

Memorandum of Understanding with ILO (2004)

Cooperation in the ILO/IPEC Programme Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media (SCREAM)



Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding is agreed upon by **ILO/IPEC** and **WOSM** in relation to cooperation in the activities both partners pursue to raise awareness within society through children and the youth on issues of social justice, human rights, the social dimension of globalization and, in particular, on child labour. Young people can be a driving force for change in society, provided they are given the space and support they need and deserve. Cooperation under this Memorandum aims at enhancing children's participation and youth empowerment by working through visual, literary and performing arts as means to gain skills and confidence. Furthermore, it strives for harnessing their creativity and compassion to contribute to a more solidarity-conscious society. By giving them responsibility to act and acknowledging the value of their contribution, young people develop self-discipline and self-esteem and at the same time acquire principles of justice, fairness and equality. Cooperation under this Memorandum will promote joint activities to equip young people with knowledge and understanding of the full implications of globalization, the interdependence of the world and to appreciate the true meaning and value of responsibility, respect and commitment. It will further contribute to the formation of a community based worldwide network so as to enhance the visibility of the social and global problems related to child labour and, in particular, of the World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL) to be celebrated each 12 June.

The Parties

The **International Labour Organisation** is the UN specialized agency which seeks the promotion of social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights. The ILO formulates international labour standards in the form of Conventions and Recommendations setting minimum standards of basic labour rights: freedom of association, the right to organize collective bargaining, the elimination of forced or compulsory labour, the abolition of child labour, equality of opportunity and treatment, and other standards regulating conditions across the entire spectrum of work related issues. The **International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour** aims to work towards the progressive elimination of child labour by strengthening national capacities to address child labour problems and by creating a worldwide movement to combat it. ILO/IPEC's sustainable and comprehensive approach presupposes coalition building and reinforced networking among the various partners at the national, regional and global levels, sharing the view that all activities should primarily focus on the best interests of the child. For that purpose, the Cooperation with governments, employers' and workers' organisations, UN agencies, NGOs, the media, academic institutions and the artistic community is as essential as the strengthening of the social role of children and the youth as multipliers of knowledge and initiatives in their respective communities. ILO/IPEC's mandate and action on child labour are grounded in the ILO Constitution and, more specifically, in the legal instruments aiming at the abolition of child labour, in particular ILO Convention 138 on the minimum age for admission to employment and Convention 182 on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour (WFCL). **SCREAM**, which stands for Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media, is an ILO/IPEC education and social mobilization resource package aimed at granting all children the right to participate as well as to express their views on matters affecting them. The Arts, on which it focuses, are a particularly effective means to deepen young people's understanding of a topic and to provide them with powerful tools of self-expression by delving, through active learning methodology, into their creative and emotional spheres. It recognizes young people's contribution in awareness-raising and decision-making processes and it is based on the premise that young people have a key-role to play in ensuring that fundamental human rights are respected world-wide and that a social dimension is fostered in the globalization process.

The **World Organisation of the Scout Movement** is a voluntary non-political educational movement for young people. Its purpose is to contribute to the global development of young people as individuals but also as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. This happens through a value system based on the 'Scout Promise and Law' to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. The latter is achieved by involving young people throughout their formative years in a non-formal educational process, by using a specific method that makes each individual the principal agent of his or her development as a self-reliant, supportive, responsible and committed person and by assisting them to establish a value system based upon spiritual, social and personal principles as expressed in the 'Promise and Law'. To further these goals, programmes such as the 'Scouts of the World Programme' have been launched which aims at forming young people who have the knowledge, skills and motivation to take an active part in bringing about social change at local, national and international level in order to create a more open, just and peaceful society. WOSM's strategic areas of action encompass young people, adults, structures and systems which altogether constitute broad areas of work.

Purpose of cooperation

The Parties intend to cooperate towards the achievement of the following results :

- (1) creation of a worldwide community based network dedicated to children and youth participation and empowerment by using the arts as a methodology for action
- (2) increase the impact of educational activities related to the implementation of SCREAM and to the complexity of child labour
- (3) leverage local, regional and global networks for mutual programme benefit and for endorsement of peer-to-peer education
- (4) giving visibility to joint activities in the respective means of publication

General Area of Cooperation

The Parties agree to collaborate within the respective framework of their own mandate in projects related to child labour and other pertinent current social and global issues. The partners recognize the fundamental importance to create the necessary conditions to empower children and the youth to become responsible citizens. They encourage peer-to-peer initiatives and promote children and youth participation in current and future decision-making processes. Joint initiatives will include youth and children, also child labourers, in developing and industrialized countries to foster global awareness on the complexity of child labour.

