



## **ROLE DESCRIPTION OF THE YOUTH ADVISORS TO THE WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE**

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### **1. Responsibilities of the Youth Advisors**

Increasing youth participation in decision-making and strengthening youth involvement within the Scout Movement is a key priority for the World Scout Committee (WSC). The system of Youth Advisors has been created in the spirit of strengthening youth participation in World Scouting, and is considered as an interim measure in achieving that goal. The Youth Advisors have the responsibility to individually work for the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) as a whole - not only for the young members of the organization - however bearing in mind that the Youth Advisors elected at the World Scout Youth Forum have a responsibility towards their constituency.

The World Scout Committee, referring to

- The Strategic Priority of Youth Engagement,
- Resolution 2005-11 World Scout Youth Forum, adopted at the 37<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference in Tunisia,
- Resolution 2014-09 of the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy, adopted at the 40<sup>th</sup> World Scout Conference, in Slovenia,
- Resolution 2017-12 Youth Advisor Functions and Responsibilities, adopted at the 41<sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference, in Azerbaijan,

Defines the role of the Youth Advisors as follows:

### **2. Responsibilities of the Youth Advisors to the WSC**

- The six Youth Advisors will be expected to meetings of the WSC to (provide advice, support and) participate in its decision-making processes with full right of voice in all areas of work, including working as part of the WSC substructures and its operational framework.
- Youth Advisors do not represent a single country or region, but are required in their inputs to represent a global perspective.
- Youth Advisors are expected to contribute to all discussions, debates, and work, as well as to bring to the reflections and debates of the WSC the genuine opinion, views and proposals of young people.
- Youth Advisors present an ideal opportunity to include young volunteers in the external representation of WOSM.
- One of the six elected Youth Advisors forms part of the Steering Committee of the WSC.

### **3. Responsibilities of Youth Advisors to young members of WOSM**

- Two of the six elected Youth Advisors form part of the Planning Committee of the next World Scout Youth Forum in accordance with the World Scout Youth Forum Guidelines. They shall work with other team members to plan the main content of the programme and agenda of the next World Scout Youth Forum and present it to the WSC for approval.
- Youth Advisors shall report no less than twice a year to online and offline platforms for youth.
- The Youth Advisors shall present a final report and evaluation of their activities over the past triennium to the WSC and the World Scout Youth Forum.
- The Youth Advisors shall present reports on their work to the WSC integrated, wherever possible, in the regular reporting of WSC's substructures.

### **4. Support and management**

- The six elected Youth Advisors appoint one from within their group to serve as coordinator of the work of the Youth Advisors for a period that the Youth Advisors decide.
- The Youth Advisor group is supported by a World Scout Bureau staff member. This staff member is responsible for the support, liaison and coordination of all matters pertaining to the Youth Advisors.



- Innovative and virtual methods of meeting and collaboration are used wherever possible.
- Travel and accommodation expenses are covered for attendance at WSC's regular meetings (in accordance with the [Volunteer Expense Reimbursement Policy](#)), attendance at the next World Scout Youth Forum and World Scout Conference. In addition, the two Youth Advisors who are members of the next World Scout Youth Forum Planning Committee are also covered for approved expenses for planning committee members.