

Rover Scouts

National Rover Council

National Rover Council Remote Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 13th September 2021

1. Procedural Items

1.1 Meeting Open

Meeting opened 8.03pm AEST.

As Scouts of Australia, we acknowledge Australia's First Nations Peoples, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

We're grateful to do our Scouting in this country; we commit to use its resources wisely and develop our understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

We also acknowledge any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scouts who are part of our movement today.

1.2 Attendance

Eleanor Hewitt (NAT)	Bryn Catlin (NSW)	Nathan Sears (QLD)
Nicolas Gardiner (NAT)	Grace Mitchell (NSW)	Jadzia Clifford Pugh (QLD)
Hugh Crawford (NAT)	Isaac Beswick (TAS)	
Jake Goodall (NAT)	Addy Van Munster (WA)	
Patrick McCormick (NAT)	Kieron Younger (VIC)	
Emma Johnson (NAT)	Peter Wotherspoon (VIC)	
Liam Gallagher (NAT)	Narelle Ball (TAS)	
Lachlan Court (NAT/ACT)	Thomas Milham (SA)	
Matthew Prants (RIT)	Lizzie Fogarty (NT)	
Jesse Carter (RIT)	Sam De Rota (ACT)	
Madeline Ancill (RIT)	Shaylah McClymont (ACT)	
	Max Kelly (ACT)	

1.3 Apologies

Justine McKeown (AIMoot)
Toby Blyth (WA)
Josephine Bond (SA)

2. Past Minutes and Matters Arising

2.1 Previous Minutes

J. Goodall presented the minutes from the Remote meeting held in July (previously circulated in August) for approval by those present at the Remote meeting.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council confirms the minutes as a true and accurate record of the July 2021 NRC Remote meeting

Moved: NRC Executive

Seconded: NSW

2.2 Action Items List.

The NRC Exec presented the action items list of tasks that the office bearers had been working on over the past three months and upcoming projects they intended to complete over the next couple of months.

3. Standing Items**3.1 Child Safe Issues**

NIL

3.2 WHS Issues

NIL

3.3 Conflicts of Interest

NIL

3.4 Finance

NIL

MOTION

That the National Rover Council confirms the 2021/2022 budget as approved from the 2021 conference

Moved: NRC Executive

Seconded: SA

ABSTAIN (1 – VIC)

MOTION CARRIED (14 – QLD, NSW, ACT, TAS, SA, WA, NT)

4. NRC Team Report**4.1 NRC Team Report.**

The NRC team spoke to the report in the OneDrive.

G.Mitchell asked: "following the announcement for Apple Isle Moot not accepting international participants what is happening with NZ Wild Moot?"; E.Hewitt confirmed that there has been no announcement made.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved through the Chairperson

Seconded: NT

MOTION CARRIED

5. Apple Isle Moot: 22nd Australian Rover Moot Report**5.1 Apple Isle Moot: 22nd Australian Rover Moot Report.**

Narelle gave a verbal report and to keep checking up on the website

6. World Scout Moot 2033 Bid Team Report**6.1 World Scout Moot 2033 Bid Team Report**

Nil provided

7. NRC External Review Implementation Team**7.1 Team Report**

J.Carter spoke to [the report in OneDrive](#).

G.Mitchell asked about any timeframes regarding implementation and J.Carter confirmed that feedback and consultation will be completed in a timely manner. S.McClymont asked that in future, the recommendations be fully written in the reports rather than the numbers.

MOTION

That the report be noted.

Moved: ERIT Team

Seconded: NSW

MOTION CARRIED

8. Branch Reports

8.1 Training

ACT: Large amount of Rovers completing the essentials training!

VIC: Essentials course was run online

NT: Few rovers with training quals to do AA activities

8.2 Program

QLD: Wish that there wasn't enough challenges in planning Banana Bash

QLD: St Georges Ball was very successful

QLD: Next big event is Agoonoree and proud of all the Rovers helping out

VIC: Not much in program but transitioning is having issues; elected transition officer to assist in transition to the program

NT: new Unit has really keen guys to get involved

NT: hoping not to cancel NT Moot

WA: Many events coming up which is awesome!

WA: Wish that Rovers would register for events earlier

NSW: Excited for members of their team representing Australia at World Scout Conference

NSW: Congrats to all the Rovers receiving awards around Australia.

NSW: State Moot was sadly cancelled

TAS: Rovers participated in white water rafting, and Winter Moot was run

TAS: 3 BP Scout Awards have passed and a few more to come on the old scheme

8.3 Governance

ACT: AGM in October and may be Shaylah's last NRC meeting (thanks Shaylah!!)

ACT: Written policy to set up the RDF for ACT on the last stretch

SA: Chair elect has been voted in and will be stepping into the Chair role from November (thanks Thomas!!)

SA: Less red tape for paper work; has been a battle

WA: Elections coming in for the new Exec (thanks Addy!!!)

TAS: Changing some structure at the Branch level

8.4 Marketing

NIL

8.5 Learnings

NSW: We will win the rover plasma challenge

VIC: Not so fast!! ^

8.6 Sustainability

NIL

8.7 General

NIL

9. Voting Items

9.1 Suspension of NRC By-Laws

J.Goodall spoke to [the paper in the OneDrive](#) and how Conference papers will be due before the December Remote meeting, also that the ERIT team will be presenting new NRC office bearer position descriptions to the December Remote meeting.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council:

Suspend the relevant NRC By-Law sections for the 2022 NRC Conference voting paper and agenda due date (Part 1: Standing Orders, Article 3: Meeting Procedures, section 3.4 (p.6).

Agree to set the due date for Conference papers requiring a vote as 30 December 2021 or six weeks before the opening of the 2022 Conference, which ever date is later (with the agenda due to the NRC members one week after this).

Agree to suspend the two month NRC Exec/Team nomination requirement set out in section 4.3(b) in Part 1: Standing Orders, Article 4: Voting & Elections for the NRC Executive (p.7); nominations will be open from 20 December 2021.

Moved: NRC Executive

Seconded: ACT

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 By-Law Update (V2.4)

J.Goodall spoke to [the paper in the OneDrive](#) and that the new version of the By-Laws be ratified as true and accurate from the decisions made from the last two Remote meetings.

MOTION

That the National Rover Council:

Accept V2.4 of the NRC By-Laws superseding V2.3

Moved: NRC Executive

Seconded: QLD

MOTION CARRIED

10. Information & Late Papers

10.2 World Scout Youth Forum and World Conference Report

E.Hewitt spoke to [the Youth Forum report in the OneDrive](#) and highlighted the Youth Forum Declaration. E.Hewitt highlighted the fact that Australia has agreed to this declaration and to include young people at its core. E.Hewitt advised BRCs to hold their Branches to this agreement and to have youth members at the forefront.

12. General Business

G.Mitchell shared that discussions are being held in NSW around the term 'grassroots Rovers' and would like to see if other Branches have this issue.

SA reminds people to please look after yourself. Whether you're in lockdown or not, it is important to look after yourself

13. Procedural Items

13.1 Next Meeting

ACTION: J.Goodall to distribute a poll to NRC members to decide the date of upcoming Remote meeting.

13.2 Meeting Close

Meeting closed 9.09pm AEST



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[13 September 2021]

Item Title	NRC Finances
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Document Author	Jake Goodall – National Rover Council Secretary
Strategic Alignment	Governance
Consultation	<i>NRC Executive & NSO</i>

KEY POINTS

- So far, 17/8/21, no money has come in or out of the NRC bank accounts
- Invoices have been sent out
- The NSO/NRC MOU is being drafted and will be sent to the NSO at the earliest opportunity.
- The NEC has approved the NRC financial delegation which can be found in the NRC By-Law update later in the meeting

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Note this report



**SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL ROVER COUNCIL**

2021 Remote Meeting #4

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National Rover Council

13 September 2021

Item Title		NRC Executive and Standing Project Officer Report
X	Information	
	Discussion	
	Decision	
Document Author		NRC Team
Strategic Alignment		All

NRC Team	
NRC Chairperson	Eleanor Hewitt
NRC Vice Chairperson	Nicolas Gardiner
NRC Training and Development Officer	Hugh Crawford
NRC Secretary	Jake Goodall
NRC Marketing and Public Relations Officer	Liam Gallagher
NRC Diversity and Inclusion Officer	Lachlan Court
NRC Environment and Sustainability Officer	Emma Johnston
NRC Adviser	Patrick McCormick

Representation

World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference

Scouts Australia was represented by the following people at the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference:

14th World Scout Youth Forum					
Delegates	Eleanor Hewitt	Chair, National Rover Council	F	U26	
	Ruby Mavor	Deputy National Commissioner International			
Observers	Hugh Crawford	Training & Development Officer, National Rover Council		U26	
	Matthew Ellis	Deputy Branch Chief Commissioner Youth, VIC Branch			
	Jadzia Clifford-Pugh	Chair, Queensland Branch Rover Council			

