



# The Messengers of Peace Award

## Resource Booklet 2

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*Peace is defined as the **absence of disturbances** or being in a state of **tranquillity**. Peace also relates to a state of **harmony** in personal relations and the relations among people.*

## ***Messengers of Peace Award***

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

The Messengers of Peace Award is a programme initiative from World Scouting, which is open to all youth members of Scouting Ireland. It aims to promote world peace through the positive activities of young people. With scouts all over the world having the possibility of taking part, the Award enables thousands of actions which will help encourage peace, development, and social justice. Check out this video which explains what the Award is all about: [youtu.be/9acT1dym9tE](https://youtu.be/9acT1dym9tE)

The Award is very simple. All you need to do is to complete a community project which involves over ten hours of commitment from each youth member. It is international recognition for local action. The resources in this pack show how you can achieve the award in each section.

Messengers of Peace is part of the Better World Framework, which Scouting Ireland recently signed up to. Information on the Messengers of Peace Award, and the other parts of the Framework, the World Scout Environmental Programme and the Scouts of the World Award (Venture Scouts and Rover Scouts only), is available on [scouts.ie](https://scouts.ie).

Yours in Scouting,



David Shalloo

Chief Commissioner (Youth Programme)



## ***Messengers of Peace***

### ***The Activity:***

*Complete a Messengers of Peace  
service project*



### ***Cub Scout Adventure Quest***

Turas: Help with the service project

Taisteal: Take on a specific job for the service project

Tagann: Help choose and organise the service project

### ***Whose talents can help with this activity?***

Sarah: Understand that it is important that I am  
considerate and help others

Conor: Be kind to others and keep things fair

## Plan

### Introduction

The Messengers of Peace Award aims to promote world peace through the positive activities of young people. Any Cub Scout who has voluntarily invested more than 10 hours in a community service project is eligible for the award. This can be anything from running a fun day for the disadvantaged in your local community, to coordinating a book donation for a school in need.

Any community project that brings a positive change to an area - its health, environment, social circumstances, safety or addresses conflict – is a Messengers of Peace project. Since 2012, Scouts across the world have been sharing their community service initiatives online on scout.org. To date, more than 620,000,000 service hours have been registered in over 40,000 community service initiatives.

### Requirements

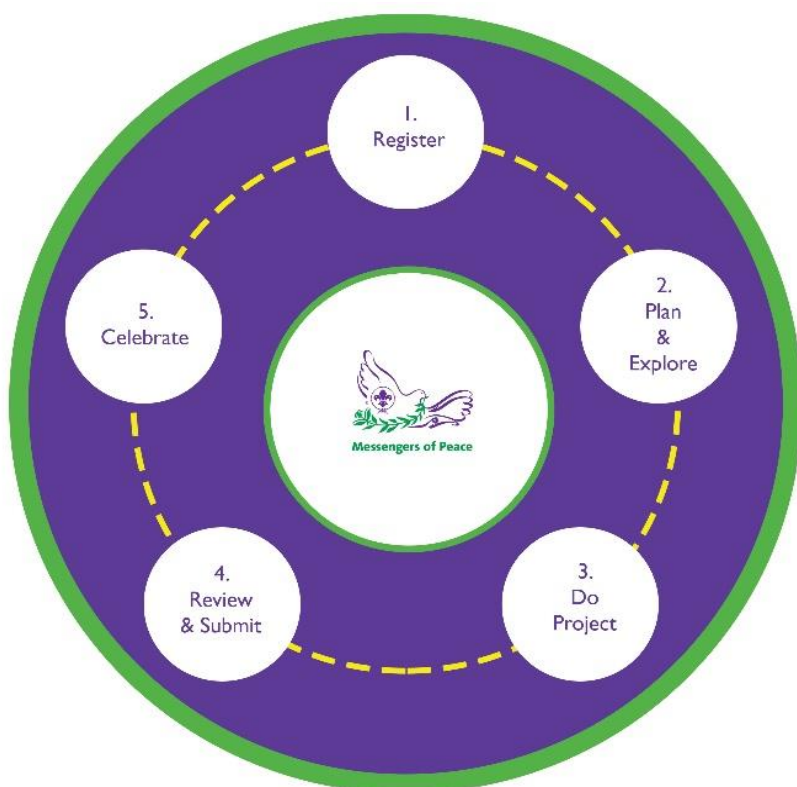
Complete a service project which involves at least 10 hours of effort. Your project should include the following:

- Service to a community: the project should address a need in the community
- Sustainable: It should have a lasting impact
- Personal Progression: All of the Cubs should be involved in organising and doing the project.

## Plan

### ***Steps to getting the Award:***

1. The Pack or each Six firstly registers by emailing [betterworld@scouts.ie](mailto:betterworld@scouts.ie) (include your Group details, numbers of Cub Scouts participating, and your planned project).
2. Plan: Sarah helps us explore a community issue (meeting) and Conor shows us why it is important to help (meeting)
3. Do: Each six does a community project (weekend)
4. Review: Conor helps you look at the difference you made and Sarah helps you celebrate (meeting). Submit an application.
5. Celebrate your achievement!



