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 Euro.Scout.Doc on Mentoring and Coaching draft defined
    o Workshop Kit on Mentoring and Coaching draft defined

- **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 Session on mentoring and coaching at the EM Forum defined
    o Session on mentoring and coaching at Agora defined
    o Best practices (Ireland, Norway, Netherlands, Portugal) collected

- **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 Agora 2012 – 52 participants from 31 countries, 4 Regions

- **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 Sessions on life skills and employability prepared for the EM Forum

- **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 Sessions on life skills and employability prepared for the EM Forum
    o Euro.Scout.Doc on Youth Empowerment draft defined

- **AC 4.4.2 – IN PROGRESS**
- *Encourage NSOs/NSAs to promote and champion youth empowerment and intergenerational dialogue at all levels*
    o Create marketing videos started
    o Session on intergenerational dialogue planned for the EM Forum

- **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 Survey for Roverway prepared

- **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 Tell Your Story/Speak Out Seminar waiting for funding

- **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 Activities planned for Roverway

- **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 Tell Your Story/Speak Out Seminar waiting for funding

- **AC 4.6.4 – IN PROGRESS**
  Support the development of peer-to-peer activities for young people in how to deal with negative and inappropriate stereotypes of Scouting
  Progress:
    - o Activities planned for Roverway

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 Sessions at Agora and Forum
    - 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 delivery
    - 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 Session at the Forum

- **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

- **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
    - o Sessions at the Forum

- **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 Deliver activities at Roverway

- **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 4.6.2**
  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 in January
- The work progresses well and the communication has improved

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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