	Matthew Prants	Branch Rover Council Representative, Greater Western Sydney Region		U26
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42nd World Scout Conference				
Delegates	Phil Harrison	Chief Commissioner of Australia		
	Aaron Wardle	International Commissioner of Australia		
	Eleanor Hewitt	Chair, National Rover Council	F	U30
	Dennis Green	Chair, National Executive Committee		
	Luke Saunders	Deputy Chief Commissioner of Australia		U30
	Tahlia Batters	Deputy National Commissioner Adult Training & Development	F	U30
Observers	Dougal Mayor	National Commissioner Adult Training & Development		
	Ruby Mavor	Deputy National Commissioner International	F	U30
	Nikketah Cuneo	National Coordinator Better World Scouting	F	
	Jay Reid	National Strategic Plan Implementation Working Group		
	Rick Goode	Branch Chief Commissioner, ACT Branch		
	Neville Tomkins	Branch Chief Commissioner, NSW Branch		
	Michael Hovington	Branch Chief Commissioner, TAS Branch		
	Rod Byrnes	Branch Chief Commissioner, VIC Branch		
	Lloyd Nurthen	Branch International Commissioner, NSW Branch		U30
	Ross Tutin	Branch International Commissioner QLD Branch		
	Jadzia Clifford-Pugh	Chair, Queensland Branch Rover Council	F	U30
	Emma Watson	Region Commissioner Cub Scouts, Greater Western Sydney Region	F	
	Matthew Prants	Branch Rover Council Representative, Greater Western Sydney Region		U30
	Ezgi Bridger	Assistant Venturer Leader, 1st North Balwyn Scout Group	F	U30
Other Roles	Peter Blatch	World Scout Committee		
	Kirsty Brown	World Honours and Awards Standing Committee	F	
	Elston Hynd	Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee		
	Patrick McCormick	Support team for the Youth Forum Drafting Committee and Conference Resolutions Committee		

A comprehensive report of both the Youth Forum and Conference will be provided to the NRC before the meeting.

Appointment of Deputy National Chief Commissioner (under 30)

The NRC Chair sat on the selection panel for the Deputy National Chief Commissioner (under 30). The panel nominated an exceptional individual to take over the role from Luke Saunders. It is hoped that it is announced soon who the successful candidate is.

Governance

The National Executive Committee has approved the following additions to the Scouts Australia Delegation Policy and Scouts Australia P&R:

- 1. That a section is added to the end of the Scouts Australia delegation policy table “Schedule of Financial and Other Delegations FY2019/20” (pg. 4) to define the delegation process for the NRC.**

Position	Financial delegation	Other delegation
National Rover Council Chair	<p>≤ \$20,000 for a specified budgeted item or NRC approved item.</p> <p>Specified budgeted items or NRC approved items >\$20,000 requiring advice from the NEC Finance Committee before spending by the NRC Chair.</p> <p>Any spending amount greater than 30% of the total unallocated and available Rover Development Fund amount is to be referred to the NEC Finance Committee for advice.</p> <p>The NRC Chair is not to spend funds outside of the NRC approved budget, or NRC approved items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reallocation of NRC budget up to \$3,000 within or across either the Rover Development Fund or NRC Operations Account spending categories.• Reallocations above \$3,000 to go back to the National Rover Council for approval.• Up to \$1,500/FY for miscellaneous operational costs category included in NRC approved budget

- 2. Amend Scouts Australia Policy and Rules P6.2 to include the following new clause:**

7. Finances

The NRC are responsible for administering their own finances for the Rover Development Fund and NRC Operations Account in accordance with the National Rover Council By-Laws, supported by the NEC where required.

This is a significant step towards the much-needed improvement of the NRC's financial management in conjunction with the National Support Team. The approval of the two items now allows the NRC Chair and the National General Manager to collaborate on a memorandum of understanding between the NRC and the National Support Team.

It is important to note that whilst the MOU is critically important to the NRC, it is important that it is not rushed and is created on a basis of collaboration and consensus.

The implementation team has met on two occasions with the NRC Chair in attendance at both meetings. The team is off to a strong start and we encourage all BRCs to actively contribute to any discussions or questions asked by the team.

Program

Environment and Sustainability

I have been investigating ways to make an in-person NRC conference more environmentally friendly. I met with previous NRC Environment and Sustainability Officer, Georgia Welch to discuss how best to continue her work regarding calculating flight emissions. We both concluded that holding the conference online would be the most environmentally friendly option by far.

Plans going forward include, gathering more information regarding NRC conference options. Additionally, I am interested in collaborating with the team at AIM, to find out what sustainability measures they have considered for the event.

D&I

The D&I e-conference planning has been well underway and the session list and dates have almost been finalised. The webinar sessions will be as follows!

Formal advertising will commence shortly, if branches could please distribute this once you see it so that we can get a broad and diverse range of Rover input and attendance that would be amazing!

WHAT IS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION?	Monday 18 Oct
MENTAL HEALTH AND SCOUTING	Tuesday 19 Oct
CULTURAL INCLUSION	Wednesday 20
PLANNING FOR INCLUSIVE EVENTS	Thursday 21 Oct
SCOUTING WITH TRAUMA INFORMED AWARENESS	Monday 25 Oct
LGBTIQA+ & GENDER IDENTITY	Tuesday 26 Oct
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN THE UNIT PROGRAM	Wednesday 27 Oct
YOU CAN'T ASK THAT	Thursday 28 Oct

Rover Challenge

2021 Round 1 - COVID-19 Lockdown Update

Unfortunately, after announcing the successful applicants of Round 1 at the NRC and then directly with the successful Units/Rovers, many States and Territories went into lockdown. Some of the activities went ahead beforehand, and some had to be cancelled. We are working on some solutions and agreements with those that were successful, and what the options are.

2021 Round 2

Applications for Round 2 of the Rover Challenge Fund opened on 1 August, and will close 31 December 2021. Some promotion will occur between now and then, with a higher frequency of social media posts and reminder emails closer to the closing date. Please spread the word. More info here: <https://rovers.scouts.com.au/resources/rover-challenge/>.

Peak Award Requirements while Scouting@Home

Please ensure the letter Eleanor re-sent from last year regarding allowed modifications to Peak Award requirements are shared with your Units while your State or Territory is in lockdown and/or has restrictions imposed.

Rover Training

Leader Training

The now fully developed Scouting Adventure courses (new Basic Outdoor Skills) is expected to be commencing around the end of August. Next is the Scouting Management course (new Leader of Adults Basic Practical Supplement) which is currently under heavy development.

Advanced Leader of Adults On-Demand modules are ready for launch and should be live soon.

On The Job sign-offs will largely work off 1-up and 2-up Team Leaders once fully implemented. There are lots of minor details to cover dual appointments (including Rovers who are Youth Leaders or hold State/National appointments) but in the case that these do not work, there will be a manual override to set who someone's Team Leaders are.

Adventurous Activities

AA qualifications are being broken into five different levels:

- SP = Safe Participant (Scouting pathway)
- TP = Trained Participant (Scouting or VET)
- AG = Assistant Guide (VET only)
- G = Guide (VET only)
- AS = Activity Specialist (Electives)

A conversion table is included in the National Adventurous Activities Framework (NAAF) for what stage of the OAS a leader can support a Unit Council in signing off with each of these qualifications in each OAS area, as well as what each qualification allows someone to do/supervise in each area.

Bushwalking Guides can now approve bushwalks that a leader with a Certificate of Proficiency can support youth members in doing. The Guide themselves does not need to be on the bushwalk.

Scouts Australia Institute of Training:

SAIT is moving to cover a Certificate 4 & Diploma of Project Management Practice, as well as two new Advanced Diplomas in Leadership & Management and Project Management. They are also changing their Certificate 2 in Business to a Certificate 2 in Workplace Skills.

Marketing

Facebook

09 June 2021 – 06 July 2021

Last 28 days

Post Reach	Post Engagement	New Page likes
6,011 ^50%	1,193 ^133%	8 ^100%

Posts

23 March 2021 – 19 April 2021

Last 28 days

MOST ENGAGING POST		
Date	Post summary	Results
01 August 2021	Adult Recognition Awards	Reach  2.7k Engagements  450

Posts

11 August 2021	Rover Scout Challenge - Hawkesbury Rover Scout Unit	Reach  1.7k Engagements  171
01 August 2021	Rover Plasma Challenge	Reach  1k Engagements  80

Instagram

25 July 2021 – 23 August 2021

Last 30 days

Overview

Accounts Reached	Content Interactions	Total Followers
569 +3.8%	228 +121%	897 +1.5%

Reflection – Rover Scouts Australia Social Media Accounts

Congratulations to the ARA winners for outstanding service to the Rover Scout Section!

Thank you to all those who engaged in the search for a Wild Moot Contingent Leader. Best of luck to those who applied.

