

The World Scout Bureau presents:

Improving the employability of young people

Global launch of the first World Scouting Report
"Youth, a force for development"

Unemployment, lack of training or inadequate development- There are millions young people who suffer from it. Youth organisations offer them the chance to acquire the life skills that are not attained at school or in the formal education system. Youth organisations such as the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), helps to develop these skills, and therefore increases the chances of young people finding work.

Employability itself is not sufficient to successfully acquire a job. It is also necessary to take into account the competences of the young person, and match them with the needs of the employer. In the absence of a stable job market, the solution will come from the personal initiative of the young person, another quality developed within Scouting.

World Scouting actively collaborates with the Youth Employment Network (YEN), an initiative of the United Nations. Launched in 2000 and supported by the World Bank, YEN makes it possible for young people to be directly involved in the design and the installation of measures in favour of youth training and employment.

This crucial issue is tackled in the first World Scouting Report, which is all about "Young people, a force of development".

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Thanks to its network of local groups distributed in approximately 215 countries and territories, the Scout Movement develops educational programs, which responds to the social needs and aspirations of young people. A partner of the United Nations and other international and local actors, Scouting engages and acts in favour of peace and its own development. The World Organization of the Scout Movement has held advisory status with the United Nations since 1947.

In 2007, Scouting will celebrate its centenary. It is an exceptional occasion to raise the profile of the Movement and to remind us of the fundamental mission to educate towards peace.