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To:

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RefugeeResponseSeminar 2015 – Invitation, Programme and Registration Information

Dear friends,

Not just since this summer we have been witnessing one of the biggest migrant crises in Europe. Hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing wars and migrants escaping poverty have arrived in the Europe in an unprecedented wave. Migrants and refugees streaming into Europe from Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia have presented European countries with a huge challenge.

The European Scout Region is present and supports National Scout Organisation (NSOs) and National Scout Associations (NSAs) responding in whatever way they choose to act; directly or indirectly increasing awareness about the forcibly displaced and stateless, as well as easing and relieving their staying in the countries they pass through.

The RefugeeResponseSeminar 2015 is one of the many attempts to respond to the refugee and migrant crisis. It is organised by The Danish Scouts and Guides with the support of the European Scout Region and the Messengers of Peace initiative. It is a seminar which will help participants understand the current situation in Europe, understand how to better work with and support the migrants and refugees in cooperation with the local communities and partners, share project ideas and set a concrete idea for a project and plan of action.

The seminar follows the #ScoutGuideSupport #Refugees Campaign launched in September. Conscious of the current situation of refugees and migrants in Europe and the manifold support actions by Scouts and Guides as members of their local communities the Coordinating Group of the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM had agreed to share and tell the stories of the great work being undertaken. So far, 26 stories have been shared on <http://www.europak-online.net/category/refugee-support/> featuring a variety of examples of what Scouts and Guides contribute to refugee support activities in their local communities in Europe.

The attached Invitation and Programme contains all relevant details of the #RefugeeResponseSeminar 2015, including a link to the event's website and the on-line registration form

Yes! We can help... Yes! We can act... Yes! We can support... Yes! We can raise awareness... So, participate in and register now for the RefugeeResponseSeminar 2015! Because we want to leave this world a little better than we found it.

With kind regards,

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Chairperson,
European Scout Committee