Rover Scout Plasma Challenge is on! We look forward to seeing lots of support from Units across Australia donating plasma and spreading awareness.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil



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Item Title	Review Implementation Team Report
X Information	
Discussion	
Decision	
Document Author	Jesse Carter and Team
Strategic Alignment	Governance

KEY POINTS

Since our appointment, the team have met twice and devised a plan for implementing the 16 approved External Review recommendations. To keep things fluid and adaptable, we have opted for a traffic light system.

Green: 2, 3, 6, 19, 9, 18, 15, 16

- Addressed immediately
- Executed in the short to medium term

Yellow: 1, 5, 17

- Build groundwork from now
- Execute in the medium term

Red: 7, 8, 10, 11, 12

- Groundwork to commence post other completions
- Execute in the long term

For the implementation of these recommendations to be successful, the team will need engagement and feedback from the NRC as we work. The team is also happy to answer any questions you and your branches may have at any time, so please don't hesitate to contact us.

Going forward, we'll ensure to keep the table up to date with all progress across all recommendations, submitting a report for each meeting.

Our team has commenced work on the green recommendations already, so we'll be contacting various stakeholder shortly.

We're all looking forward to working with you on this project.

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Note this report

ATTACHMENTS



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SCOUTS AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL ROVER COUNCIL
NRC [September Remote Meeting],
[13 September 2021]

Item Title		Queensland Branch Report
X	Information	
	Discussion	
	Decision	
Document Author		QLD Delegation (Nathan Sears)

Training

Ongoing tailoring of the training program toward the “The Adventure Begins” award scheme

Ongoing encouragement for Rovers to complete online aspects of the training packages so that they may be able to gain further knowledge whilst awaiting to get onto an in-person training day.

Program

Spring is a very busy season for QLD Rovers as always, St George’s Ball will have just been and gone by the time this report is read, No doubt it was a wildly successful night!

Upcoming still is the QLD Agoonoree in which many of our rovers play a significant role in assisting in a week long camp for children with special needs. Finally, our annual Banana Bash is upcoming on the long weekend in October with many crews looking forward to having a few events back after a long (COVID induced) Hiatus.

Governance

A few changes in faces since last meeting:

We thank Brendan for his hard work as the Chairman, it has been a challenging term.

We welcome our new fearless leader Jadzia Clifford-Pugh into the role as chair and Dan Boyd into the role of Chair Elect.

The majority of our other officers have also changed. Well done to all those who have stepped up to take on further leadership roles and a big thank you to those who have come before them

Marketing

Marketing role continues to remain vacant.

Learning(s)

Sustainable Development Goals and Carbon Emission Reduction Action

Ongoing support and encouragement of rovers and units to reach out to our environmental officer for support and ideas as to how to make our practice more sustainable

General

Our thoughts continue to go out to those branches who are having to work within the challenging space of scouting@home and the continued disruption ongoing lockdowns have caused. We can't wait to have you back to be able to join in scouting in person all together!

ACTION REQUESTED

ATTACHMENTS



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Item Title	ACT Branch Report
X Information	
Discussion	
Decision	
Document Author	ACT NRC Delegate – Lachlan Court

Training

- 4-5 September - Train the Trainer Course
- Scouting Adventure Course was postponed due to lockdown 😞
- 30-31 October - Scouting Essentials Course will hopefully still be running, team investigating online/hybrid options

Program

ACT Rovers have been working through some online activities to keep spirits up during lockdown. Some online games and movie nights have been frequent, and our unit of the month involved Erindale Rover Unit baking apple pies over zoom.

Governance

BRC position descriptions have been reviewed and updated in an effort to streamline management and to hopefully make positions more manageable and approachable. Elections for these new roles will be happening during our AGM in October.

Marketing

Continued growth in reach for our Facebook page, Instagram, and YouTube channel

Learning(s)

Nil

Sustainable Development Goals and Carbon Emission Reduction Action

SDG #4 – Quality education:

Ensuring that the virtual programs delivered in our Units meet the education value of Scouting as a whole

General

Check out our Social Media!

<https://www.facebook.com/actroverscouts/>

<https://www.instagram.com/actrovers/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdIMegILOypdDKun9V55I9g>

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Note this report

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

NSW NRC Report

Training

Nothing to report

Program

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our State moot this year, due to uncertainty with the covid situation. We hope to come back strong next year with a killer moot.

Governance

Held our August General meeting online, where our council charged itself with further increases of consultation to our region chairs, about matters in our Branch and here at the NRC, allowing more decisions on how NSW rovers are represented by the regions.

NSW's own Matthew Prants, Hugh Crawford and Ruby Mavor were lucky to be on the delegation to the World Scout Youth Forum, and for Matt and Ruby, observers to the World Scout Conference. NSW is very proud to have these rovers represent our country at WOSM.

Our Apple Isle Moot contingent team has been selected, however due the timing of the report and the announcement of that team, we are unable to list here. However, preemptive congratulations are in order for that team, and we hope that they will do an amazing job taking care of our rovers going to Tasmania.

We are currently in talks with our regions about how the NSW Rover conference is going to occur, with proposals to change up the timing and the format for the event.

Learnings

Nothing to report

Sustainability Action Plan and SDGs

Nothing to report

General

Likewise with the rest of the country, we have celebrated the achievements of our rovers with the announcement on 1st of August of the receipts of the RRA's, QRA's and Stan Bales Award. NSW would extend their congratulations to other Rovers and Units around the country who have shown exemplary service to the section, and to scouting as a whole.



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Item Title	NRC By-Laws
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Document Author	Jake Goodall – National Rover Council Secretary
Strategic Alignment	Governance
Consultation	<i>NRC Executive</i>

KEY POINTS

- NRC By-Laws have been updated as per the recent decisions

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Accept V2.4 of the NRC By-Laws superseding V2.3



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Item Title	Suspension of the dates set by NRC By-Laws for NRC Conference voting papers and nominations
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Document Author	Jake Goodall – National Rover Council Secretary
Strategic Alignment	Governance
Consultation	<i>NRC Executive</i>

KEY POINTS

- Currently papers for the upcoming 2022 NRC Conference are due prior to the final Remote meeting to be held in December, unless the due date is changed.
- The NRC Review Implementation Team is currently drafting updated position descriptions which will be presented at the December Remote meeting, thus formal nominations need to open after this time.

BACKGROUND

- Usually the annual NRC Conference is held on the second or third weekend in January (immediately after the major national event), though was held in mid February in 2020 and late January in 2021.
- The 2022 NRC Conference date is the weekend of the 20-23 January 2022 that means NRC Conference papers requiring a vote would be due by 10 December (just before the December Remote meeting).
- This will be an issue if updates are required to papers voted on at the December Remote meeting, as Conference voting papers would have been due prior to the Remote meeting.
- Additionally, the NRC Review Implementation Team is working on the refined positions descriptions for the NRC Executive and Team members, based on the NRC External Review. These are expected to be finalised by the end of the year, though we need the finalised position descriptions before nominations are formally opened.

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the National Rover Council:

- Suspend the relevant NRC By-Law sections for the 2022 NRC Conference voting paper and agenda due date (Part 1: Standing Orders, Article 3: Meeting Procedures, section 3.4 on p.6).

- Agree to set the due date for Conference papers requiring a vote as 30 December 2021 or six weeks before the opening of the 2022 Conference, which ever date is later (with the agenda due to NRC members one week after this).
- Agree to suspend the two month NRC Exec/Team nomination requirement set out in section 4.3(b) in Part 1: Standing Orders, Article 4: Voting & Elections of the NRC Executive, section 4.3 on p.7) nominations will be open from 20 December.

DOCUMENT

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14th World Scout Youth
Forum Report

14th World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee



**14th World Scout
Youth Forum
Forum des Jeunes
du Scoutisme Mondial
2021**



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Languages

The official languages of the World Organization are English and French. The World Scout Bureau will make all Youth Forum Documents available in both languages.

In the event of a conflict arising out of the interpretation of this Youth Forum Document or any other official document of the World Organization, the English text shall prevail.

Foreword

The theme of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum and 42nd World Scout Conference, "Bridging the World" challenges young people and participants to build bridges in their communities and across borders, emphasising the need to work together to put our planet on a path towards peace and sustainability. Under this theme, the focus on innovation, leadership, and global citizenship contributed to strengthening the capacities of all 713 participants that attended this Youth Forum representing 163 National Scout Organizations (NSOs).

This first-ever virtual World Scout Youth Forum is the largest in the Movement's history with over 400 volunteers and staff supporting from across all Scouting Regions and time zones. By utilising a digital participation platform to host plenary sessions, workshops, breakouts, networking sessions, and exhibitions, along with a dedicated eVoting system, this Youth Forum provided an opportunity to all delegates and observers to engage across the different activities and aspects of the programme.

