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Empowering young people to lead positive social, economic and environmental change through innovative education, leadership development and action for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Challenge

Young people are growing up amid poverty, climate change, conflict, inequality and rapid technological change. Extreme poverty and climate risks often disproportionately affect fragile and conflict-affected regions. Formal education systems often fail to equip young people with future-ready life skills, leadership and civic agency.

There is a growing gap in access to innovation, digital tools and global learning opportunities. 825 million children around the world are not learning the skills they need and gaps in access to education have been highlighted further by the COVID-19 pandemic [World Economic Forum, 2021].

Young people continue to remain under-represented in decision-making spaces despite being most affected by some of the world's biggest challenges.

The Solution

World Scouting aims to reform and future-proof the Scout Youth Programme through research, innovation and emerging technologies, using our non-formal education model to develop leadership, innovation and active citizenship.

Through the flagship leadership training programme, young people gain leadership skills and become catalysts for positive change, taking practical action on the SDGs in their communities. In turn, young people are positioned as informed decision-makers and credible advocates for change.

Activities

The Scouts as Agents of Change funding area comprises three pillars, namely:

- Modernising the Youth Programme: Innovation, research and development to modernise the Scout Youth Programme and integrate future-ready competencies such as leadership and teamwork, problem-solving and critical thinking, civic engagement and advocacy.
- Scouts for SDGs educational initiatives: Community-based youth action projects aligned with the SDGs supporting the understanding of global, social and economic challenges through non-formal education.
- International Leadership Training (ILT): Strengthening leadership, teamwork and project implementation skills and empowering youth-led advocacy, storytelling and global networking.

Beneficiaries

- The 60 million children and young people participating in Scouting globally.
- National Scout Organizations strengthening their educational programmes.
- Local communities benefitting from youth-led SDG actions.
- Indirectly, wider society through increased civic engagement and sustainable development efforts.



Impact

- Increased number of young people equipped with leadership, problem-solving and community engagement skills.
- Increased youth-led social action and service contributing to the SDGs.
- Demonstrated multiplier effects through peer-to-peer training and community engagement.
- Increased preparedness of youth for leadership roles and stronger livelihoods.

“The lively interactions among the participants reflect not only their strong interest in the ILT content but also their desire to contribute positively to their communities. I am confident that through this training, we have sparked and inspired a group of leaders who will drive meaningful change.”

~ **Emmanuela Compaore**
Training Facilitator
Africa Scout Region ILT in Madagascar

“Everyone knows that ILT is different. Some people remember the excitement, some remember the friendships they made, and some remember how it changed their lives. ILT is all of that and more. ILT is not just an event; it's a journey that challenges and inspires you. The past edition created hundreds of leaders in the Arab region. They came with a sense of curiosity and left with confidence, vision, and purpose. ILT gives the path to discover yourself as a leader, to develop your skills, and to be part of a unique community.”

~ **Amal Ridene**
Senior Team Leader
Arab Scout Region ILT in Egypt

Why Partner with World Scouting?

World Scouting offers a powerful platform for partners seeking to invest in youth leadership, innovation and sustainable development at global scale. As the world's largest educational youth movement, reaching over 60 million young people and volunteers through trusted, community-embedded structures in 176 countries, World Scouting is deeply rooted in local communities while connected through a global network. This unique combination enables young people to take meaningful action on global challenges in ways that are locally relevant, youth-led and impactful.

Through our proven non-formal educational model, World Scouting develops the leadership, problem-solving and civic engagement skills young people need to navigate an increasingly complex world. Initiatives such as Scouts for SDGs and ILT demonstrate Scouting's ability to translate global agendas into concrete community action. Scouting's educational programme has been proven to strengthen leadership, employability and life skills, reinforcing its role as a credible partner in youth development.

Partnering with World Scouting means investing in a Movement that not only prepares young people for their futures but actively empowers them to shape them. By supporting Scouts as agents of change, partners help unlock the potential of young people as leaders, innovators and active citizens who are already delivering positive social, economic and environmental impact in their communities.

“I would highlight the importance of collaboration with partners, for processes like this [Scout Youth Programme] to have scientific data on the reality of young people, to offer a proposal adapted to the reality of the country.”

~ **Luis Bermudez**
Asociación Nacional de Scouts de Panama



Ready to Partner?

Join us in this journey of empowering the next generation. Reach out on partner@scout.org to explore how we can collaborate to deliver transformative learning experiences for every young person, everywhere.