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

2. Progress in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs

Since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee

- **AC 4.1.1 – IN PROGRESS**
  Define the educational/management value and promote the theory and practice of mentoring and coaching as meaningful ways to develop intergenerational dialogue
  Progress:
    o Session at the Academy.

- **AC 4.1.2 – IN PROGRESS**
  Initiate an exchange of best practices amongst NSOs/NSAs on mentoring, including peer mentoring, and coaching as methods to support young people
  Progress:
    o Process started at the Academy.

- **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:
    o Successful funding application for Agora 2012 with sponsored places for Eurasia.
    o Agora Planning Team selected and strated the preparations.
    o Agora Toolkit Editorial Team met and finalised the layout and content.

- **AC 4.2.2 – IN PROGRESS**
  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
  Progress:
    o Compiling of material and preparation of draft document started

- **AC 4.3.3 – IN PROGRESS**
  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
  Progress:
    o Initial discussions with world level re Youth for Change.

- **AC 4.4.1 – IN PROGRESS**
  Provide support to NSOs/NSAs seeking to introduce the issues of youth empowerment and intergenerational dialogue into the life of their associations
  Progress:
    o Session at the Academy.

- **AC 4.5.1 – IN PROGRESS**
  Initiate an exchange of best practices on how NSOs/NSAs involve young people in their constitutional events and organs
  Progress:
    o Compiling of material and preparation of draft document started

- **AC 4.5.2 – IN PROGRESS**
  Identify the role of young people in the preparation, management and leadership of contingents and delegations to international events and conferences
  Progress:
    o Compiling of material and preparation of draft document started

- **AC 4.5.3 – IN PROGRESS**
  Encourage NSOs/NSAs to support the participation of young people in regional and world events by providing suitable preparation, incentives and resourcing
  Progress:
    - o   Planning of action taking place.

- **AC 4.5.4 – IN PROGRESS**
  Provide support to NSOs/NSAs seeking to adapt their constitutional events, at all levels, to fully involve young people
  Progress:
    - o   Planning of action taking place.

- **AC 4.6.1 – IN PROGRESS**
  Further encourage NSOs/NSAs to develop training activities for young spokespeople and involve them in media management
  Progress:
    - o   Compiling of material and preparation of draft document started

- **AC 4.6.2 – IN PROGRESS**
  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:
    - o   Involvement in organisation of "Tell the story! Speak out!" event and in applying for funding for event in 2012.

- **AC 4.6.3 – IN PROGRESS**
  Ensure that young people are involved in the design and implementation of programme activities that have opportunities for positive media engagement
  Progress:
    - o   Involvement in organisation of "Tell the story! Speak out!" event and in applying for funding for event in 2012.
    - o   Further actions in planning stage.

- **AC 4.6.4 – NOT STARTED**
  Support the development of peer-to-peer activities for young people in how to deal with negative and inappropriate stereotypes of Scouting
  Progress:
    - o   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
    - o   Follow-up on the session at the Academy
    - o   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
    - o   Follow-up on the work during the Academy
    - o   Online BP database

- **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
    - o   Agora 2012 preparations
    - o   Publish toolkit

- **AC 4.2.2**
  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
    - o   Finalising draft general document
    - o   Distribute "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
    - o Cooperate with the Youth Representatives in National Youth Councils to get some good stories
    - o Promote Scouts of the World

- **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
  Progress:
    - o Follow-up on the session at the Academy
    - o Production of Euro.Scout.Doc

- **AC 4.5.1**
  Initiate an exchange of best practices on how NSOs/NSAs involve young people in their constitutional events and organs
  Progress:
    - o Online BP database

- **AC 4.5.2**
  Identify the role of young people in the preparation, management and leadership of contingents and delegations to international events and conferences
    - o prepare guidelines for delegates / participants to events

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

- **AC 4.6.1**
  Further encourage NSOs/NSAs to develop training activities for young spokespeople and involve them in media management
  Progress:
    - o Support document for Young Spokepersons Training

- **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
    - o 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
    - o Mentoring guidelines for large scale events

- **AC 4.6.4**
  Support the development of peer-to-peer activities for young people in how to deal with negative and inappropriate stereotypes of Scouting
  Progress:
    - o Session at the Forum

4. Successes
Please list the key successes since the last meeting of the European Scout Committee

- The Youth Empowerment WG met twice
- The work progresses well if a little slow

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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