The Youth Forum, as a safe educational space for young people, allowed participants to learn, discuss, and raise their voices on issues of their interest, strengthening their involvement in decision-making processes. All the discussions have been reflected in both the Youth Forum Declaration and the proposal of amendments to the Draft Triennial Plan and Draft Resolutions to the World Scout Conference.

Despite the virtual nature of this Youth Forum, participants still made new friends and shared their experiences with their International Teams, while continuing to have fun. We aim that with the connections that were formed and through the Personal Action Plan participants will be able to exercise their leadership and competencies to bridge the world.

Last but not least, we want to thank all the World Scout Youth Forum participants for their enthusiasm and resilience during these difficult times. We hope that this Youth Forum has provided you the inspiration and tools to keep bringing changes to your communities and NSOs.

Yours in Scouting,

The 14th World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee:

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Carla Simões, Youth Programme Director, World Scout Bureau



Executive Summary

The 14th World Scout Youth Forum was the first-of-its-kind being held virtually, gathering the largest number of young delegates and observers and putting together a number of exciting first-time experiences.

Thanks to a full agenda that took into consideration different time zones, participants had the chance to engage in plenary sessions, exhibitions, International Teams and networking activities. Communication through other informal channels was also possible to foster extra team discussions and work.

In this virtual context, the agenda were divided into the following key sessions: (i) plenary sessions; (ii) workshops and breakout sessions that happen outside the plenary; and (iii) social and networking Spaces.

The choice of the theme “Bridging the World” for the 14th World Scout Youth Forum aimed to provide a strong symbolic framework to be used throughout the event. The topics of **innovation, leadership and global citizenship** aimed to inspire young people to take action and accept the challenge to develop solutions towards issues that our world is facing.

A record number of 713 participants (299 delegates and 414 observers) from 163 Member Organizations joined the event. These participants were grouped in International Teams for discussion and intercultural dialogue. A total of 157 sessions were offered to explore some of the most relevant topics that young people are concerned about today, and for the future. To consolidate all of these learnings, the Planning Team prepared a Personal Action Plan for participants. Through the Personal Action Plan, participants had the opportunity to brainstorm the actions and steps they will take back to their National Scout Organizations and communities.

The Youth Forum has passed the Youth Forum Declaration. The Declaration summarised what challenges young people are facing today, including the Youth Forum topics of environmental sustainability and COVID-19 recovery. Besides this, the participants also expressed their views on the challenges that Scouting is facing nowadays and their vision for the future in Scouting.

Last but not least, the Youth Forum also discussed and passed proposals to amend the Draft Resolutions to the World Scout Conference. These proposals will be brought forward by the Youth Forum participants to Member Organizations for further discussion and deliberations. Amendments proposed and seconded by Member Organizations will be put forward to the World Scout Conference for formal consideration.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest welcome to the newly elected Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee for the 2021-2024 Triennium:



- **Fatima ALIYEVA**, Azerbaijan
- **Yoobinnara KIM**, Republic of Korea
- **Reese MEDINA**, Belize
- **Melissa Wilm SENNA PINTO**, Brazil
- **Alhassan SOLTAN**, Egypt
- **Maman Lamine SOUMANA IDE ISSA**, Niger

First-ever virtual World Scout Youth Forum

Due to the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this 14th World Scout Youth Forum was hosted in a first-ever virtual setting, and processes were put in place to ensure that all participants could have access and engage online in the full Youth Forum programme.

Actually, this new reality gave us the opportunity to have the biggest Youth Forum ever and with that in mind the structure of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum agenda looked different from previous editions due to this virtual format. A daily 4-hour block in the programme for the live plenary and some related sessions were delivered to allow everyone to participate. More sessions, time to network and visit the exhibitions area were also part of the programme outside of this 4-hour block, and were always offered twice to ensure participants were able to attend from around the world.

Through the digital platform that was available to access prior to the event, participants were able to view the detailed agenda, chose their favourite sessions and engage with other participants in the Meeting Hub. And of course, there was a lot of interactions on social media to share how participants around the world were engaging in the Youth Forum.

As a first-ever virtual event we learned by learned by doing, but delegates and observers found innovative ways to connect, communicate, debate and share their Youth Forum experience.

Summary of the Youth Forum's discussions

The choice of the theme "Bridging the World" for the 14th World Scout Youth Forum was developed to provide a strong symbolic framework to be used throughout the event to strengthen unity. The theme also aimed to connect young people from different parts of the world to share their experiences and embrace their diversity to promote a culture of peace. Under this theme, the Youth Forum offered sessions and workshops that centred the discussions around three main topics: innovation, leadership and global citizenship.

The topic of **innovation** aimed to inspire young people to take action and accept the challenge to develop innovative solutions to the most pressing issues of our times. On this topic, the Youth Forum welcomed keynote speaker, Gitanjali Rao from the United States of America, who is an innovator, author, scientist, Scout and promoter of STEM who was recently named TIME's first Kid of the Year in 2020. She helped participants reflect on some challenges in innovation and how we can overcome them. She also shared her experiences of using science and technology to tackle issues ranging from contaminated drinking water to prescription drug addiction to cyberbullying.

In her inspirational talk, Gitanjali challenged the participants to keep five principles in mind:

- Learning is a lifelong process
- Creativity may take time: we need to trust the process
- Mentors are important, find a mentor to guide and inspire you on your journey
- Do not be afraid to ask questions
- Have a problem-solving mindset, always observe, identify challenges and think about how you can address them

Throughout the Youth Forum, the topic of **leadership** was addressed by challenging participants to develop their critical thinking, teamwork and communication competencies. During all workshops and breakout sessions, there was also a heavy focus on how to become active **global citizens** to lead change in our communities.

With the support of different partner organisations, several workshops were offered that took a deep dive into critical issues like climate change and humanitarian action, providing both new knowledge and tools to support young people in being part of the solutions in their local and national communities.

This learning path led participants to reflect on the topics they wish to include in the Youth Forum Declaration. Including these topics into the Declaration is the way for participants to advocate for the challenges they face, and the solutions they suggest to reshape the world they live in.

“Bridging the World” emphasises the need to connect and work together to achieve a more peaceful and sustainable world. Through featured projects and best practices sessions, participants had the opportunity to learn and get inspired by Scout-led initiatives from around the world that contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Name of Sessions	Number of delivered sessions
Dialogue for Peace	22
Bridge Builders Workshops	15
SDGs Project Showcases	4
Youth Advisor Candidates	18
Getting to know the Youth Advisors Candidates	18
Q7A on the Youth Advisors Report	1
Empowered to Raise Your Voice – Conference Resolutions	24
Breakout Sessions on the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024	2
Meeting in International Teams	40
Building Bridges – Developing Personal Action Plans	2
Networking Rooms	5
Bridging Cultures – Celebrating the Diversity and Unity of the Scout Movement	1
How to make Technology Work	5
Total sessions delivered *	157

- 150 sessions in English, 4 in Spanish, 3 in Arabic, 1 in French and 1 in Russian

The unity of the Scout Movement was also visible in the exhibition space of the event, where the “Bridging Cultures” session gathered participants to celebrate their diversity and resilience during these challenging times. Music had the power to bring participants together, as sustainable musician, SDG advocate and Eagle Scout, AY Young, gave a captivating performance that celebrated the unity in Scouting.



Other sessions of the programme, including plenary and breakouts allowed participants to engage in discussions around the Draft Triennial Plan and Draft Resolutions for the World Scout Conference, using an innovative eVoting system. The discussions took place mainly within International Teams, while the voting was completed by each delegation. This approach allowed participants to learn from each other and share perspectives with other youth around the world.

