

WORLD SCOUT ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME FACT SHEET



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The Scout of the World Award Environment, Development and Peace

What we are aiming to achieve

The Scouts of the World Award has been launched in order to encourage a stronger involvement of Rovers in the development of society by making them more aware of the present world issues.

The Scouts of the World Award is open to everyone between the ages of 15 and 26 years, regardless of ability, race, faith or location. That provide a great opportunity to the NSOs to increase their membership at local and national level, given the possibility to invite non-scouts persons (in the age cover by the Rover section 18-22) to participate in the Rover Programme, and to encourage them, after complete the Scouts of the World Award, to be part of the Rover section.

The Scouts of the World Award concerns global citizenship-preparation for young adults and emphasises three core-themes demanding understanding, skills and knowledge, for life on a small planet: Peace, Environment, and Development.

Why this is important in Scouting

The Scouts of the World Award is a key part to achieve the objectives on the Rover Section.

It attracts, empowers and engages youth in action of world importance. That action is based upon universal values - freedom, tolerance, equality, equality, respect for nature, shared responsibility - respected in any culture and enshrined in the UN's Millennium Declaration. Scouting has

promoted those same values for almost 100 years.

It affords rare opportunities for adolescents to work in multi-cultural international teams. It makes Scouting more attractive as a mechanism for young people to join an international network and make a difference in their communities at the local, national and international level.

The Scouts of the World Award help the NSOs to develop partnerships with other NSOs willing to help each other in implementing the SW Award, sharing human resources and knowledge (trainers, documents, etc).

Resources available

A book called "Guidelines of the Scouts of the World Award" as been created, its possible to download it from the website of the SW Award: www.scoutsoftheworld.net . This document gives guidelines on how National Scout Organizations can implement the Scouts of the World Award, as an element of their Rover Section programme, and open it to all young people, members or not of the Scout Movement.

Different elements has been created to support National Scout Organizations on implementing the SW Award, such as: the SW Passport, SW Identity Guidelines, SW Promotional materials and visual aids.

For more information

www.scoutsoftheworld.net

Examples from around the world

Australia

"Scouting Tugeda" in the Solomon Islands. Hannah Lord is a Rover from Erindale Rover Crew and Michael Freeman a Venturer from Stromlo-Forest Venturer Unit in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory (ACT). The ACT Branch is leading Australia in establishing the Scouts of the World Award, and Michael and Hannah are both actively involved as members of the Cottermouth Scouts of the World Base Committee. Michael ran the first Australian Discovery in July 2006, which focused on Peace and our local Indigenous community. Hannah was also the Team Leader of the first Australian Scouts of the World Voluntary Service. This youth-led project saw 42 people travel to the Solomon Islands in October 2006 to complete two weeks service with the local Scouting community and the Red Cross School for the Disabled. At a time when the political and diplomatic relations between Australia and the Solomon Islands were at an all-time low, Scout teams were walking along the main street, Mendana Avenue in Honiara, wearing

bright green t-shirts that read 'Scouting Tugeda; Solomon Islands & Australia' on the back. The team members were proud to be Scouts, and it showed everyone how Scouting is such a powerful social force in both of communities.

Taiwan

SW Voluntary Service of Water Conservation. Taipei Rovers took the chance to set an exhibition of "Protecting the Water Resources" to promote the ideas of conserving water resources. They developed three kinds of activities in a Conservation centre, including Q&A of water resources, water map of Taiwan, and bamboo relay game. These games not only let young adults have a good time, but taught them a lot of useful knowledge about water conservation. All Rovers will keep designing new activities and carrying it out in the coming voluntary service opportunities.

France

A SW Base in Provence. Every summer Venture-Scout and Rover camps are organised in the most threatened areas. Scouts receive a special training in order to be able to camp without threatening the environment. Part of their activities is focused on preventing forest fires. Equipped with binoculars, radio-transmitters and compasses, they take their turn in watching towers in order to detect smokes and give their precise location to the firemen. They have the responsibility to make a Canadair plane take off and drop water on the starting fire. Also they patrol in the forest with mountain-bikes and inform the tourists on the risks of forest fire. The base of the project is one of the first Scouts of the World base. The training courses, which are organised for Rovers, will become Scouts of the World Discoveries.

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