regions in the future.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/353276

Kenyan Scout Awarded for Best Peace Initiative during the African Youth Peace Forum

The agenda of peace being one of the main thematic areas of scouting in the pursuit of a better world great progress is being made in the Africa region by youths who have committed to make Africa better. In a forum that took place in Nairobi, Kenya from 29th June 2017 to 1st July 2017 dubbed Africa youth Peace forum, dialogue exchange program, African youth leaders and more importantly scouts were on the frontline to chanting a better future for the African continent.

The forum culminated into the successful signing of The Nairobi declaration that was read out officially by a scout from Kenya, Edgar Marumbu who was also part of the youth peace forum. Being a resilient leader in the championing for peace and countering violent extremism, acts of indifference and intolerance he was also awarded for not only creating the Best Peace Initiative but implementing it and permeating the society with this message changing thousands of lives in Kenya & by extension East Africa.

The Declaration that was signed by 100 youth leaders from 17 African countries not only committed to embrace and support each individual country in the pursuit for peace but also gave rise to an African Youth Peace Network that was a passionately pursued objective in the achievement of peace on our continent.

The dawn of a peace revolution in a continent whose perception from the outside world had been mostly riddled with a blatant deem picture of hunger, strife, violence, conflicts and extremism is what has been envisioned by the network of young African leaders, scouts being an important and invaluable part of this priceless agenda to change the world.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/354601

Knowledge is power Hygiene

First step for South Africa’s project called “Knowledge is power”, led by Rosemary Mkhuvashu. The group recognized the need to develop the knowledge of the parents and teachers about hygiene. The OSN held a training which took part at Xihlolo Sediba ECD Center. The group hosted a first training, where they taught the teachers what is important about hygiene and created posters.

Goal: The teachers can now share the knowledge they learned with the children and their parents. Teachers from other ECDs asked if they can use the posters to teach their children. Parents also would like to take part in the future trainings, the group is thinking how they will carry on with the project, as they plan to visit more ECD centres in the community to give them workshops on hygiene.

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Ivorian Rovers Bring Smiles to Orphaned Children

Rovers of the Saint Jean Paul 2 Parish in Cocody Angré (Abidjan) brought smiles to orphaned children when they visited the parish orphanage in Koumassi town in the Divo District. The Rovers brought donations, enjoyed a meal with the children and also had fun great together.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/353046

BD SKOTO: Scouting in Comics

Seven Scouts and Guide members of the Malagasy Federation of Scouting and Guiding in Madagascar exhibited their talents as cartoonists at the 13th edition of a festival organized by Gasy Bulles (a platform of exchange between professional or amateur of Cartoonist) from 5-17 June 2017 at the Malagasy Cultural Center in Antsahavola www.ikm.mg

The young artists chose to present the BD SKOTO or “Le scoutisme en BD”, an opportunity to communicate to the Malagasy society the Mission, Vision and the activities of young people within Scouting. Among other things, the event gave the young people an opportunity to pass various messages to Malagasy society.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/352691

Congolesse and Rwandan Scouts and Guides Join Forces for Dialogue and Diversity

This programme which is a framework for exchanges and sharing brought together 56 young Scouts and Guides from North Kivu Province and from Rwanda with the aim of promoting dialogue to foster appreciation of their differences in relation to prejudice, stereotyping and the manipulation of identities that are the main source of conflict in the Great Lakes region.

The activity initiated by the the Scouts of the Great Lakes has as a motive to create a framework of dialogue between the young people of the region who share a common history and civilization in order to create a climate of confidence between them to create a better world full of love and dialogue between the two peoples.

The opportunity for the young people to speak together in the Region yielded various proposal to on the issue of lack of peace with the ultimate aim of inculcating the idea of making them to believe that despite their differences the Scouting movement gives all of the a chance to find themselves as brothers and sisters and that their unity in diversity constitutes their common richness.

Read more at https://www.scout.org/node/349256

In Bujumbura, the young affected in the long-term by the crisis, contribute to durable peace and social cohesion

Since 2016 more than 700 Burundian young women and men, from different ethnic, political and social backgrounds, have been busy rehabilitating roads, and cleaning and constructing drainage systems in parts of the capital city Bujumbura. This initiative aims to help build stronger community ties as a way to reinforce peace. The 78-day cash-for-work initiative is organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Vision and Scouts of Burundi.

It is part of the Community Protection and Social Cohesion Support Project that is supported by the UN Peacebuilding Fund, together with the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and the UN Volunteers. Also, this initiative encourages the young people to create together their business, to save to develop a life project and looking to the future.

FROM THE WORLD SCOUT BUREAU

Rovers Centenary 2018

The World Scout Bureau is pleased to announce its decision to celebrate the Rovers Centenary in 2018. All National Scout Organizations are invited to begin their preparation for a fantastic celebration of the centenary throughout next year. For further inquiries, please contact Hany Abdulmonem, Youth Programme Director, at hany@scout.org.

Read more at: https://www.scout.org/RoversCentenary

Confirmation of Beryl Okuku in the Position of Accountant/Administration & Finance Assistant

Further to our initial announcement on 3rd September 2016, we are glad to let you know that Beryl A. Okuku has been confirmed in the position of Accountant/Administration & Finance Assistant at WSB Africa, effective 1st June 2017.

Beryl was initially recruited on a competitive level as a temporary replacement for our colleague Mercyline Busolo who went on maternity leave. Upon the departure of Guy Banafai, then our Administration & Finance Director, Mercyline was appointed as acting Administration & Finance Manager and we retained the services of Beryl as temporary Accountant/Administration & Finance Assistant. Following the confirmation of Mercyline in the position of Administration & Finance Manager and satisfaction with the services of Beryl, we are glad to retain her on a full contract basis.

Beryl has a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Finance Option) from Kenyatta University (Kenya) and is a Certified Public Accountants (CPA) from Strathmore University. She brings with her 8 years of experience in Accounts, Finance and Administration. Kindly join us in congratulating Beryl for this confirmation and wishing her every success.

Read more at: https://www.scout.org/RoversCentenary

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