## PLAN:

### EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

#### **Activity 1:** Making Connections and Rewriting Injustice

**Aim:** To highlight how products bought in the **Global North** have links to Injustice in the **Global South**.

**Time:** 45 mins

**SPICES:** Social, Intellectual, Emotional

**Sustainable Development Goals:** 1. No Poverty, 2. No Hunger, 3. Good Health, 4. Quality Education, 8. Good Jobs and Economic Growth, 10. Reduced Inequalities, 12. Responsible Consumption, 13. Climate Action, 15. Life on Land, 16. Justice

**Materials:** Info sheet + Link Cards

#### **Definitions:**

- Global North: Represents the economically developed societies of Europe, North America, Australia, Israel, South Africa, and others.
- Global South: Represents the economically developing countries of Africa, India, China, Brazil, Mexico, and others.
- Consumer: A person who buys goods and services.
- Producer: A person who makes goods and provides services for consumers.
- The Human Development Index: A composite statistic of life expectancy, education, and per capita income indicators, which are used to rank countries into four tiers of human development. A country scores higher HDI when the lifespan is higher, the education level is higher, and the GDP per capita is higher.

**Definitions: (cont'd)**

- The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): The Democratic Republic of Congo is extremely rich in natural resources but has had political instability, a lack of infrastructure, issues with corruption and centuries of both commercial and colonial extraction and exploitation with little holistic development. As of 2016, DR Congo's level of human development is 176th out of 187 countries, according to the Human Development Index.
- The Fair Trade Movement: The fair trade movement aims to improve labour and environmental standards, and educate workers to improve their skills, products and subsequently profit – through both practical interventions and international policy reform.
- Fair Trade Product: A product that was produced in accordance with the principles of The Fair Trade Movement.
- The European Union (EU): A partnership between 28 European countries. It was created after World War II to avoid conflict in Europe by promoting cooperation. Ireland joined in 1973. The EU has a single European currency, the EURO, and the EU population is about 700 million. The EU aims to create a single Europe-wide market in which people, goods, services, and money move freely. The EU is the world's largest donor of international aid. The EU is very strong in policies related to fisheries, agriculture and international trade. Some policies disadvantage countries in the Global South as they create unfair rules that benefit EU producers.
- Endangered Animal: A species at risk of extinction because of human activity, changes in climate, changes in predator-prey ratios, etc..
- Pollution: The introduction of harmful substances or products into the environment.
- Cartel: A coalition of political or special interest groups having a common cause, formed especially to regulate prices and output in some field of business.

**Definitions: (cont'd)**

- Workers/Trade/Labour Union: An organization of workers formed to protect the rights and interests of its members.
- Asian Floor Wage: A wage for garment workers across Asia that would be enough for workers to live on.
- Living Wage: The minimum income necessary for a worker to meet their basic needs.
- Child Labour: Child labour is any kind of work that deprives a child of their childhood, their potential and their dignity. It is work that exceeds a minimum number of hours and that is harmful to a child's physical and mental development. It may include work that is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous and work that interferes with schooling.
- Forced Labour: Forced labour is when a person is forced or threatened into providing labour or services and is not free to stop. It often occurs when employers take advantage of vulnerable people, such as those affected by poverty, high rates of unemployment, discrimination, corruption, political conflict, or lack of education or knowledge of their rights. Migrants are particularly vulnerable, but individuals may also be forced into labour in their own countries.
- Food Miles: Refers to the distance food is transported from the time of its production until it reaches the consumer. Food miles are one factor used when assessing the environmental impact of food, including the impact on global warming.



**Steps:**

**Step 1:** Cut up the link cards and put them into a bag.

**Step 2:** Ask each Scout to take a card from the bag.

**Step 3:** The Scouts must match their cards to form a coherent paragraph.

**Step 4:** After the Leader has checked the groups' paragraphs, the groups must read them aloud. Individual Scouts call out what their cards say, in order.

**Step 5:** Discuss what has been said following the sample questions below...

- What did the **consumers** (Emma, Mark, etc.) have in common with one another?
- What did the **producers** (Devi, Camilla, etc.) have in common with one another?
- Did the consumers and producers have anything in common?
- How were the producers and consumers connected?
- Were you surprised by how the producers and consumers were linked?
- Is anyone to blame for the producers' situations?
- How can the consumers help the producers?

**Step 6:** Get the groups to re-write the paragraphs, knowing what they now know, to make the outcome more favourable for the producers.

**Step 7:** Ask the groups to read out their new paragraphs.

## Link Cards:

Ciaran loves Chinese food. His favourite dish is Shrimp fried rice.

Over a quarter of all shrimp is now farmed  
to keep up with demand.

To support the demand in Europe,  
the EU negotiates for the cheapest shrimp from countries like Ecuador.