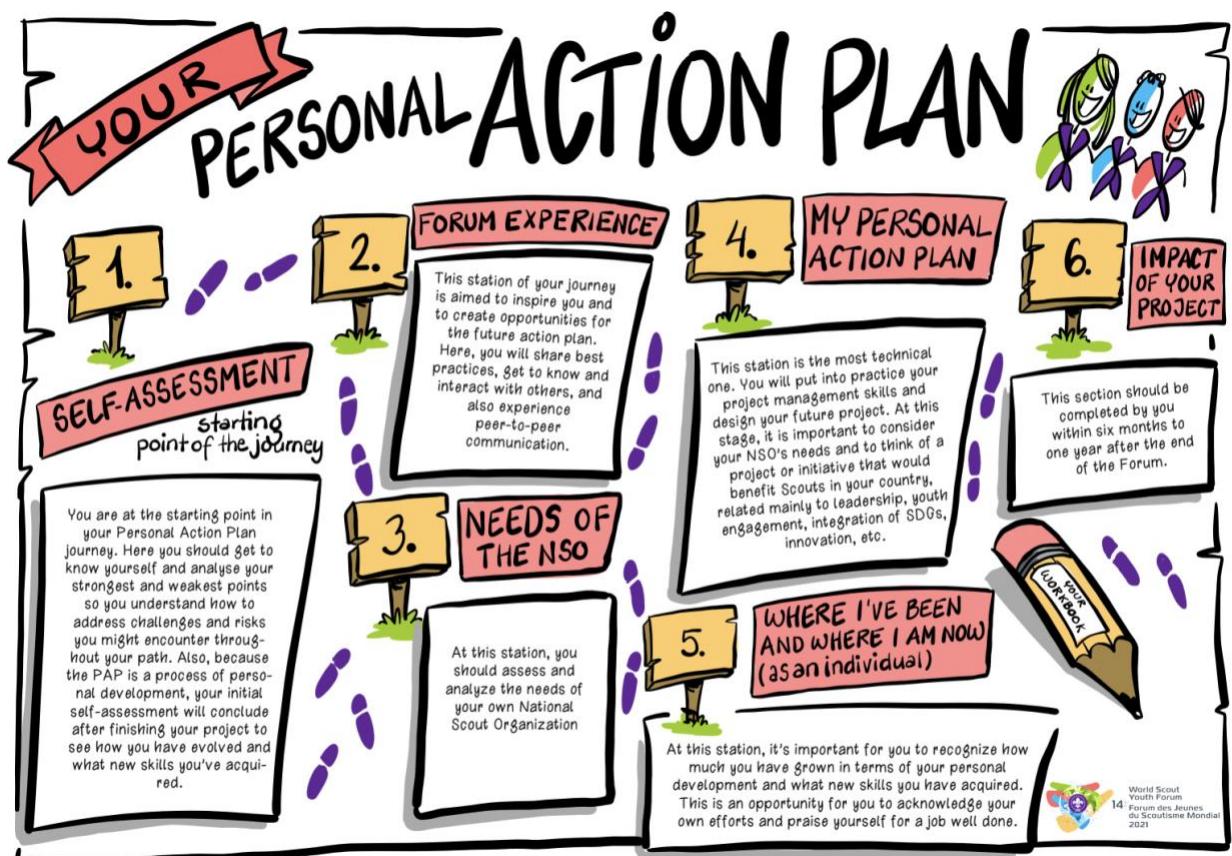
Furthermore, the voting sessions during plenary sessions contributed to strengthening the decision-making competencies of participants, allowing them to discuss proposals of Amendments and share their views on the future of Scouting in the next Triennium. In total, the Youth Forum conducted 78 votes. In the Appendix you will find both the Youth Forum Declaration and the proposals of Amendments of the Youth Forum towards the Draft Triennial Plan and Draft Resolutions.

The Personal Action Plan

As an educational event, during the Youth Forum each delegate and observer was invited to embark on a learning journey to reflect on their expectations and personal interests, as well as the expectations for their National Scout Organizations. Each individual was challenged to develop a Personal Action Plan to guide their personal growth during and after the event, and to identify how best to transform the outcomes of the Youth Forum and Conference into local and national actions.

With the support of an entry and exit survey and a process of six steps, the Personal Action Plan aimed to:

- Promote participants personal development, empowerment and involvement at different scales.
- Guide participants throughout the Youth Forum in a journey where they will be able to reflect on their personal growth.
- Give participants tools to build their own Personal Action Plan to be implemented after the Youth Forum.
- Provide participants with a follow-up on their Personal Action Plan.



"Meeting so many Scouts, ideas, cultures and all of us talking with the same passion is truly inspiring. Being part of the biggest World Scout Youth Forum and the first virtual one makes me really grateful."
- María Florencia Cagliero, 23, Scouts de Argentina

"The International Team experience has been wonderful, consisting of members from Brazil, Portugal, Australia and Canada! I had gathered a lot of insights from my fellow patrol mates with regards to their personal scouting experience, events that they have been through, personal thoughts on Scouting affairs or Conference Resolutions, as well as how their NSO operates and challenges that they are facing."
- Khai Ken, 21, Singapore

Social Media

The Youth Forum was featured on dedicated @scoutconf channels and on main WOSM channels on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and TikTok.

The official hashtag was #ScoutYouthForum, which participants, interested Scouts and stakeholders used to share their Forum experience. On dedicated @scoutconf channels on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, 215 items were published the week of the Youth Forum, generating 41,322 interactions.

The Facebook channel generated the highest engagement rate with over 33,000 reactions, clicks, comments, shares and messages. Instagram was also active where the @scoutconf page grew by 35% (692 new followers) throughout the week and approximately 250 user stories tagged the channel.

The plenary sessions were shown live on Facebook (@scoutconf) and YouTube (@worldscouting) where they were watched 10,900 times.

"Overall this has been a wonderful learning experience. I have really enjoyed some of the sessions, learning new techniques to help create more open dialogue working in diverse groups, and innovating new ideas. It has also been inspirational to hear the stories of people's initiatives in their own local communities."

- Krzysztof, 22, Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (ZHP)

Conclusion

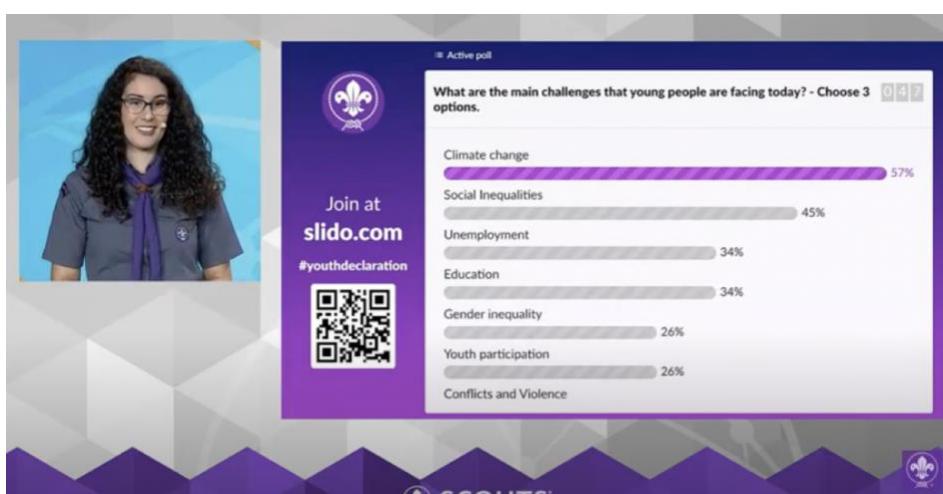
"Bridging the World" is never an easy task. We all work so hard in bringing youth voices to our own community, national, regional or even global level, eager to build bridges for intergenerational and intercultural dialogue.

For five days more than 700 participants from 163 National Scout Organizations engaged in this first-ever virtual World Scout Youth Forum. Starting in International Teams, we built small blocks collectively, one-by-one, and built our own bridges to the world. With all the intellectual debate, discussion and dialogues, we are confident that we can all shape the future of the Scout Movement and to create a better world.

It is very often we might face frustration, despair and disappointment during the process, especially when we tried so hard to create a positive impact on society. Let us not forget the most powerful tool we have - HOPE.

Let us all embrace the future with hope, changing things one step at a time and be brave to face the challenges and obstacles ahead.

With hope, we will bridge the world together!



A Word of Thanks

The 14th World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to the volunteers and staff from the Emirates Scout Association, the Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia and WOSM team for all their support and efforts to deliver a successful Youth Forum.

Lastly, the Planning Committee would also like to thank the Drafting Committee and the Tellers, who were comprised of participants of the Youth Forum, for their dedication and commitment to ensure a smooth and transparent decision-making process during the Youth Forum.

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Lastly, the planning committee express its gratitude to the outgoing Youth Advisors for their work, commitment and leadership during these last four years.

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Appendix

Amendments to Draft Resolutions by the World Scout Committee

Conf Doc 6B	Draft Objectives of the World Triennial Plan 2021-2024
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Youth Engagement

Amendment 1 (Addition)

1.4 **Encourage Regions and National Scout Organizations (NSOs) to create regional leadership programmes for young people to develop leadership skills and support intergenerational dialogue by including adults.**

Amendment 2 (Addition)

1.5 **Support NSOs to empower young people to participate in decision-making processes within the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), their Region, NSO and community.**

Amendment 3 (Addition)

1.6 **Support NSOs to develop effective mechanisms for ensuring meaningful youth participation.**

Amendment 4 (Addition)

1.7 **Ensure that all young people, regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, social background or disability, can equally participate in decision-making in Scouting.**

Amendment 5 (Addition)

1.8 **Promote young people's meaningful engagement in different social and political contexts at local, national, regional and world level.**

Amendment 6 (Addition)

1.9 **Improve the aspects of youth engagement in GSAT to work for long-term changes that target organisational and structural challenges that are hindering young people from participating fully in decision-making at all levels.**

Educational Methods

Amendment 1 (Addition)

2.8 **Continue using the digital space for Scouting by drawing on free and open source platforms.**

Amendment 2 (Amendment and Additions)

2.13 **while being environmentally sustainable.**

- **Assess the impact of World Scout Events on young people's personal development.**
- Review **and improve** the design and implementation of World Scout Events to strengthen environmental sustainability **to be environmentally sustainable.**

Diversity & Inclusion

Amendment 1 (Amendment and Additions)

3.1 **Evaluate where we stand as a Scout Movement on national, regional and international level increase our understanding of where we stand as a Scout movement and identify areas of action for improvement to be a more diverse and inclusive movement.**

Amendment 2 (Addition)

3.4 Actively seek the involvement of youth and adult volunteers reflecting the composition of their local communities and ensure the necessary intercultural training to be able and confident to provide an inclusive Youth Programme reflective of the diversity of the local community.

