

SPIRITUAL DIMENSION IN SCOUTING ENHANCING YOUTH PROGRAMME

MISSION

- ❖ To strengthen spiritual development in the Youth Programmes of European scouting.
- ❖ To strengthen the understanding of spiritual development as integral to the development of the whole human person within scouting, and complementary to the character, physical, intellectual, emotional and social aspects of personal development.



GOALS

- ❖ To contribute to the development of the spiritual dimension in European Scout Associations' youth programmes.
- ❖ To build a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect between European Scout Associations in their work on spiritual development in youth programme.
- ❖ To strengthen scouting as a family in which everybody can live their religion or spirituality openly.

PRINCIPLES

- ❖ Spirituality and religion are terms which have a wide variety of usage and meaning even within Europe and European Scouting.
- ❖ In scouting "Spiritual Development" may well be better understood through its practices than a single theory.
- ❖ Good practice is more likely to be fostered by showing examples than by imposing a single framework.
- ❖ The presence of inter-confessional, confessional and non-confessional associations are an expression of the diversity of European scouting which must be worked with.

ACTIONS

- ❖ Maintain an effective team to put this plan into action.
- ❖ Prepare a statement of basic principles for European Regional level work on spiritual development (Charter).
- ❖ Prepare guidelines on spiritual development in scout youth programmes in the European Region.
- ❖ Prepare guidelines on spiritual development in scout youth programmes at European Region events.
- ❖ To prepare and deliver a training course on spiritual development for interested NSO/A's.
- ❖ Develop tools to support the presence of religious traditions within scouting (how to understand and to meet their needs).
- ❖ Develop area within Web-site Resource centre, to include examples of good practice.
- ❖ Plan and deliver a seminar every two or three years for NSO/As to share good practice and update on spiritual development.
- ❖ Support the spiritual animation of RoverWay 2009 and the European Scout and Guide Conference in 2010.
- ❖ To consider specific future work on inter-religious dialogue.