To sell more shrimp, businesses clear the trees along the coast to make more  
shrimp farms.

Emilia was born on this land, but now she has to move to make way for new  
farms.

The shrimp farm pollutes the sea,  
and there aren't any fish for Emilia's community.

Emilia must work in the shrimp farm to survive.

## Link Cards:

Sarah is having a party. She's decided to make a guacamole dip for the nachos.

The avocados she buys are from Mexico.

Many forests have been cut down in Mexico to make way for profitable avocado farms.

Camilla had to drop out of school to work at one such farm after her father was kidnapped by a local cartel.

The farmers have to purchase illegal weapons in order to protect themselves.

Camilla's fingernails have been ruined from working with pesticides.

She wants to move to the U.S., but cannot afford to leave home, and is worried about the wall Trump says he will build.

**Link Cards:**

Gary drinks coffee while he studies.

The coffee he drinks has come from the Ivory Coast.

Emmanuel works as a coffee picker there.

When his older brother became ill, Emmanuel had to leave school to work.

For every €2 Gary spends on coffee, Emmanuel earns only 17 cents.

His brother's medicine is expensive, and the family struggle to afford tuition fees for his younger siblings.

When times are bad, Emmanuel earns only 4 cents for every €2 Gary spends on coffee.

**Link Cards:**

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| Emily loves sport.   |
| Her parents bought her a pair of €100 Nike runners for Christmas.  |
| In 2014, Nike spent \$100 <i>every second</i> on advertising.  |
| Devi, who made Emily’s runners in a factory in Cambodia, is on strike.                                       |
| Devi and his co-workers are campaigning to increase their individual <i>monthly</i> wages from \$74 to \$88. |
| Devi’s cousin was fired from a factory nearby for joining a workers union.                                   |

**Original Text:**

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### **Tips & Project Ideas:**

Use your purchasing power to ensure the products you purchase are produced ethically: Use websites such as *Shop Ethical!* or *Rankabrand.org* to help you find ethically certified products.

Ask your workplace, school, church and local shops and cafés to switch to ethically sourced coffee.

### **Additional Resources:**

- Shop Ethical! Website: <http://www.ethical.org.au/3.4.2/>
- Rankabrand.org Web link: <https://rankabrand.org/>



## **Activity 2: Dodgeball Bailout**

**Aim:** To explore what it means to be in debt.

**Time:** 46 mins

**SPICES:** Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional

**Sustainable Development Goals:** 1. No Poverty, 2. No Hunger, 3. Good Health, 4. Quality Education, 8. Good Jobs and Economic Growth, 16. Justice

**Materials:** Dodgeballs, cones/chalk/tape

### **Definitions:**

- Debt: A duty or obligation to pay money, deliver goods, or render service under an express or implied agreement.
- Bankrupt: A person, business, etc., that is unable to pay debts.
- Bailout: Loaning or giving money to a company, a country, or an individual in order to try save them from bankruptcy.
- The European Union (EU): is a partnership between 28 European countries. It was created after World War II to avoid conflict in Europe by promoting cooperation. Ireland joined in 1973. The EU has a single European currency, the EURO, and the EU population is about 700 million. The EU aims to create a single Europe-wide market in which people, goods, services, and money move freely. The EU is the world's largest donor of international aid. The EU is very strong in policies related to fisheries, agriculture and international trade. Some policies disadvantage countries in the Global South as they create unfair rules that benefit EU producers.
- The G8:  
The countries of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

**Definitions: (cont'd)**

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF): has 187 member countries working for global cooperation in finance and economics. The aim is to promote trade, employment and economic growth. The IMF was set up in 1944, based in Washington D.C. The IMF has high influence in world affairs and some say it is dominated by Western countries: the USA has the largest vote. The IMF encourages economic policies that promote the free market and private companies. The IMF can influence governments to cut public spending, e.g. in health and education, in order to pay back loans. Some say the IMF responds to problems rather than preventing them.
- The World Bank: Based in Washington D.C., was founded in 1944 to rebuild economies after World War II. Its aim is to tackle world poverty. It provides loans and technical advice to countries in the Global South. The World Bank has 187 member governments but the most powerful are '**the G8**'. Each country is a shareholder of the Bank, and each country has shares based roughly on the size of its economy. The USA holds 16% of votes, followed by Japan, Germany, the UK and France. The World Bank is the biggest lender of loans in the World and attaches policy conditions to countries borrowing money from it.
- The World Trade Organisation (WTO): A forum where countries agree trade rules. The WTO was created in 1995. It currently has 153 member governments and is based in Geneva, Switzerland. In theory, all countries have an equal voice at the WTO. However, in reality rich countries can dominate because they can afford to send many trade experts to meetings to fight for their interests. Trade negotiations called the Doha Development Agenda (or Doha Round) started in 2001 to enhance development and participation of poorer countries. However, the negotiation has led to much disagreement between Global North and South regarding imports, exports, prices and produce.

