



World AIDS Day - 1 December 2007

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This year, World AIDS Day, which takes place annually on December 1, will focus on leadership, the theme set by the World AIDS Campaign five-year slogan 'Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise?.'

Scouts around the world have been playing a key role in the fight against HIV/AIDS for a number of years, leading the way in their communities through peer education programmes, awareness campaigns and activities, aiming to halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS, which is also in line with Millennium Development Goal 6.

Experience has demonstrated that significant advances in the response to HIV have been achieved when there is strong and committed leadership. However, leaders are not only those in the highest offices. Leadership must be demonstrated at every level to get ahead of the disease - in families, in communities, in countries and internationally.

What is Scouting doing?

At a global level, World Scouting has a strong partnership with UNAIDS which was highlighted in Global Development Activities at this year's World Scout Jamboree. Bhatupe Mhango, coordinator of UN Plus ran and planned five workshops on the topic 'HIV Sensitisation and Safeguarding Human Rights'. Pleasantly surprised by the level of knowledge of many of the Scouts, Bhatupe commented that 'the maturity of the debate convinced me that the message on HIV prevention and empowerment of young people is getting across'. Kenya, Uganda and South African Scouts also led very successful workshops on HIV/AIDS awareness.



The Africa Scout Region is running an excellent 'Beak Right' AIDS from the... badge programme

Resources and links

- 19 national Gifts for Peace projects focusing on HIV/AIDS:

visit: <http://giftsforpeace.scout.org>

- Africa 'Red Ribbon' programme:

Download the Badge Handbook [here](#)

- Africa Scout Radio programmes

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

- ScoutPAX information on HIV/AIDS:

<http://www.scout.org/scoutpax>

- Scouting and World Community Grid information on how to participate and FightAIDS@Home

[Partnership information on www.scout.org](#)

www.worldcommunitygrid.org

<http://fightaidsathome.scripps.edu/>

- HIV/AIDS information and resources on the website of the South Africa Scout Association:

<http://www.scouting.org.za/resources/aids/>

- HIV/AIDS information and an interactive game in English and Swahili on the UNICEF Voices of Youth website:

http://www.unicef.org/voy/explore/aids/explore_1360.html