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To:

- All young members of the National Scout Organizations of the Interamerican Scout Region between 18 and 26 years old.

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Subject: Call for the 1st Youth Community Projects Expo 2023

The Community Projects Expo is a space where participating youth can share and learn about projects, initiatives, campaigns, and ideas that they and others are developing in their countries individually or in groups.

When?

The Project Expo will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** (Panama City time) in a virtual modality. This will be a space for collective growth where they can exchange best practices, lessons learned, and experiences, get inspired, and inspire others.

Who can participate in the Project Expo?

- 1- Exhibitors:** young scouts between 18 and 26 years of age, members of the National Scout Organizations of the Interamerican Region.
- 2- Visitors:** young scouts between 18 and 26 years of age, members of the National Scout Organizations of the Interamerican Region, other regions, members of World scouting structures, and special guests.

What can we find at the Project Expo?

1- Exhibitions

These will be spaces for young people to share projects that have been completed or are underway in their localities. This is an opportunity to generate networks of support and collaboration and inspire each other. Participants will develop skills in public speaking, negotiation, networking, information gathering, interpersonal relations, and advocacy.

How to run an exhibition at the Expo?

All those interested in having an exhibition for their project must register in advance by entering their project information [at this link](#). The form requires you to share contact information and information about the project you lead.

Those interested must meet the following characteristics:

- Be between 18 and 26 years of age at the time of the Expo.
- Have current registration with a National Scout Organization of the Interamerican Scout Region.
- Projects must have taken place within the last 12 months, be underway or be about to start.
- The project must have actions under one of the following work areas:



- Environment and sustainability - Addressing specific issues to reduce climate change, promote sustainable habits towards healthy and green lifestyles, and connect with and protect nature through sustainability.
- Health and well-being: addressing resilience in people for their physical, mental and social well-being.
- Peace and community engagement: addressing the issue of resilient communities and sustainable development through people's participation in decision-making and conflict resolution processes.
- Life Skills - Addressing the development of competencies in young people to prepare them for a productive life.
- The project must have been designed and implemented by youth and developed at the regional, national, or local level. Projects developed in teams or individually are welcomed.
- Projects must include service actions with a demonstrable impact on the community.

Characteristics of project exhibitions:

- Each project will have a virtual space to showcase its project. In this space, which functions as a virtual booth, you can make available static information, such as images, videos, and links about your project. This information will be requested in advance.
- Each exhibition will be able to share its project live. This will be a time for visitors to tour each booth and interact directly with project leaders.
- During the live exhibition, they are expected to share: their motivation, main objectives, achievements, lessons learned, and best practices.
- Each project may be presented live by a maximum of 3 registered young people.
- Exhibitors must have completed the virtual course Safe from Harm and submitted the certificate before the event.
- Each person may submit a maximum of one project.
- Project leaders interested in exhibiting must be active registered members of an NSO of the Interamerican Scout Region.
- At the end of the exhibition day, the projects will be invited to participate permanently in the community project gallery on the [Interamerican Scout Foundation's website](#).
- Some of the projects presented will have the opportunity to be supported with funding from the Interamerican Scout Foundation.

To exhibit a project, the form must be **completed before April 2, 2023, 11:59pm Panama**. At the close of registration, projects that meet the above characteristics and have completed a registration on time will receive the necessary information to advance in the design of the exhibition, provide complementary information and participate in pre-event preparation meetings.

The National Scout Organizations will be informed through the official contacts the names of the persons registered to exhibit their projects.

2- General Plenary

This will be a space in which young leaders of invited projects will tell their story, in plenary, in the implementation of high impact community projects. It will be a moment of inspiration for the participants.

How will we connect to the Project Expo?

[Spatial Chat](#) will give us the possibility to meet in a closer and more real way, making virtual space a means of interaction. Each participant will be able to tour the exhibits according to his or her preferences during the time allotted for that activity.

We hope that together we will make of this space a moment full of learning. More information will be provided prior to the event.



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How to participate by visiting the Project Expo?

Scouts between 18 and 26 years old, members of the National Scout Organizations of the Interamerican Region interested in visiting the Project Expo must register [by submitting this form](#) to receive a link to access the site by mail. Visitors must complete the Safe from Harm course and provide a certificate before the event.

It is important to emphasize that space will be limited, so registration is encouraged with a commitment to access the site on the day of the event.

Yours in Scouting,

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