**Steps:**

**Step 1:** In a room, or open space, place or draw a line down the centre of the space using a rope/chalk.

**Step 2:** Divide the group into two teams.

**Step 3:** Explain the rules of dodgeball: They have to throw the ball from one team to the next trying to hit an opponent before the ball bounces. If you're hit once, you have a personal debt and keep one arm behind your back. If you're hit a second time, you have a national debt hop on one leg (as well as keeping one arm behind your back). If you're hit a third time, you have to sit on the ground and are 'bankrupt'. When sitting on the ground, the player can try to catch the ball with both hands. If they succeed, they shout 'bail-out!' and are back in the game.

**Step 4:** When the game is over, discuss the following...

- What is debt?
- What sorts of debts exist (mortgage, car loan, credit cards etc.)?
- How did it feel to be burdened with 'debt' during the game?
- What does it mean to be bankrupt?
- What is a bail-out?
- Do you think rich or poor people have debts? Why?
- Do countries have debts? Why?
- If countries/people don't have enough money, where can they get it?
- Is it fair that they take loans and have debts?
- Who is affected when this happens?
- If countries or people get into debt, whose fault is it?
- Do you think it's wrong not to re-pay a loan?

**Step 5:** Read the following extract to the group...

**Steps:** (cont'd)

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*“As I write this letter I am hoping that sleep can provide me with some escape from the anxiety and pain that the economic situation is causing me and my family. Until recently I have been able to pay for my home and provide for my young children. The part-time job I had has completely finished, and I have found myself and my loved ones having to cope with a new torment – hunger. Today I have had nothing to give my children only bread and cereal. My savings are gone. I dread what each day will bring.”*

**Step 6:** Discuss the following with the group...

What country do you think the person who wrote this letter is from?

Do you think this ever happens in Ireland? Why/why not?

How does this letter make you feel?

**Step 7:** Reveal to the group that this extract was adapted from a letter sent to the Editor of the Irish Times on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011, from Kerry, Ireland.

## **Activity 2: The Ups and Downs**

**Aim:** To explore why some people have more opportunities than others.

**Time:** 45 mins

**SPICES:** Social, Intellectual, Character, Emotional.

**Sustainable Development Goals:** 1. No Poverty, 2. No Hunger, 3. Good Health, 4. Quality Education, 6. Clean Water and Sanitation, 10. Reduced Inequalities, 16. Justice

**Materials:** Copy of the grid, something for each person to mark their place, copy of the crossroads cards, copy of the role cards, dice.

### **Definitions:**

- The Irish Travelling Community: The Travelling community is Ireland's only significant indigenous ethnic minority. There are around 22,000 Travellers in Ireland, making up about 4,000 families. Another 15,000 Irish Travellers live in the UK, and there are 10,000 people of Traveller descent in the USA. Travellers account for 0.5% of the entire population of Ireland. They are a tight-knit community with a strong tradition and culture built around a nomadic existence. Though they are not related to the Roma peoples of Europe, Irish Travellers share with Romanies the sense of being excluded and marginalised in society.
- The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): The Democratic Republic of Congo is extremely rich in natural resources but has had political instability, a lack of infrastructure, issues with corruption and centuries of both commercial and colonial extraction and exploitation with little holistic development. As of 2016, DR Congo's level of human development is 176th out of 187 countries, according to the Human Development Index.

## Definitions:

- Refugee: Someone who has been forced to flee their home country because of a well-founded fear of persecution because of ethnicity, religion, nationality, and political opinion, or because of violence, conflict, or natural disaster.
- Asylum Seeker: A person seeking to be granted protection as a refugee outside their country of origin, and who is waiting for a legal determination of their application.
- National Youth Parliament of Ireland (Comhairle na N'Óg): Child and youth councils in the 31 local authorities of the country, which give children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies.

## Steps:

**Step 1:** Divide into sixes and distribute a role card to each person. Try to ensure there is a spread of roles in each group.

**Step 2:** Give each group a set for Snakes and Ladders and explain the following rules...

*You are representing the character on your role card. Play the game as normal until you land at a crossroads. If this happens, you pick a crossroads card, read it aloud and the group must decide if the answer is Yes or No. They should give a reason for their decision. Yes moves forward 6 places, No moves back 6 places. The winner is the person who reaches the end first.*

**Step 3:** Once the game is over, discuss the following...

- Which character won your game?
- Where did they come from?
- Who came last?
- Were you sent backwards or forwards at any point?
- Was this fair on you?
- Was it easier for some people to reach the top?
- Is this realistic?
- Why do some people have better opportunities than others?

