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### **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) Memorandum of Understanding Renewed 2008**

Following the ongoing successful partnership between the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) since the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of 2004, a renewed MoU has been signed in 2008 to continue to enhance the opportunities for Scouts and young people at local, national, regional and world levels to engage in environmental education actions.

This partnership between UNEP and WOSM has seen many practical applications, including supporting the World Scout Jamboree and the development of the World Scout Environment Programme, providing opportunities for Scouting to be engaged in the decision making within UNEP, as well as raising the profile to a world-wide audience of Scouting's many environmental activities through UNEP's Tunza publications, events and campaigns. Other connections have been made also at regional and national level between UNEP and Scouts.

National Scout Organizations are encouraged to read the MoU and further information below and to consider how they could best take up these opportunities. UNEP has a world office, as well as regional and often national offices that can potentially support Scouting activities, such as major events with an environmental focus, implementation of the World Scout Environment Programme and Scouts of the World Award. More information is available from the UNEP website: [www.unep.org](http://www.unep.org)

The complete MoU can be viewed from:  
[http://scout.org/en/about\\_scouting/partners/united\\_nations/unep](http://scout.org/en/about_scouting/partners/united_nations/unep)

Summarised below are some of the opportunities available for Scouts as a result of the partnership with UNEP.

#### **Tunza Programme for Children and Youth**

The Tunza programme for children and youth offers a variety of opportunities for youth around the world to engage with the environment. More information can be found at:

Tunza Children's programme: [www.unep.org/tunza/children](http://www.unep.org/tunza/children)

Tunza Youth programme: [www.unep.org/tunza/youth](http://www.unep.org/tunza/youth)

#### **Ozzy Ozone Magazine**

Ozzy Ozone is a character that helps children to learn about harmful substances, such as ozone, and how they can help to protect the planet. A copy of the magazine is provided with this Scoutpak. To subscribe to receive future editions, please register with:

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75739 Paris Cedex 15  
France

Email: Anne Fenner <[ozzy@unep.fr](mailto:ozzy@unep.fr)>

For more information visit their website at:

<http://www.ozzyozone.org/>

### **UNEP Tunza Magazine for Children & Youth**

As a useful resource for children and young people to learn more about the environment, UNEP produce a Tunza Magazine quarterly, with the potential for Scouts to contribute content to this magazine and subscribe to receive it. This has a readership of 750,000 people in hard copy and electronic format. It can be viewed electronically at:  
<http://www.unep.org/Publications/Tunza.asp>

NSOs that would like to register to receive the Tunza Magazine should contact:

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PO Box 30552, Nairobi, Kenya

Telephone: (254 20) 7621 234

Email: Karen Eng <karen@zukazuka.com>; Bart Ullstein <bart@ourplanet.com>

### **Youth eXchange**

Youth eXchange is a series of resources to help youth look at the issue of sustainable consumption. Series is available from:

<http://www.youthexchange.net>

### **UNEP Tunza International Youth Conference and International Children's Conference**

Scouts have previously been participants in the International Youth Conference and the International Children's Conference and are invited to nominate participants for the upcoming events to be held in Daejeon, Korea from 17 to 21 August, 2009. The theme will be 'Climate Change: Our Challenge' and more information can be found from the UNEP Tunza website. From these conferences, Scouts have been elected to serve as Youth Advisors to UNEP.

### **UNEP Tunza International Children's Painting Competition**

UNEP has launched its 18th annual International Children's Painting Competition. It has been held since 1991 and has received over 190,000 entries from children in over 100 countries. This year's Competition will focus on 'Climate Change: Our Challenge'.

The selection process will be in two stages; the regional selection which will be done by UNEP Regional Offices and their partners, and the global selection which will be done by UNEP and its partners, Foundation for Global peace and Environment (FGPE), Bayer and Nikon Corporation.

Entries close the 15th of January, 2009. For more details on the Competition please visit the Tunza Children's website.

### **UNite to Combat Climate Change Campaign**

Further to the Children's Painting Competition, more resources and examples of materials to help children and young people engage in climate change can be found at the UNite to Combat Climate Change Campaign website:

<http://www.unep.org/paint4planet/UNite.aspx>

### **Billion Trees Campaign**

A campaign to encourage tree planting around the world has been coordinated by UNEP, with Scouts making significant contribution, having pledged millions of trees since 2007. There are many more tree planting projects being undertaken by Scouts around the world and it would be good to have all of these recognised within this campaign. Tree planting pledges can be made through the Billion Trees Campaign website and importantly, trees pledged can be registered as having been planted. Contribution of photographs and local stories are welcomed and many Scout examples can be seen on the News section of the website. Please see:

<http://www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign/>

### **World Environment Day (5th June 2009)**

The World Environment Day is the United Nations flagship environmental event, celebrated annually on 5 June in more than 100 countries around the world. A Country is selected every year, host the main celebrations and this year, it will be in Mexico. World Environment Day is designed as a people's day and is meant to galvanize public attention and action on the most critical environmental issue of the time. The theme for WED 2009 is : "Your Planet Needs You! Unite to Combat Climate Change!"

### **UNEP & Volvo Adventure Award**

Arranged in collaboration with UNEP, the Volvo Adventure Award rewards active young people between 13 and 16 working in groups of two to five people who create their own environmental projects.

The top entries have the opportunity to win an all-expenses-paid trip to the final in Sweden and the chance of a financial reward that could make it possible to run, improve or enhance the project. For young people it could be an adventure that offers a chance to make new friends all over the world and attract international recognition for their project. Scouts have previously been finalists in the Volvo Adventure Award.

A cartoon competition is available for people under 13 years of age, with a prize. Registrations close the 31st of January, 2009. For more information on these competitions, register and enter your project by visiting [www.volvoadventure.org](http://www.volvoadventure.org).

### **Clean Up the World**

Clean Up the World is a global campaign that inspires communities to clean up, fix up and conserve the environment. Held in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme, it mobilises an estimated 35 million people across 120 countries - who conduct a range of activities ranging from waste removal and tree planting to water and energy conservation projects. Launched with the support of their technology partner Google, the new website [activities.cleanuptheworld.org](http://activities.cleanuptheworld.org) lets you join the Clean Up the World campaign and put your group and its environmental activities on the global map.

To get involved visit <http://activities.cleanuptheworld.org/> or email [info@cleanuptheworld.org](mailto:info@cleanuptheworld.org)

### **Regional Activities:**

UNEP regional offices will organise 14 sub-regional and regional youth conference and workshops on climate change as well as youth environment networks. The conferences and workshops will provide young people with an opportunity to discuss their inputs to the climate change negotiations and also what young people can do in their communities about climate change.

### **Environment Projects and Stories**

There are many great examples of Scouting and environment stories and project around the world which can be seen from the World Scouting website. UNEP are also keen to further promote the projects being lead by children and young people to help to protect and enhance their environment.

For more information, please see the environment section of the World Scouting Website at: [www.scout.org/environment](http://www.scout.org/environment)

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Yours Sincerely,

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