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**Guidelines on Scouting for People with Disabilities and Guidelines on Scouting for Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances**

Dear colleagues,

To support Strategic Priority 4: Reaching Out – breaking down barriers and working with all segments of society, we are happy to present you the following two publications:

- 1. Guidelines on Scouting for People with Disabilities**
- 2. Guidelines on Scouting for Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances**

Both publications have been developed building on the good practices that already exist in NSOs. They provide the key information necessary to help NSOs take the first steps in including people with disabilities and children in especially difficult circumstances in Scouting.

**Guidelines on Scouting for People with Disabilities** is an extension of the resources WOSM has published in past to support this area, 'We Can' (1989) & 'Scouting with the Disabled' (2000). Whether it is regular Scouting activities or a large Scout event, like a Jamboree, people with disabilities can be easily included, with some targeted modifications and adaptations to the programme. The document includes guiding principles and practical hints and strategies to support Scouting for people with disabilities.

Extending Scouting to working children, children living and working on the streets and children from ethnic minority communities has been successfully achieved by some NSOs. The **Guidelines on Scouting for Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances (CEDC)**, enriched from these experiences in NSOs, provides practical advice and support on recruiting young people, developing resilience in these young people and the special focus needed on child protection.

The documents can be downloaded from our web-site from the following link:  
[www.scout.org/sp4](http://www.scout.org/sp4)

I hope these resources encourage your association to reach out to more young people which will support Scouting's efforts to 'Create a Better World'.

Yours sincerely,

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