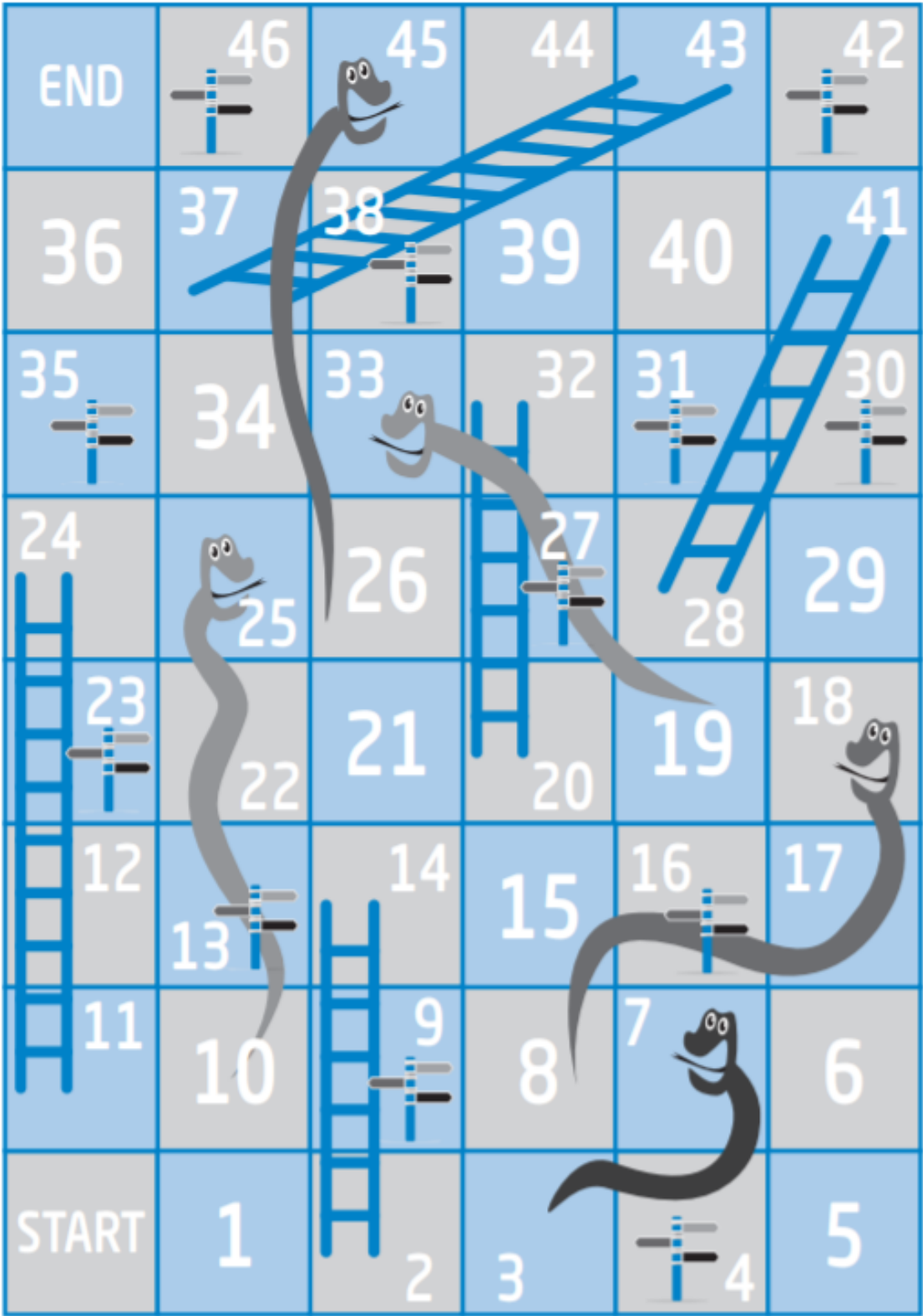
**Crossroads Cards:**

- Would this person have enough food to eat every day?
- Could this person finish school?
- Does this person live in a safe environment?
- Can this person have fun with their friends?
- Can this person buy sweets when they want them?
- Can this person go on holidays away from home?
- Does this person have access to clean drinking water?
- Can this person get emergency medical care when they need it?

**Role Cards:**

- A young male Traveller from Dublin attending a local school
- A 10 year old boy from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) who was taken by the rebel army to be a child soldier
- A teenage boy living in Ireland as an asylum seeker and without parents
- A Nigerian boy who is chairperson of a group of young people taking action to improve the health of young people in his school and community
- A young girl from Brazil who is in a wheelchair
- An elected teenage member of a National Youth Parliament in Ireland (Comhairle na nÓg)

Grid:





### **Activity 3: An Alternative Future**

**Aim:** To empower Scouts to be agents of change, bridging the gap between their '*probable futures*' and their '*preferred futures*'.

**Time:** 40 minutes

**SPICES:** Social, Intellectual, Emotional

**Sustainable Development Goals:** All

**Materials:** Sample Chart, flipchart paper, markers.

**Step 1:** In lodges, draw a large 'V' on a flipchart.

**Step 2:** On the far side of the left line, write or draw in the main events that are likely to happen in the next 30 years. These can be either personal, local, national or global events and should include both positive and negative elements. This is the 'Probable Future'.

