



International cooperation with the Scouts of the World Award

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The Scouts of the World Partnership is part of the tools to develop the Scouts of the World Award, it is a network of National Scout Organizations (NSOs) willing to help each other in implementing the Scouts of the World Award. The Scouts of the World Partnership is a concrete opportunity to involve young adults in the development of society and provide them with real social responsibilities.

More concretely, Scouts are working with NSOs in other countries or Regions in order to facilitate youth exchanges and open opportunities for young people to commit themselves in international cooperation projects. This is a fantastic field of action for young adults preparing for the Scouts of the World Award or having received the SW Award.

More and more countries have developed and implemented this global initiative within their programme for the Rover section. Here is some news from all corners of the global about this international cooperation:

Uruguay ? Argentina

Nicolas Revetria, a 17 year old Rover from Uruguay, proposed to the National Rover Forum the implementation of the Scouts of the World Award in his country. After being adopted by all his peers, young people and adults are working together in Uruguay to implement the Scouts of the World Award.

They started working with the aim to explore the international dimension of the Scouts of the World Award and how to collaborate with other NSOs. They contacted the National SW Award coordinator in Argentina to learn of their experiences on this. The Scouts in Argentina invited a delegation from Uruguay to visit Buenos Aires and worked together in order to share ideas and experiences. Thanks to this collaboration the Scouts of Uruguay will launch their first Scout of the World Base in November 2008.

As Pablo Menese (National SW Award coordinator in Uruguay) described: "When I think of the great opportunity that was working with another country, I can see the infinite educational richness of the work in different projects by thousands of young people in different countries. The Scouts of the World Networks and Partnerships are incredibly useful experiences for young people to become citizens of the world."

Costa Rica - France

Clothilde Chaussat, a 18 year old member of 'Scouts et Guides de France', is currently working in Costa Rica with the aim to support the developing of the Scouts of the World Award and sharing her experience with other young people.

She has already obtained the Scouts of the World Award by working on building a library in Benin (Africa), and has said "By doing the Scouts of the World Award I have obtained a lot of personal satisfaction and now I will focus on making the project grow further".

This is an excellent example of international cooperation. The Association of Guides and Scouts of Costa Rica and 'Scouts et Guides de France' are working together on international exchanges to build a better world.

Singapore ? Thailand

The National Scout Organization of Thailand invited the Scouts of the World Award team of Singapore to run a workshop on the SW Award during their National Scout Jamboree, hundreds of young people learnt from the Singapore Scouts about the SW Award projects and how working together with other young people can make have a positive effect on society.

Through the theme 'Rovers serve the Globe', both NSOs worked together with Greenpeace, providing them with a great opportunity during the Jamboree to show how the SW Award should be complemented by the experience of other organisations.

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