

Roadmap for Education in Scouting



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INTRODUCTION TO THE ROADMAP

Our world today is constantly evolving. Yet educational systems remain rooted in outdated models, not changing fast enough to keep pace with how young people learn, connect, experience the world, and prepare for the future.

Despite global advancement, the [UN's SDG Progress Report](#) shows that only 12% of SDG targets are on track, raising concerns halfway to the 2030 Agenda deadline. Too many young people still lack access to quality education. [260 million children](#) around the world were not in school before COVID-19, and the pandemic only worsened the global education crisis. Without education reform, by 2030 an estimated [825 million youth](#) may lack the necessary professional skills for the future workforce.

Every child and young person deserves the right to education, including non-formal education. Young people need access to modern, holistic and accessible education opportunities to enable them to thrive in today's rapidly changing world. Scouting's unique non-formal educational offering and method complements formal education. The Scouting programme empowers young people to become self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

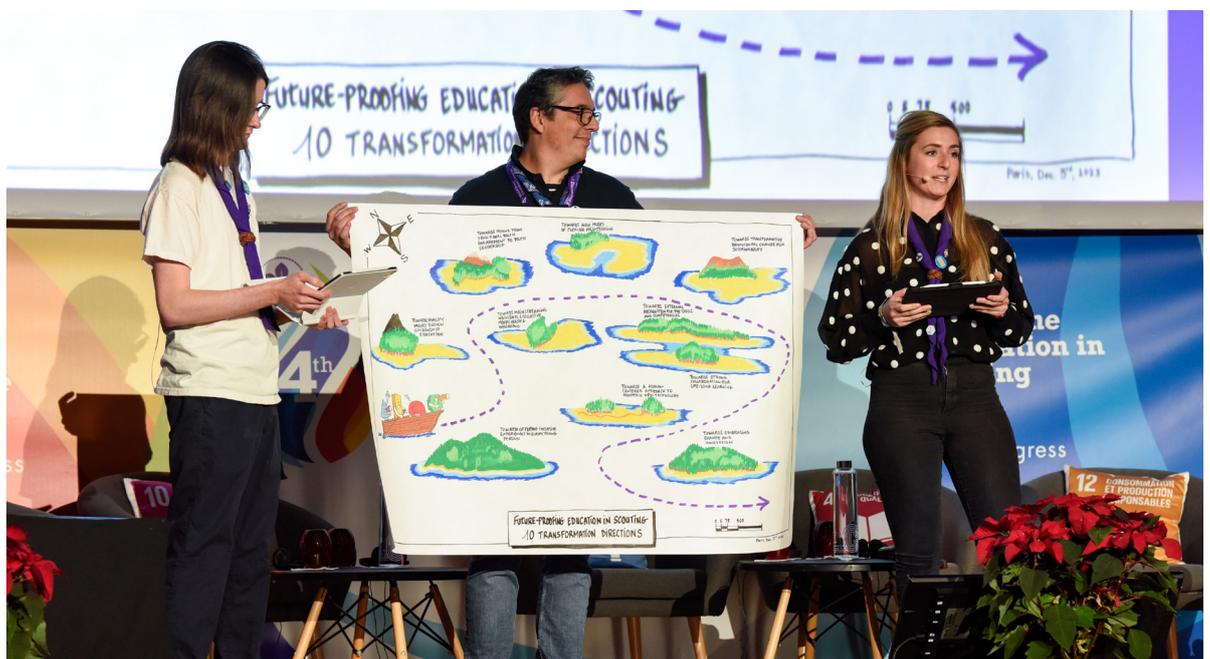


To adapt and remain relevant and transformative for the future, Scouting is developing a new Strategy for the coming decade. Working towards a sustainable, peaceful and inclusive world shaped by youth, the [next Strategy for Scouting](#) strongly focuses on educational innovation. This includes providing competency-based learning opportunities and programmes through digital and real-world solutions to young people worldwide. The Roadmap for Education in Scouting will support the implementation of this Strategy.