**Step 3:** Next, on the far side of the right-line of the 'V', draw or write their 'Preferred Future', i.e. what events you would like to see happen in the world during our lifetime.

**Step 4:** Finally, each group suggests how to 'Bridge the Gap' – this means things which will need to change in their personal lives, local communities, and in the world so that the Preferred Future can be reached.

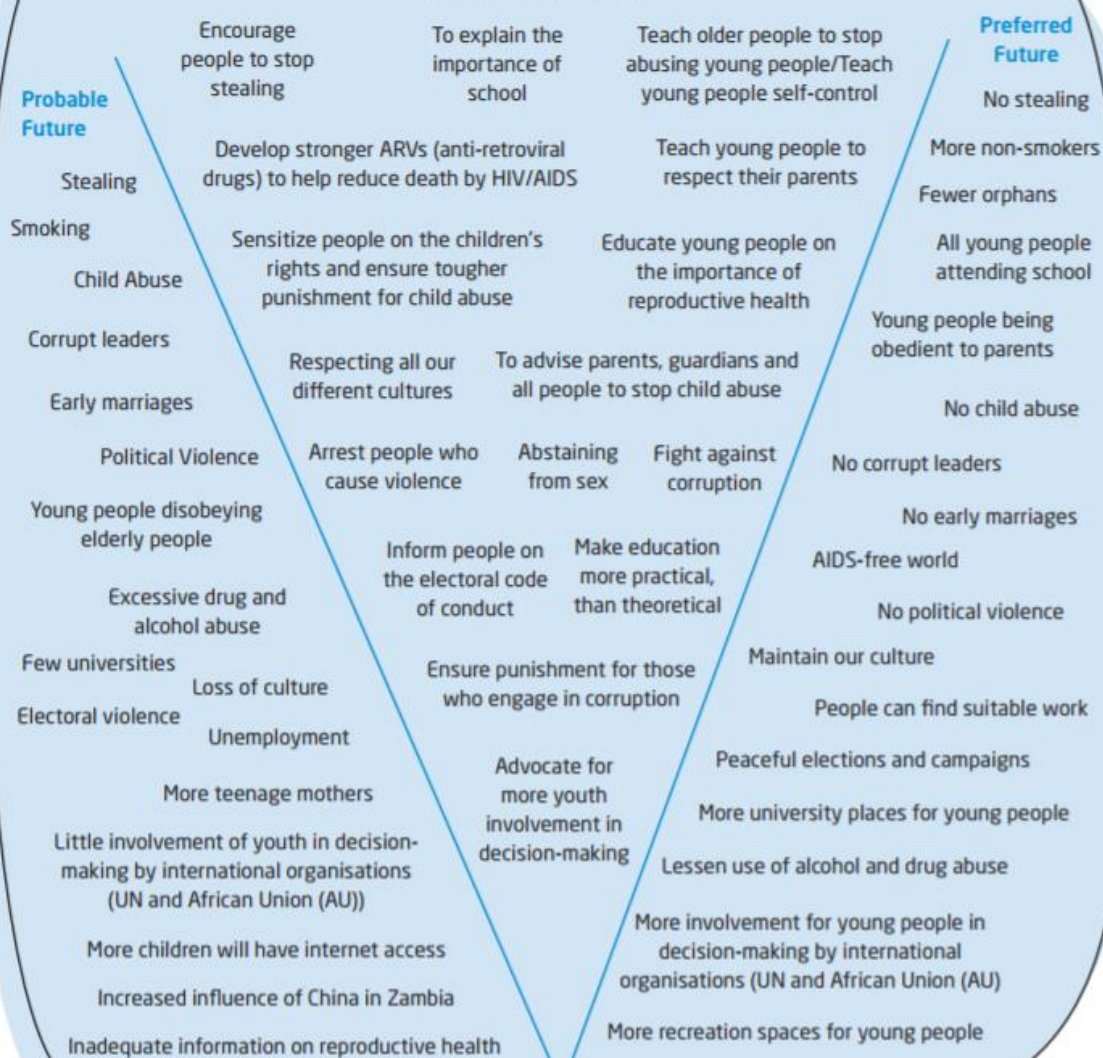
**Step 5:** Allow the lodges to look at each others' charts and give feedback.

**Step 6:** Reflect on how these charts can help your group to develop service projects.

*See following page for '**Sample Chart**'*

## Responses from Zambian youth

### What needs to happen





# Appendix

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- What are the Sustainable Development Goals?
- UN Declaration on a Culture of Peace
- What counts as a Messengers of Peace project?
- Section-Specific Objectives
- Five Steps to Becoming a Messenger of Peace
- 10 Principles of Peaceful Dialogue

## What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

In 2015, countries adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Scouts from different countries, along with citizens from all around the world, had a particular and specific contribution in defining these goals.

Always bear these goals in mind when planning your projects. Ask yourselves...

- How many of the SDGs does our project cover?
- In what way is our project related to the goal?
- How does our project contribute to advancing this goal?