Amendment 3 (Amendments and Additions)

3.5 Mainstream strengthen our gender equality gender equality and gender mainstreaming work throughout our work at all levels and structures of the Scout Movement, including by progressively implementing co-education.

Amendment 4(Additions)

3.6 Include disabilities, psychological disorders and mental health as important components of diversity and inclusion, and work to reduce systematic barriers for accessibility and participation.

Social Impact

Amendment 1(Amendments and Additions)

4.2 Reduce the impact of humanitarian disasters on young people by supporting NSOs to become responsible actors in humanitarian action. Support NSOs to become responsible actors in humanitarian action, and mitigating the impact of disasters on young people.

Amendment 2(Addition)

4.4 Develop tools to assist NSOs and World Scouting in monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness and impact of the NSO's Youth Programme and develop strategies on how to effectively support NSOs in improving their youth programme.

Communications & External Relations

Amendment 1(Addition)

5.1 Review and refresh WOSM's branding and messaging to position itself as the leading educational youth movement and an advocate for the rights of children and youth through a refreshed visual brand, messaging and adaptation for digital use.

Amendment 2(Addition)

5.4. Disseminate and activate WOSM's strategic partnerships for the benefit of the Scout Movement, by operationalising new and existing partnerships and supporting NSOs to develop and manage partnerships, especially focusing on social development and addressing climate change.

Governance

Amendment 1(Addition)

6.4 Ensure NSOs can thrive in shifting realities, supporting organisational resilience, through innovation and robust change, crisis and risk management, while taking into account climate change impacts on governance.

Amendment 2(Addition)

6.10 Be a role model of our own policies and ethical standards within World Scouting's structures and its affiliated institutions, including the proactive management and procedures to deal with Safe from Harm issues, gender equality, youth empowerment, ecological awareness and transparency.

Amendment 3(Addition)

6.14 Ensure equal standing between both official languages as foreseen in the WOSM Constitution, and strive towards delivering materials and information in both languages simultaneously to allow for more NSOs to actively participate.

Amendment 4 (Addition)

6.15 Continue and increase the efforts made on environmental sustainability under the Better World Framework Service and consider developing a separate WOSM Service in environmental sustainability.

Conf Doc 4A 2021-D Strengthening Safe from Harm in the Scout Movement

Amendment 1(Addition)

requests all Member Organizations to:

address the issue of Safe from Harm as a matter of highest priority, recognising that the safety and mental well-being of young people and their development is at the heart of the Mission of Scouting;

Conf Doc 4A 2021-F Evolving the World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference

Amendment 1(Addition)

ensure youth participation in the new event by creating a quota, ensure that a defined percentage of each NSO's delegation is to be under the age of 30, this quota is intended as a transitory measure and would be re-evaluated each triennia;

Amendment 2(Addition)

explore the use of incentives to ensure youth participation in the new event;

Amendment 3 (Addition)

create provisions for engagement of participants not physically present at the event;

Conf Doc 4A 2021-G Youth Advisor system and youth involvement in decision-making

requests the World Scout Committee to apply the following measures to enhance youth involvement in decision-making in the World Scout Committee:

Amendment 1(Addition)

introduce a measure that no less than one-third of the Voting Members of the World Scout Committee are between 18 and 26-years-old at the moment of election

Amendment 2(Addition)

evaluate this measure in three triennia to guarantee young adults as Voting Members of the World Scout Committee, as well as delegates to the World Scout Conference, and to reaffirm the participation of young people as a priority at all levels of our organisation.

Amendment 3(Addition Defeated)

take action to increase the number of voting members of the World Scout Committee to 18;

Amendment 4(Addition)

urges the World Scout Committee, Member Organizations, and the Youth Advisors to explore:

- youth involvement as the default and as the norm, rather than a distant ambitious goal,
- emphasis that the youth of our Movement are involved and vocal in all matters, across all layers of WOSM,
- awareness of the power of language in instilling this as a core principle in WOSM governance,

- a more positive narrative in all communication, documentation and reports regarding youth engagement,
- this narrative becoming the norm in and through all levels of WOSM, including the global, regional and national level,
- avoiding the use of status-quo terminology such as 'quota', 'ensuring the presence of young people as Voting Members', and 'reserving a fixed number of seats'
- an intergenerational balance on Voting Members of the World Scout Committee by limiting the presence of old(er) voting members, in order to ensure intergenerational dialogue at all levels of our Movement.

Conf Doc 4A 2021-H Strengthening WOSM's environmental sustainability

Amendment 1 (Addition)

calling on World Scout Committee to be a role model in the fight against the climate crisis;

Amendment 2 (Addition)

requests Member Organizations to,

empower our members to take the lead in local action to mitigate climate change and actively be engaged in responding to natural disasters.

Amendment 3 (Additions)

- requests the World Scout Committee and World Scout Bureau to,

consult academic and industry experts to create sustainability initiatives, policies, and educational methods;

review current WOSM sustainability initiatives and policies, in consultation with academic and industry experts to ensure they are based on evidence;

create an environmental sustainability standard for all WOSM events, taking into account local challenges;

set environmental sustainability as described in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a key framework when developing the next Strategy for Scouting;

Amendment 4 (Addition)

D. create a system to monitor the environmental impact of World Scouting's operations on a world and a regional level, and encourage the modus operandi to do so;

Amendment 5 (Addition)

E. bring together good practices when it comes to reduce the environmental impact of our activities and ensure they are shared among WOSM's Regions;

Amendment 6 (Additions)

F. develop a climate impact strategy for WOSM with clear action plans and measurable goals, as outlined in Conference Document 12 and taking into account the feedback provided by Member Organizations at the 42nd World Scout Conference, aiming to significantly strengthen environmental sustainability practices towards achieving climate neutrality of WOSM's operations by being carbon neutral at the latest by the 46th World Scout Conference in 2033;

Amendment 7 (Addition)

G. strengthen global partnerships in environmental sustainability to support the measures outlined above.

Amendments to Draft Resolutions by Member Organizations

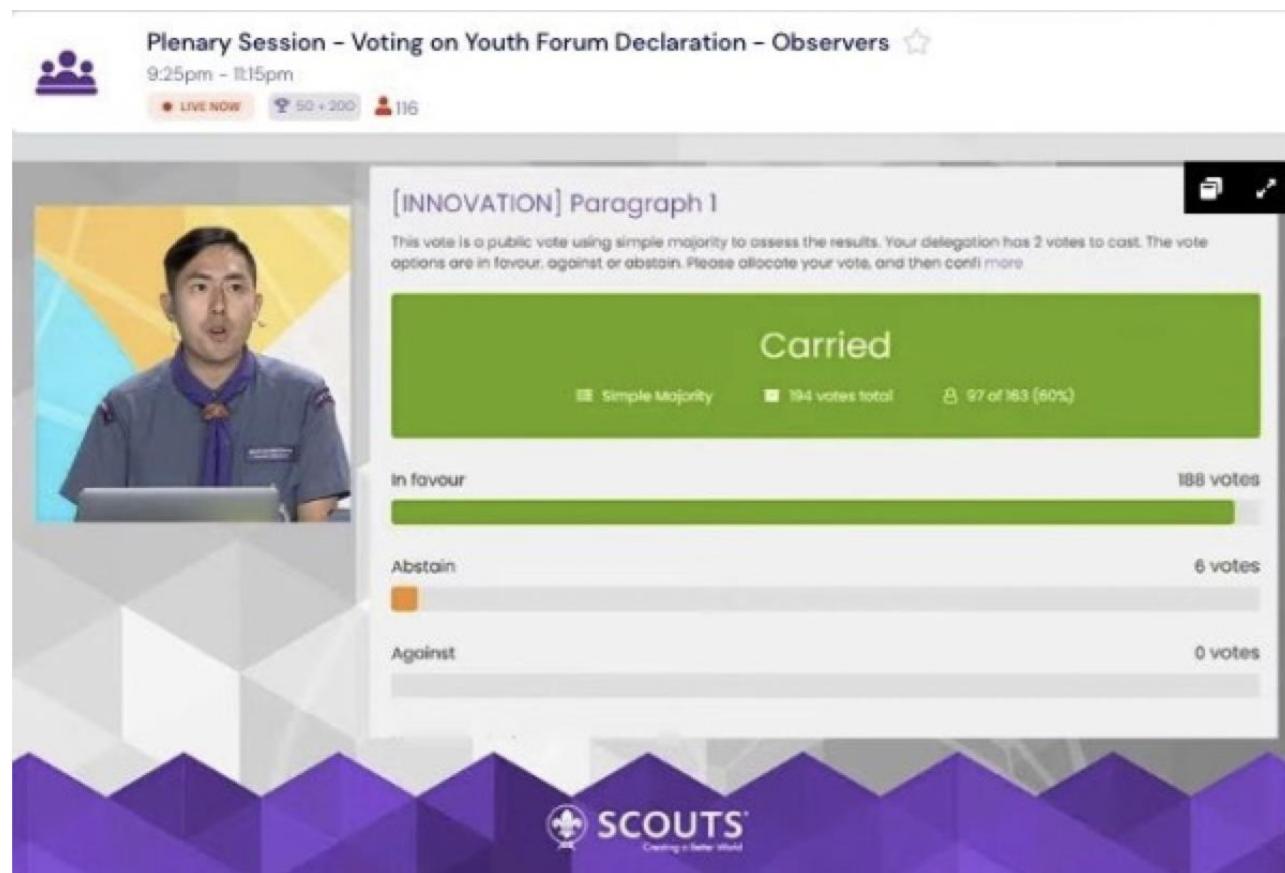
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2021-I Resilience and risk management in Scout Events