Inspired by inputs captured during the [4th World Scout Educational Congress](#) in Paris, France, the Roadmap proposes 10 transformative directions to future-proof Scouting's education, and provides ideas for National Scout Organizations to offer more relevant, inclusive, and engaging learning experiences for young people and volunteers.

The Roadmap draws from the five key themes of the Congress: education for sustainable development; fostering youth leadership and intergenerational partnerships; towards an inclusive and engaged world; thriving in a digital world; and shaping a just and equitable world.

The Roadmap builds on the outcomes of the 2019 World Non-Formal Education Forum in Brazil, marked by the [Rio Declaration on Non-Formal Education](#). Signed by the Scout Movement and partners at the event, the Declaration has been pivotal in advocating for the advancement of non-formal education through modern methods and enhanced collaboration.



FUTURE-PROOFING EDUCATION IN SCOUTING: 10 TRANSFORMATIVE DIRECTIONS

The Congress discussions paved the way to develop this Roadmap which highlights 10 transformative directions to shape the future landscape of education in Scouting.

We will develop education in Scouting:

1. Towards offering inclusive experiences to every young person

We aim to design Scouting programmes that are flexible, adaptive, and inclusive by fostering safe and welcoming environments for everyone to thrive. This involves reaching out to different communities, celebrating diversity as a strength to ensure every Scout can experience a feeling of belonging.





2. Towards quality values-driven citizenship education

We aim to cultivate active citizenship and the culture of peace among young individuals, empowering them with values, confidence, and skills to advocate for their passions. We strive to deliver a contemporary, fun and transformative form of global citizenship education that equips young people to navigate today's interconnected world and address global challenges.

3. Towards moving from traditional youth engagement to youth leadership

We aim to enhance youth leadership development, practices and opportunities within Scouting signalling a shift from conventional youth engagement to fostering youth leadership that empowers young people to shape the future. We support and ensure the safety of young people raising their voice and standing for their rights.

4. Towards new modes of flexible volunteering

We aim to reimagine volunteer engagement by introducing flexible opportunities, accompanied by robust systems that support volunteers at every stage of the Adults in Scouting lifecycle. This includes pioneering innovative models for volunteer engagement that ensure rewarding and fulfilling experiences for volunteers within the Scouting community and meet the operational realities of Scouting organisations.

5. Towards mainstreaming individual and collective mental health and well-being

We aim to establish safe and supportive spaces where everyone can be themselves and reach their full potential. Focusing on well-being includes reducing stigma, building resilience and empowering young people to be more aware of their well-being. We aim to equip young people with essential coping, empathy and communication skills to improve their overall well-being.

6. Towards transformative behavioural change for sustainability

We aim to integrate education for sustainable development into Scouting's educational offering, emphasising action and behavioural change to create a more sustainable world. This initiative propels us toward placing a comprehensive sustainability framework at the heart of the Scout Movement and advocating for action towards sustainability at all levels of Scouting.

7. Towards external recognition for skills and competencies

We aim to increase the external recognition of Scouting's educational programmes, and better celebrate the achievements and skills young people and volunteers develop through Scouting. Sharing success stories, partnering with expert organisations and receiving certifications by official entities, will allow to better acknowledge competencies and prepare young people with skills for life.



8. Towards strong collaborations for lifelong learning

We aim to collaborate with more actors, organisations, institutions, and communities, providing young people and adult leaders with lifelong, transformative learning experiences. This effort focuses on fostering inclusive partnerships that offer learner-centred opportunities, making lifelong learning accessible to everyone.

9. Towards a human-centred approach to adopting new technology

We aim to integrate digital tools and technologies into Scouting's educational framework, ensuring accessibility and enriching our learning processes for all. We will support young people and adults to develop digital literacy, skills and competencies to be better prepared and protected in digital world and to find the space to disconnect.

10. Towards embracing change and innovation

We aim to adopt a flexible, data-driven approach, ensuring our Scouting programme remains responsive to trends and relevant for the future. We want to prepare young people for a rapidly changing and unpredictable future by emphasising flexibility, agility, critical thinking, and digital literacy.





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