

# Report to the European Scout Committee

## Youth Empowerment Working Group

### 1. Introduction

This report deals with 'Strategic Objective 4 – Youth Empowerment' as outlined in the Regional Scout Plan 2010-2013. It should be read in conjunction with the Regional Scout Plan 2010-2013, which can be accessed at [www.scout.org/europe](http://www.scout.org/europe)

### 2. Progress in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs

*Since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee*

- **AC 4.1.4 – NOT STARTED**

*Encourage NSOs/NSAs to exchange information on how they ensure young people are supported to take leading volunteer management roles*

**Progress:**

- No concrete action has been proposed to date.

- **AC 4.2.2 – IN PROGRESS**

*Support NSOs/NSAs in devising and organising events by young people for young people, through sharing of best practice and publication of support materials*

**Progress:**

- Agora was organised in 2011 and a funding application was made for the 2012 edition. The Agora Toolkit is ready for layout and printing – the final format will be done by the Agora 2012 Planning Team in early September 2011.

- **AC 4.5.3 – NOT STARTED**

*Encourage NSOs/NSAs to support the participation of young people in regional and world events by providing suitable preparation, incentives and resourcing*

**Progress:**

- No concrete action has been proposed to date.

- **AC 4.5.4 – NOT STARTED**

*Provide support to NSOs/NSAs seeking to adapt their constitutional events, at all levels, to fully involve young people*

**Progress:**

- No concrete action has been proposed to date.

- **AC 4.6.2 – NOT STARTED**

*Encourage NSOs/NSAs to involve young people in presenting views to the media on issues affecting young people in general and Scouting in particular*

**Progress:**

- No concrete action has been proposed to date.

- **AC 4.6.3 – NOT STARTED**

*Ensure that young people are involved in the design and implementation of programme activities that have opportunities for positive media engagement*

**Progress:**

- No concrete action has been proposed to date.

### 3. Next steps in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs

*Until next meeting of the European Scout Committee*

- **AC 4.1.1**

*Define the educational/management value and promote the theory and practice of mentoring and coaching as meaningful ways to develop intergenerational dialogue*

- Session at the Academy
- Production of Euro.Scout.Doc

• **AC 4.1.2**

*Initiate an exchange of best practices amongst NSOs/NSAs on mentoring, including peer mentoring, and coaching as methods to support young people*

**Next Steps:**

- Study Session, online library of good practices, etc. are scheduled for later in the year and in 2012

• **AC 4.1.4**

*Encourage NSOs/NSAs to exchange information on how they ensure young people are supported to take leading volunteer management roles*

**Next Steps:**

- Online exchanges of good practices

• **AC 4.2.2**

*Support NSOs/NSAs in devising and organising events by young people for young people, through sharing of best practice and publication of support materials*

**Next Steps:**

- We will organise a working session for final text for the Agora Toolkit

• **AC 4.2.4**

*Encourage NSOs/NSAs to identify life skills education in the youth programme for the last age section and highlight their importance in relation to employability*

**Next Steps:**

- We will translate the French document "Valorise-Toi"

• **AC 4.3.3**

*Provide support to NSOs/NSAs seeking to empower its youth members to engage in decision making outside of Scouting, at local, regional and national levels*

**Next Steps:**

- Cooperate with the Youth Representatives in National Youth Councils to get some good stories
- Promote Scouts of the World
- Session at the Academy on how scout programme is developing real world skills if carried out in the correct manner - the scout method, the patrol system, etc

• **AC 4.4.1**

*Provide support to NSOs/NSAs seeking to introduce the issues of youth empowerment and intergenerational dialogue into the life of their associations*

**Next Steps:**

- Session at the Academy

• **AC 4.5.3**

*Encourage NSOs/NSAs to support the participation of young people in regional and world events by providing suitable preparation, incentives and resourcing*

**Next Steps:**

- prepare guidelines for delegates / participants to events

• **AC 4.5.4**

*Provide support to NSOs/NSAs seeking to adapt their constitutional events, at all levels, to fully involve young people*

**Next Steps:**

- Self assesment tool on "how Youth involved / Youth empowered is my NSO"

• **AC 4.6.2**

*Encourage NSOs/NSAs to involve young people in presenting views to the media on issues affecting young people in general and Scouting in particular*

**Next Steps:**

- Examples on how to identify issues in the society through articles in papers (Euro.Scout.Doc?)

- **AC 4.6.3**

*Ensure that young people are involved in the design and implementation of programme activities that have opportunities for positive media engagement*

**Next Steps:**

- Mentoring guidelines for large scale events

**4. Successes**

*Please list the key successes since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee*

- The Youth Empowerment WG met
- The Youth Empowerment WG had a stand at Paris d'Avenir

**5. Challenges**

*Please list the key challenges since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee*

- Taking up responsibilities within the plan
- Better communication and follow-up within the group
- Rescheduling missed targets

**6. Issues for the consideration of the European Scout Committee**

*In brief, please list significant issues that you would like the European Scout Committee to consider*

- See above challenges

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