ILO/IPEC will, in particular,

1. invite WOSM and their members to actively participate, locally, regionally and globally, together with other partners of the "12-12 partnership" in ILO/IPEC activities leading to each WDA CL
2. include on the ILO/IPEC website, amongst all activities taken within the "12-12 partnership", those with WOSM or any of its members and include the same information in other pertinent publications such as leaflets
3. supply, in addition to the unlimited access to the Education Pack on the ILO/IPEC website, WOSM with a limited number of it in the languages available (English, French, Spanish, Italian) as will be agreed in the annual planning meeting
4. invite selected Scout leaders to participate in training activities conducted by ILO/IPEC in collaboration with other partners of the "12-12 partnership" (International Schools Theatre Association and PeaceWaves)
5. encourage the participation of national Scout associations in municipal, local and national governmental activities
6. identify, to the extent possible, local schools to enable twinning between local Scout groups and those schools in activities implementing the Arts as an educational methodology.
7. Cooperate with WOSM on identifying potential financial support to activities jointly carried out by the parties under this Memorandum.

WOSM will, in particular,

1. encourage its members to actively participate in local, regional and global ILO/IPEC activities leading to each WDACL
2. Invite ILO/IPEC representatives to participate in activities and events organized by WOSM and related to social justice and child labour (such as regional and world seminars and “global development village” in Scout Jamborees and Scout Moots).
3. include information on joint activities in its publications, particularly in the International Handbook for Scout Leaders and other training leaflets, brochures or handouts and on its website
4. invite ILO/IPEC officials, where appropriate, to participate in Scout workshops, seminars or conferences on issues related to child labour
5. encourage national Scout associations to include the Education Pack in their educational peer-to-peer activities such as the Global Awareness Partnership Project
6. encourage its member organisations to entertain and initiate twinning with children of local schools in activities implementing the Arts as an education methodology.
7. include the issue of partnerships with ILO/IPEC activities in the various programmes developed at national and international level and promoting the involvement of young people, particularly adolescents and young adults, in working for social justice and sustainable development, such as 2007 Centenary, Gifts for peace, Scout of the World and Ticket to Life (programmes related to children in difficult circumstances).
8. actively cooperate with ILO/IPEC in designing youth programmes based on a more holistic education methodology (including expression, drama and Arts) and emphasising on youth involvement in community development

Implementation

- (1) The implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be carried out through:
 - (a) the appointment of coordinators from each Party to implement this Memorandum who will hold the overall responsibility for it;
 - (b) the development of arrangements relating to specific activities through an annual planning meeting to be held at the beginning of each year for the core activities and for future common projects.
- (2) The involvement of ILO/IPEC officials in the WOSM education activities will be accomplished through the establishment of direct contacts between WOSM and the national ILO/IPEC or ILO Branch offices. ILO/IPEC will facilitate those contacts through its coordinator.

Miscellaneous

- (1) Neither Party shall use the other Party's names, including abbreviations, or emblems, logos or other visual identifiers without the prior written of the other Party.
- (2) Nothing in the present Memorandum of Understanding, or in any document related thereto, shall be construed as constituting a waiver of the privileges and immunities of ILO/IPEC, nor as conferring any privileges or immunities of ILO/IPEC on WOSM.
- (3) It is hereby agreed that the participation of WOSM, and of its national associations, in the initiatives taken within the framework of the present Memorandum of Understanding is intended on the basis of voluntary acceptance of the single national associations and members therein and according to the agreements decided individually for each initiative at the annual planning meeting.

Entry into Force and Duration

- (1) This memorandum shall enter into force upon signature of both Parties. It shall have an initial duration of three (3) years, after which it may be renewed by mutual written consent of the Parties. It may be terminated by either Party at any time upon **three (3) months prior** written notice.
- (2) In the event of termination, the obligations already assumed by the Parties shall remain in force to the extent necessary to permit the satisfactory conclusion of the ongoing activities mentioned in the preceding paragraphs of this Memorandum of Understanding and the orderly conclusion of all pending commitments.

In witness whereof, the Parties hereto execute this Memorandum of Understanding.

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