Amendment 1(Addition)

recognise the opportunities and explore ways that, through the increased use of digital technologies in Scouting (after the pandemic), a greater number of young people around the world can participate in international events in the future.

The full Drafting Committee Report on the Proposed Amendments to Draft Conference Resolutions can be downloaded [here](#)



Final Declaration of the 14th World Scout Youth Forum

We, the young people of the Scout Movement, delegates and observers, have gathered from 18 to 22 August 2021, at the 14th World Scout Youth Forum, in order to become more empowered and inspired, and to develop skills in decision-making which can be used within Scouting and society.

Through this Declaration, we:

- unite the voices of young people in Scouting;
- came together online, to claim our right to be part of the decision-making process for our movement even in the most difficult of times;
- acknowledge the instability caused by climate change and conflict that young people are facing across the world;
- share the vision, wishes, decisions and principles that are most valued by youth members today in the hope of informing and guiding the development of the Scout Movement;
- note the summary of discussions, dialogue, and debates that took place during the sessions of the Youth Forum;
- celebrate the historic levels of participation, with 229 delegates from 163 Member Organizations participating in this online Forum;
- draw attention to the fact that 58% (418 of 713 delegates and observers) will also take part in the World Scout Conference in the week after this Youth Forum;
- express our hope that the number of young people partaking in these global decision-making processes continues to increase;
- recognise that although it is non-binding, this declaration represents the views of Scouts around the world and thus deserves due attention and consideration;
- emphasize that active citizenship is at the core of the vision and values we promote, and that this declaration represents an expression of this vision;

Young People shaping a world full of challenges

1. On Youth Innovation

We believe that the innovation of young people can reshape the world for the better. The platform of non-formal education and empowerment that Scouting provides can support our youth in realizing this potential. Hence we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. provide youth with the inspiration and support to innovate within Scouting;
- B. establish support from adults, communities, or peers for youth ideas and innovation; and
- C. mitigate the practical barriers such as lack of experience, time, resources, education, etc. to unlock the potential of our youth.

2. On Developing Youth Leadership Competency

We are convinced that the development of leadership competency in young people is core to the aims of the Scout Movement. Thus we call upon the World Scout Committee to:

- A. encourage NSOs to develop and recruit youth for leadership roles within their organization, that are suitable to various experience levels;
- B. foster a culture where Youth Leadership is respected and readily supported and mainstreamed throughout all levels of our Movement; and
- C. ensure they provide opportunities for youth to develop leadership skills and experience at all levels of the organization, so as to set youth up for success in positions of equal authority to adult members at all levels of the movement.

3. On the Development of Young Global Citizens

We believe that global citizenship is core to the Scouting identity, and that this can be achieved through non-formal education and Scouting adventures. Thus we call upon the World Scout Committee to:

- A. facilitate cross-cultural opportunities for youth to build bridges across regions, with special consideration for mitigating the practical barriers to participation (financial, language, etc.); and
- B. encourage NSOs to incorporate global citizenship education into their Youth Programme.

4. On Environmental Sustainability

We recognize the ongoing climate crisis to be the greatest challenges of the century, and that the Youth of today will have to face it throughout their lifetimes. Thus, we call upon the World Scout Committee to:

- A. challenge our movement to work towards climate neutrality by the World Scout Conference in 2033, within our wider movement, our individual lives, and our communities;
- B. empower our members to take local action to mitigate the climate crisis;
- C. seek partnership with other NGOs to improve our climate protection and humanitarian response policy and work towards carbon neutrality;
- D. develop a framework for evaluating the environmental impact of large Scout events including jamborees and conferences;
- E. neutralize the environmental impact of world Scout events by 2033;
- F. ensure the programme of each NSO is closely aligned with climate neutrality and the Sustainable Development Goals, including the mobilization of our membership through local service projects such as the Scouts for SDG programme;
- G. work with NSOs to establish and achieve ambitious sustainability goals; and
- H. encourage NSOs to report and reflect on their environmental footprint

5. On the COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience of WOSM

We acknowledge the COVID19 pandemic has had a significant effect on our daily lives, economic realities, and led to the loss of lives around the world, and hence call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. facilitate NSOs learning from one another's pandemic response to accelerate the global recovery process;
- B. invest in technical competency and offer the needed financial and technical support for delivering high quality digital experiences;
- C. recognize and support NSOs in helping their communities through the various challenges faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- D. emphasise the value proposition of outdoor adventures, while they are needed more than ever; and
- E. diversify revenue streams away from membership fees.
- F. Recognizing the toll on not only the overall number of Scouts, but also the mental health of the remaining scouts. (youth ?)

Young people shaping Scouting¹

6. Youth Engagement

On Youth Engagement we believe that young people have a right to be involved in decisions that affect them on equal terms, while recognizing their need for safe spaces. We urge for the different approaches to youth engagement across the world to be strengthened to ensure meaningful youth engagement in governance at all levels. Ultimately, young people need to be part of the decision-making process.

We believe that by strengthening intergenerational dialogue we enhance both the role of young people and adults in our movement.

Hence, we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. engage with NSOs to ensure young people are able to claim their right to participate in decisions that affect them;

¹ The following aspects are focusing on guiding the strategic policy setting of the next World Scout Committee and do not include various calls to continue the ongoing work on existing programs and initiatives.

- B. support NSOs to empower young people and adults alike to engage in an inclusive intergenerational dialogue;
- C. ensure there are safe spaces for young people at our new decision making event, while continuing to provide a learning experience for all attendees;
- D. ensure an inclusive process for the selection of event-specific roles; and
- E. propose structural measures to the World Scout Conference to ensure young people have voting rights as full members of the World Scout Committee, including but not limited to temporary age-based quota in the World Scout Committee.
- F. propose measures to ensure a minimum percentage of young people are represented in the delegations to the World Scout Conference as appropriate and support NSOs in increasing their youth proportion within their delegation
- G. propose measures to ensure a minimum percentage of young people are represented in the delegations to the World Scout Conference as appropriate and support NSOs in increasing their youth proportion within their delegation, such as through a constitutional quota and the Solidarity Fund;

7. Educational Methods

On Educational Methods, we strongly support in young people's right to non-formal education. We believe in supporting our members to strengthen our provision of non-formal education. We believe in continuing to offer online services to Scouts worldwide.

Hence, we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. further develop its e-learning platforms to allow all scouts to benefit from global programmes;
- B. put more emphasis on mental health in its Safe From Harm and educational initiatives, and empowering youth to advocate for mental health;
- C. strengthen resources focusing on disaster preparedness to establish resilience and promote growth and retention at NSO level; and
- D. invest in its Leadership in Peace programme and to:
 - a. Collaborate with partners to support peace and dialogue efforts, and
 - b. Commit to the UN Youth Peace and Security agenda.

8. Diversity and Inclusion

On Diversity and Inclusion, we reinforce that Scouting is a movement that is open to all. We believe in embracing diversity. We recognise that each individual is unique and a member of a diverse society, while emphasizing the values-based nature of our movement. We recommend that all NSOs create safe spaces for members irrespective of gender, sexuality, race, religion or creed.

Hence, we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. support NSOs in the development of their national diversity and inclusion work;
- B. create safe spaces at world events that cater to participants' needs;
- C. support more young people from challenging socio-economic backgrounds to participate in World Scouting events and initiatives;
- D. continue striving towards gender balance in its operations and decision making bodies;
- E. continuing and increasing efforts to include discussions about gender equality in NSOs' Youth Programmes; and
- F. support NSOs in ensuring that Scouting is accessible and suitable for people with disabilities.

