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Motion - Environmental Action Plan 30th ISGF World Conference 2024



At the instigation of the National Scout and Guide Fellowships of Norway and Italy Workshops were held at the 30th ISGF World Conference. The Conference considered in three groups: (French speaking, Spanish speaking and English speaking) the following text:

The National Scout and Guide Fellowships of Norway and Italy request the ISGF organisations:

1. To adhere to and share the UN document "**Agenda 2030 for sustainable development**", particularly with reference to points 10 (Reduce inequalities), 12 (Responsible consumption and production) and 13 (Climate action).
2. To initiate projects, both directly and through member organizations, aiming to help with education and training initiatives for young people and adults on environmental sustainability and how to ensure an economic and social sustainable development.
3. Consequently, to appeal to local NSGF organisations to initiate and support projects that aim at protecting the environment.
4. To encourage international political awareness-raising initiatives aimed at protecting the rights of mobility of individuals and peoples and at welcoming migrants, including the creation of "humanitarian corridors".
5. To present an annual and/or multi-year program of actions on these topics.

They provided the following text as background information.

We all share the basic principles of Scouting Values: world friendship, support for the right of freedom of individuals and peoples, freedom of religion, protection and conservation of nature and the environment.

We take note of the "Bali Declaration" (28th ISGF World Conference, Bali, Indonesia 2017).

We stress the importance of the UN document "Agenda 2030 for sustainable development" and World Bank document "World Development Report 2023 - Migrants, refugees and societies" as a strategy for the development of peoples and the environment.

We are aware that our planet's environment is currently being seriously harmed by several factors.

We know that in the actual socio-political situation in the world, the consequences of the numerous wars and conflicts fall on civilians and innocent victims. This reality should require collective and individual actions and commitments.

Finally, due to wars and environmental disasters, migrations are becoming more and more widespread and call our attention to integration measures in developed countries or to remove the causes of such migrations.



Adult scouts and guides in ISGF can face the challenge posed by these socio-political difficulties in a positive way, betting and trusting on their possibilities of sharing and participating in actions they can implement.

We believe that by joining and participating in Agenda 2030, ISGF further qualifies its nature as an educational and supportive movement for peace and international development and can therefore increase its active role in favour of environmental protection and sustainability at international level.

We now observe a significant increase in people's concern about these issues, especially among young people. During the last years, young people have increasingly expressed their frustration that the older generation does not pay sufficient attention to the problem, nor does it make sufficient efforts to reduce it.

We also observe that WOSM (Scouts for SDGs) and WAGGGS (at COP28) engage their members increasingly more in this kind of work.

Promoting projects to protect environment aims at supporting young people's (i.e., scouts and guides) concern and participation and at visibly and actively involving the older generations (i.e., Fellowship members).

Projects, where possible, should be run in co-operation with the national scout and guide associations, acting with them to facilitate the work e.g. by instruction, help with logistics, or similar support. The projects should preferably have some concrete, well-defined purpose to the benefit of the local environment, have a defined time limit and increase the visibility of Fellowship and Scouts and Guides in the community.

The actions may be specific projects at the local level (for example cleaning of forests, rivers, beaches and other degraded environments close to our communities), and educational and training actions for the member organisations and local communities (e.g. support youth associations on how to evaluate the environmental impact of their activities in order to reduce it). Each project may have a limited effect on the local environment, but if sufficient projects can be initiated, we will register significant improvements both practical and symbolic. Also, the positive results of projects may increase awareness of the problem: active efforts can make a difference.

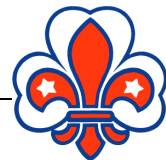
This work would constitute a concrete example of BP's appeal: *"Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can be happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best."*

In the three workshop groups the following ideas for actions were put forward.

Work, wherever and whenever possible with young people. Educating the youngest to care for their local environment and our planet, to keep it clean and safe for ourselves, and the natural wildlife of the area. Teaching them the thrift of re-using and re-cycling. Engaging them in the idea of being, "a friend to all" and learning about other cultures.

Working with the older young people to do the cleaning, clearing and befriending. In the streets, in the countryside, in the rivers and on the beaches, making them safe for everyone to use and enjoy. They have the energy and flexibility that we older adults no longer enjoy. Helping them to engage with other cultures, languages and ways of life. Making them aware of migration and its causes. Encouraging them to give practical help to migrants to their countries.

We adults in ISGF have the ability to organise and fundraise to enable these things to happen. Many ISGF members had already taken personal actions, and many had engaged in a group activity. Some had worked with Scout and Guiding, and other organisations, all these things



were to be encouraged. Some had worked on national, governmental projects and others on local projects. Every small action counted towards the goal of significant improvements to our environment. Every engagement with another culture and act of befriending counted towards our understanding of all the peoples of this planet.

The Resolution to adopt an Environmental Action Plan was unanimous.

However, it was realised that the practicalities of adopting just one action was unrealistic. Therefore, it was felt that this should be passed to the ISGF Projects Team, to co-ordinate actions where possible and to draw up a list of ideas from those put forward in the workshops, which can be made available to all ISGF members. But more importantly to ensure that each action receives the publicity that it deserves and to be able to draw each project into one report to be presented at the 31st ISGF World Conference.

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