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 6.1.1 – IN PROGRESS**
     Design, deliver and evaluate an Educational Methods Forum for people in NSOs/NSAs working in the field of Educational Methods
     Progress:
     o Dates, venue and Planning Team selected
     o Funding application submitted

   - **AC 6.1.2 – IN PROGRESS**
     Organise and facilitate networking opportunities for people from NSOs/NSAs with similar roles at national level
     Progress:
     o The network meetings for Training Commissioners is planned for January 2012
     o The Centre Managers' Conference was organised in October 2011

   - **AC 6.1.3 – IN PROGRESS**
     Support intra-regional projects in the field of Educational Methods, initiated by NSOs/NSAs with similar needs
     Progress:
     o The ONE Seminar organised by Scouting Ireland
     o Irish support to Croatia programme review process within Tailored Support

   - **AC 6.1.4 – IN PROGRESS**
     Encourage NSOs/NSAs to look outside Scouting for networking opportunities including with NGOs, business, academic and scientific institutions
     Progress:
     o One of the main themes for the 7th Forum

   - **AC 6.2.1 – IN PROGRESS**
     Map existing materials and tools against the needs and strengths of NSOs/NSAs, identify gaps, and target their promotion
     Progress:
     o The evaluation of the "Needs and Strengths Analysis" is under way

   - **AC 6.2.2 – IN PROGRESS**
     Update existing materials and tools, or fill gaps, based on feedback from NSOs/NSAs or expert analysis
     Progress:
     o Evaluation of existing materials started

   - **AC 6.2.3 – IN PROGRESS**
     Translate, and share, useful materials and tools into other languages to support their use in settings where understanding of English or French may be limited
     Progress:
     o Evaluation of existing materials started

   - **AC 6.2.4 – IN PROGRESS**
     Follow the development of materials and tools being produced by NSOs/NSAs, other Regions and external organisations, and be ready to promote if appropriate
     Progress:
     o Evaluation of existing materials started

- **AC 6.3.1 – IN PROGRESS**
  Use eLearning platforms and other technology solutions at European level to showcase the potential for use in adult volunteer training provision
  Progress:
    o Concrete planning for using an European e-learning platform has started

- **AC 6.3.2 – IN PROGRESS**
  Identify eLearning approaches being used by NSOs/NSAs and the impact that they have on the participation levels in training for adult volunteers
  Progress:
    o Evaluation of existing materials started

- **AC 6.4.1 – IN PROGRESS**
  Develop and promote the European Scout Voluntary Programme, Lands of Adventure framework and the Scouts of the World scheme
  Progress:
    o Regular administration and running of the ESVP and LOA happens

- **AC 6.4.2 – IN PROGRESS**
  Support NSOs/NSAs seeking to review and update the international dimension of their youth programmes
  Progress:
    o Support has been given to Albania, Malta, Croatia…

3. **Next steps in implementing Objectives, Actions and achieving KPIs**
   Until next meeting of the European Scout Committee

- **AC 6.1.1**
  Design, deliver and evaluate an Educational Methods Forum for people in NSOs/NSAs working in the field of Educational Methods
    o 1st Planning Team meeting

- **AC 6.1.2**
  Organise and facilitate networking opportunities for people from NSOs/NSAs with similar roles at national level
    o Follow-up of the Centre Managers Conference
    o Training Commissioners Network meeting

- **AC 6.3.1**
  Use eLearning platforms and other technology solutions at European level to showcase the potential for use in adult volunteer training provision
    o The Region's eLearning platform will be up and running with a few test courses

- **AC 6.3.2**
  Identify eLearning approaches being used by NSOs/NSAs and the impact that they have on the participation levels in training for adult volunteers
    o Examples of using e-learning technologies are shared with NSOs

- **AC 6.4.1**
  Develop and promote the European Scout Voluntary Programme, Lands of Adventure framework and the Scouts of the World scheme
    o ESVP and SOW are planned to be items to be debated during the upcoming CMC seminar
    o The LoA Ambasadors Meeting (currently postponed) will be organised once a clear view of the future of the programme is achieved

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

- The current work of "maintenance" and direct support to NSOs is happening without many challenges
- The group had a successful meeting

5. **Challenges**

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

- Finding suitable dates for meetings is difficult with 12 people
- Coordination of a big group is more challenging

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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