9. Social Impact

On Social Impact we believe that Scouting positively impacts millions of communities worldwide, but is only measuring its impact on a small scale. We encourage all NSOs to engage in Social Impact studies so we can measure the impact that Scouting has on the world.

Hence we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. facilitate NSOs' access to social impact studies;
- B. work with academia and experts to assess Scouting's impact on the world;

- C. support NSOs in bringing Scouting to the most vulnerable contexts; and
- D. empower Scouts to be active in their local communities, to take and globally coordinate environmental action.

10. Communications and External Relations

On Communications and External Relations we believe in expanding our portfolio of partnerships while staying true to our Scouting identity. Additionally, we believe in inclusive communication.

Hence, we request the World Scout Committee to:

- A. continue communications between elected officials and NSOs;
- B. continue working closely with our partners from the Big 6 Youth Organisations, and specifically with WAGGGS;
- C. simplify language in policy documents to increase accessibility;
- D. foster closer collaboration between NSOs and WOSM;
- E. reinforce our external brand for social progress including youth, peace and security, climate action, and diversity & inclusion; and
- F. continuing using Youth Representatives to drive global policy debate on key issues for Scouting.

11. Governance

On Governance, we believe in continuing to adapt World Scouting's volunteering structure so that it reflects current trends, such as increased flexibility, in volunteering.

Hence, we call on the World Scout Committee to:

- A. recognize the equal standing of both official languages of WOSM and their importance for good governance and inclusive democratic decision making;
- B. ensure that youth engagement is not limited to Educational Methods but mainstreamed across the management and governance of our organization;
- C. create a WOSM Service focused around sustainability; and
- D. increase the accessibility of WOSM services to allow more NSOs to benefit from them.

Conclusion

We encourage the World Organization of the Scout Movement to serve all the young people of the Movement, not just those who can attend the Youth Forums and Conferences.

We encourage the World Organization of the Scout Movement to serve Scouts of all ages and backgrounds, not just those who can attend international events.

We draw attention to the fact that the statements in this Declaration were prepared by the young people representing their Member Organizations, after discussions and deliberations in International Teams that were composed of Scouts from diverse backgrounds and nationalities. Thus, this declaration fully represents the ideas and opinions of the participants as a whole.

Recalling the fact that this is the largest World Scout Youth Forum both in the number of Member Organizations represented as well as young people, we request the World Scout Conference, the World Scout Committee, all Member Organizations and the Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee to embrace the 14th World Scout Youth Forum Declaration and respect the views and needs of young people all over the world.

14th World Scout Youth Forum in drawings and videos

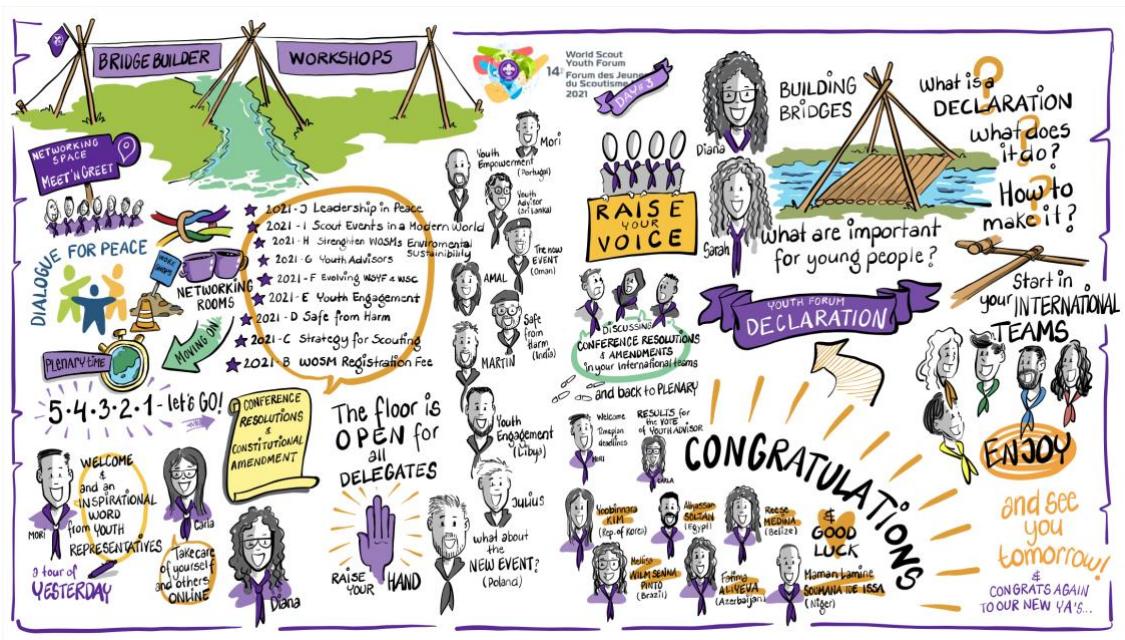
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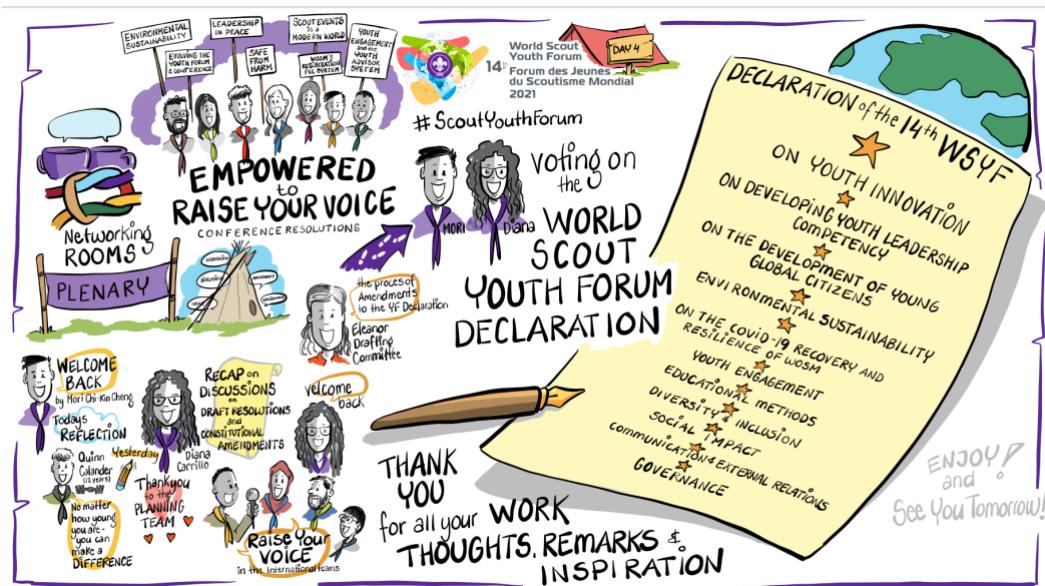
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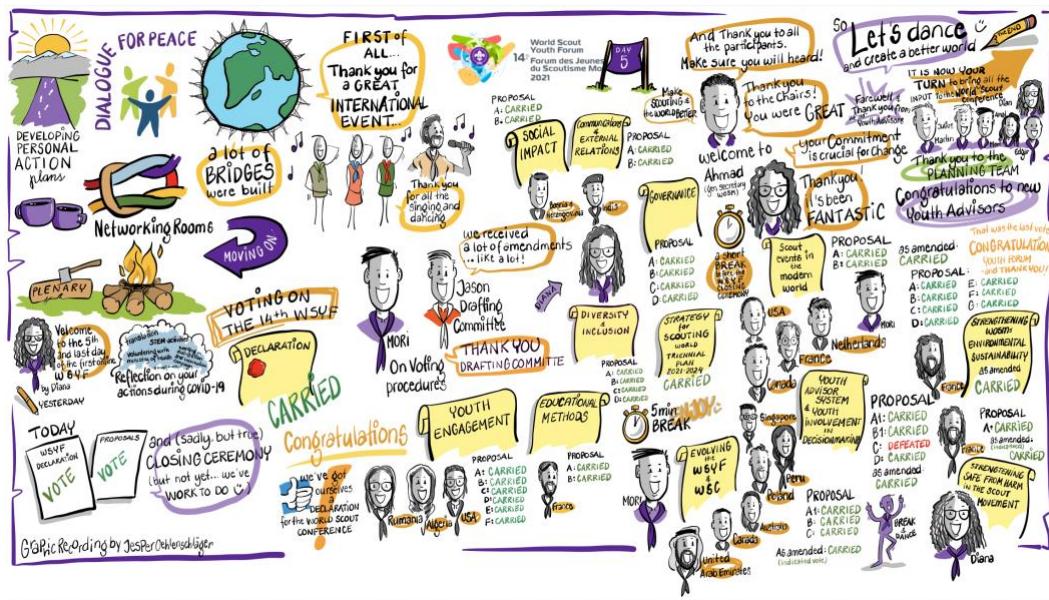
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