



Our Chalet, Switzerland
World Association
of Girl Guides
and Girl Scouts

Helen Storrow Seminar

Our Chalet, Switzerland
14-19 March 2012

Young Women Leading for a Greener Future

WAGGGS' Helen Storrow Seminar

is a high profile event that has been offering leadership development opportunities for young women since 1986. The seminar is held at Our Chalet, WAGGGS' World Centre in Switzerland, and addresses the most relevant issues in contemporary society. The seminar will focus on the Environmental Issues of today and explore ways to raise awareness and use practical skills to create change.

“If we don't work immediately to protect our planet, we won't have an environment to protect and too many of our resources will be depleted”

Girl Guide Leader, Ireland

“People need to be really aware of the environmental situation we are living in and be able to work towards providing solutions”

Girl Guide, Mexico

This seminar will...

- give participants the opportunity to develop practical leadership skills, which they can directly apply in their Member Organizations or community
- offer participants the opportunity to learn about current environmental issues, as well as share best practises and explore ways they can grow as agents of change
- incorporate the unique natural environment of the Swiss Alps into the learning process
- give participants the chance to share best practises and to network for the success of future projects



The seminar programme will be based on the following topics and approaches...

Personal Development – Building your confidence in order to release the leader in you

Understanding Leadership – Exploring theories and practices of how to be an effective leader and influence others

Environment – Learn and share more about climate change, biodiversity and recycling

Advocacy – Learn about how you can raise awareness about the environment and take action on environmental issues in your community

Communication – Strengthen your communication skills in a cross cultural setting

Values

Non-formal learning

Intergenerational sharing

Intercultural exchange

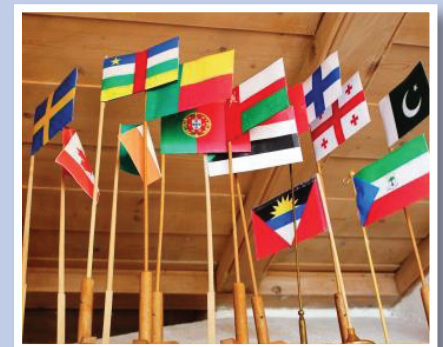
The **WAGGGS' Leadership Development Programme (WLDP)** modules and educational approach will be used to deliver the programme. Participants will be encouraged to develop and deliver a project that will address environmental issues in their Member Organization or community.

Who can apply?

Participants should

- be young women between 18–25 years old, current leaders
- be passionate about leadership
- be passionate about environmental issues, and want to raise awareness about them to make a difference in their community, country and the wider world
- have an understanding of and be able to communicate in English as the seminar will be conducted in English

Participants will learn about WAGGGS' initiatives and partnerships, as well as projects undertaken by Member Organizations in different WAGGGS Regions. There will be an opportunity to link up virtually with participants attending the partner seminar at Sangam World Centre in India being held simultaneously. Participants will gain an understanding of global environmental problems from a different perspective.



Practical information

- Participants are expected to arrive by 18.00 on 13 March 2012. Seminar officially opens on 14 March 2012 and closes on 19 March 2012. Departures scheduled on 20 March 2012.
- To apply, send an application form to info@ourchalet.ch. Download the application at www.ourchalet.ch. Deadline for applications is 31 December 2011.
- Please note that for many countries visa applications will need a minimum of two months to process.
- The cost of the seminar is CHF 750. This includes all meals, accommodation and programme. Please note this does not include travel to and from Our Chalet.
- Participants may stay at Our Chalet as independent guests before and after the event with prior reservation for an additional fee.
- We have secured funding for this event, enabling us to offer young women financial support.