



International Year of the Volunteer +10

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It is ten years since the first International Year of the Volunteer and WOSM is currently working with United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and other organisations to develop plans to celebrate its tenth anniversary in 2011, the International Year of the Volunteer +10. These celebrations coincide with an important year for Scouting as three of the four major world events will be held during 2011.

The year will start with the World Scout Youth Forum in Blumenau, Brazil, when around 150 young representatives from NSOs will gather to discuss and explore issues and prepare to participate in the World Scout Conference. The World Scout Conference follows in Curitiba, Brazil in early January 2011, when around 1,000 delegates and observers from 160 NSOs gather to discuss, debate and decide on key issues in Scouting.

The World Scout Jamboree, our flagship event, takes place in July and August 2011, when around 30,000 Scouts and leaders come together for 12 days to experience the best that Scouting has to offer.

Scouting is seen as a leading organisation in the voluntary sector. IYV +10 will give us an opportunity to showcase our work, help our volunteers to feel proud to be part of the Movement and their efforts valued and hopefully more volunteers will be recruited.

If Scouting is to grow and offer better Scouting to more young people, our ability to attract, recruit, retain and motivate volunteers needs to be first class. IYV +10 is an opportunity for all NSOs to focus on volunteering so that Scouting becomes the organisation of choice for adults who want to support the development of young people and have a great experience themselves.