Click on the icons in the following link to find out more - <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>





## **UN Declaration on a Culture of Peace**

On September 1999, the United Nations proclaimed Resolution 53/243 A. Declaration on a Culture of Peace to provide guidance for governments, international organizations, and civil society in promoting and strengthening a Culture of Peace. The Declaration of a Culture of Peace defines a Culture of Peace as a set of values, attitudes, traditions, modes of behaviour, and ways of life based on:

- Respect for life, ending of violence and promotion and practice of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation;
- Full respect for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of States and non-intervention in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law;
- Full respect for and promotion of all human rights and fundamental freedoms;
- Commitment to peaceful settlement of conflicts;
- Efforts to meet the developmental and environmental needs of present and future generations;
- Respect for and promotion of the right to development;
- Respect for and promotion of equal rights and opportunities for women and men;
- Respect for and promotion of the right of everyone to freedom of expression, opinion and information;
- Adherence to the principles of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism, cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding at all levels of society and among nations; and fostered by an enabling national and international environment conducive to peace.

Participants in the Messengers of Peace programme should foster this culture of peace throughout their projects.

A lack of peace may arise from...

- **Lack of resources** resulting in poverty, hunger, poor health, limited education, limited access to water, no access to energy;
- **Lack of mutual understanding** among people that cause discrimination, conflicts due to religion, ethnicities, and gender;
- **Lack of information or understanding** resulting in erroneous use of resources and poor health conditions;
- **Poor or wrong use of resources**, leading to climate change, destruction of nature, conflicts due to limited resources, and irresponsible consumption.

Be sure to consider these things in the *exploration* stage and/or when *planning* your project.

As active citizens and with the support and participation of community members, Scouts can contribute small and big actions and initiatives, such as:

- **Raising awareness about a Culture of Peace and Dialogue**, introducing the concepts through activities, events, and Programmes enabling young people to acquire knowledge, develop specific skills, and practice them at a personal level and in interaction with others for mutual understanding.
- **Supporting youth and people and communities in need or affected by conflict, violence, or disasters** by undertaking community development actions to provide them access to better resources or improving their quality of life.
- **Supporting youth affected by conflict situations to become leaders of positive change** by including them in personal development activities.
- **Promoting the dissemination of information related to the correct use of resources**, specially advocating for the correct and sustainable use of environmental resources, economic growth, and youth employability.
- **Connecting with local Scouts and community members to exchange ideas and promote collaboration** among one another both at the national and international levels.

By engaging in and supporting any of these activities, Scouts contribute to building a Culture of Peace in their community. In many or most of the cases these actions will contribute directly or indirectly to achieving the SDGs. If we succeed, positive change and peace will become a natural part of our local culture and tradition.

## What Counts as a Messengers of Peace Project?

Each Scout or Group can turn inspiration into action by choosing specific areas of work to develop their efforts for community development.

The Messenger of Peace Initiative recognizes the following areas of work:

- **Strengthening capacity** (e.g. projects for renewing an NSO's youth programme, or providing training for Adults in Scouting)
- **Inspiring Messengers of Peace** (e.g. projects related to spreading the Messenger of Peace network)

Special projects (including, but not limited to):

- **Support to youth in (post-)conflict zones** (e.g. projects related to supporting refugees)
- **Disaster response** (e.g. projects related to providing immediate support to disaster-affected communities, or projects related to preparing Scouts for disaster response)
- **Environment** (e.g. projects related to reforestation, or cleaning up a river bed)
- **Peace and culture of dialogue** (e.g. projects related to providing training to young people about peace and dialogue).



Messenger of Peace also recognizes that Scouts might select one or more of the SDGs as inspiration for the work in specific projects.

These actions could be organized as:

- **Community development actions:** tackling local issues, e.g.: improvement actions in local infrastructure, prevention, or conservation, building capacity for local communities based on shared development areas from the SDGs.
- **Training experiences** for young people, adults, Scouts, non-Scouts working together or independently;
- **Large Group gatherings** to raise awareness, disseminate a call of action, or develop capacity like youth events, special exhibitions, Scout camps, adult gatherings;
- **Informative, raising awareness or promotion** in local centres, education centres, governmental institutions, and other venues;

