



SW Discovery

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The SW Discovery is an adventure lasting several days, organised with a focus on environment, development or peace.

At the end of a SW Discovery, the participants should be able to:

1. Explain the Millennium Development Goals in reference to an active discovery of a local situation where a community is facing issues related environment, development or peace.
2. Develop a feeling of empathy and personal commitment regarding these issues.
3. Set up a personal plan of action in order to play an efficient role in increasing awareness of people and helping communities facing such issues.

The Scouts of the world Award uses a three-staged process of education that allows participants to explore issues through the SW Discovery, to develop the skills and knowledge to respond and to prepare for taking action in a personal service project.



Exploring (?What is it about??)

An active discovery of an issue related to environment, development or peace, for example: Hiking with rangers in a forest threatened by pollution; visiting an ethnic community suffering from prejudices and racism; meeting people in a refugee camp.

This exploration enables the participants to gain an indepth knowledge of the issues involved, to identify possible solutions to a given problem and to examine the steps to implement a project.

Responding (?What does it mean for me??)

Processing the collected information and developing a feeling of personal commitment towards the issue. This involves the development of skills and techniques for analysing the information collected during the exploration. The development of skills is made in association with experts who help participants formulate a strategy for action.

Taking Action (?What can I do??)

Developing a personal project of action in order to increase community awareness about the issue and contribute to solving the problem.

This step involves the participants by encouraging them to design a project, which could solve the problems they have discovered or to develop an action plan to support an existing project.

Documentation

You will find in the [Scouts of the World Award Guidelines](#) information to run a SW Discovery.