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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Scouts to receive recognition for high-impact community service projects at Messengers of Peace Hero award ceremony**

**1 December 2017, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia:** There's a hero in everyone just waiting to be inspired.

In their quest to fulfil the Scout Promise, and by experiencing life-changing Scouting activities, generations of Scouts have been inspired to take positive actions. In fact, some have gone beyond the call to serve and gone on to create a better world for their communities through highly impactful projects.

From empowering young girls with life skills, advocating against gender-based violence to developing leadership skills among young people and promoting peace and dialogue, Scout Messengers of Peace (MoP) are leading the change they want to see in their communities. So far, they have contributed an impressive 787 million service hours to community service projects around the world.

To recognise their exemplary efforts and to inspire more Scouts to follow in their footsteps, World Scouting embarks on a worldwide search for Messengers of Peace Heroes every year. This year, ten Scouts nominated by their National Scout Organizations and representing all the Scout Regions, will receive the Messengers of Peace Hero award at the World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre in Kuala Lumpur on 4 December 2017.

The award was created by His Majesty King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia in 2012 to acknowledge and recognise Scouts, volunteers and professionals worldwide who contribute to community development, promotion of dialogue, relief in times of need and promoting peace values as active citizens through service actions.

Prior to the event, the MoP Heroes will attend a capacity development workshop on 'Telling the story' and the Global Network of Scouting with a group of Scout Ambassadors. Updates on the pre-event activities as well as the award ceremony are available on [World Scouting](#) and [MoP](#) Facebook pages as well as on Instagram ([@worldscouting](#)/[@scoutmessengersofpeace](#)).

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#### **About the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)**

Scouting is one of the world's leading educational youth movements, engaging millions of young people around the world to be active citizens to create positive changes in the communities they live in. Founded by Lord Baden-Powell in 1907, WOSM is a confederation of 167 National Scout Organizations in a network of over 40 million Scouts in at least 224 countries and territories worldwide. As it has been doing for more than a century – creating a better world – it will continue to do so, and even better with the many Messengers of Peace across the globe.

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