## Section-Specific Objectives

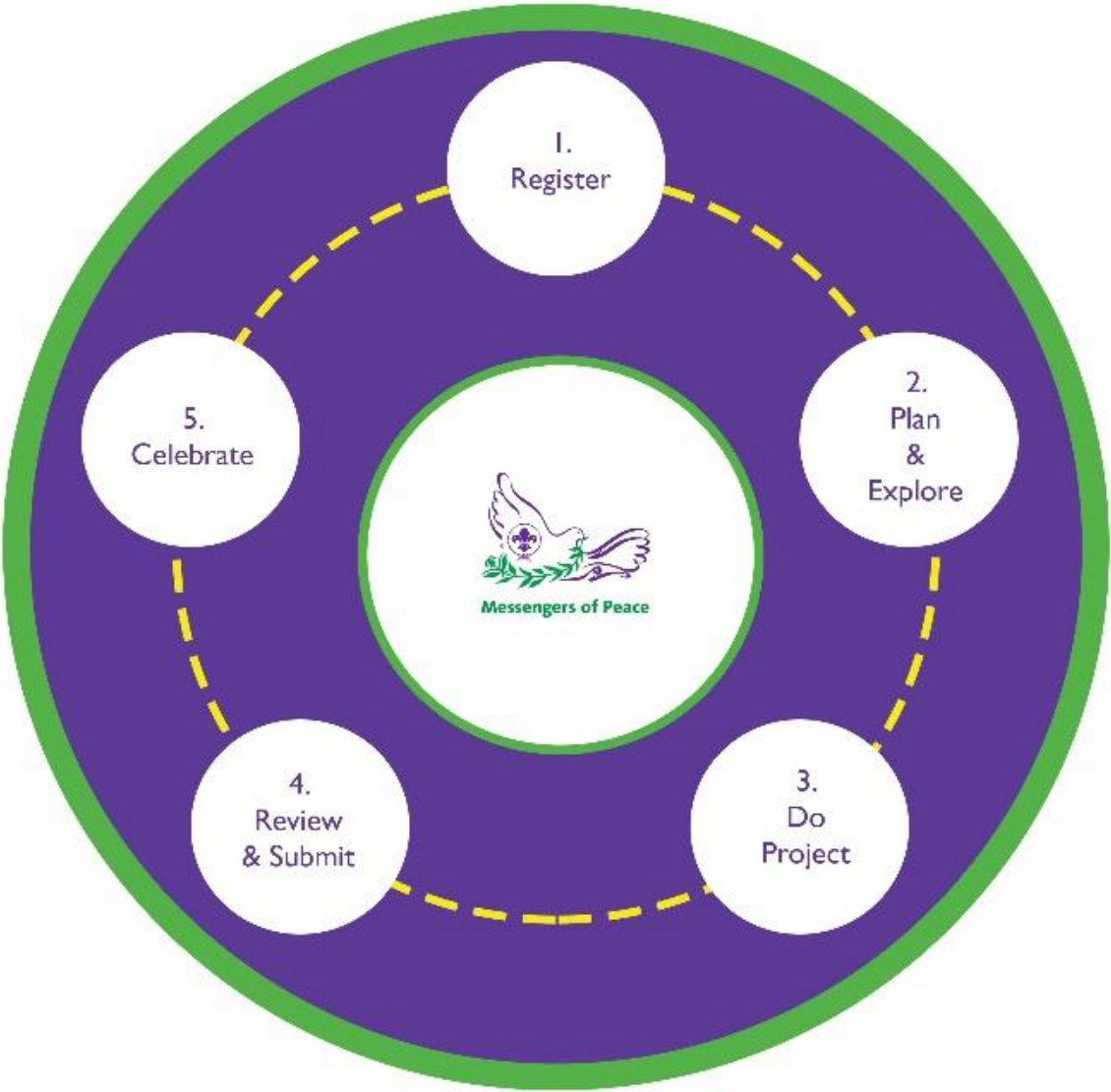
### Personal:

- I respect other people's opinions.
- I say respectfully what I like and do not like.
- I respect my parents, leaders, teachers and the rules at home, school and in the colony.
- I share what I have with others.

### Community:

- I take part in activities to help the ones in need.
- I offer help to my family and others, in my pack, or at school whenever it is needed
- I participate in community service activities with my pack.

**Five Steps to Becoming a Messenger of Peace**



## Five Steps to Becoming a Messenger of Peace

**1/2. Register & Plan:** Explore and research local problems, people in action and good practices.

This is the moment to **identify** community needs, **contact** community members to **understand** what their interests are, gather information about your ideas, **explore** innovative and sustainable solutions already in place, and **imagine** the positive change you want to achieve.

### What can Scouters do?

- Introduce them to the four steps to become a Messenger of Peace.
- Introduce them to the Global Network of Service via social media and scout.org.
- Introduce them to the SDGs and how to contribute to them.
- Encourage them to get in contact with community members and explore what could be a relevant issue to tackle.
- Identify objectives from personal progression and agree on them.
- Register your project and group details with [betterworld@scouts.ie](mailto:betterworld@scouts.ie)

## Five Steps to Becoming a Messenger of Peace (cont'd)

**2. Plan & Explore:** Identify your motivation and talents. Choose a field of action. Select useful knowledge, skills and ideas to apply.

In this step, Scouts will **focus** their attention on specific fields of action and concrete activities to achieve specific outcomes for positive change. It is the moment to **identify** what talents and skills they can offer and what new knowledge they need to acquire. It is the time to **plan** the resources they will need. During this step, Scouts should **contact** community members more closely to **define** common goals. It is also the time to find **partners** to join the effort, from local Scouts to the international community.

### What can Scouters do?

- Support Scouts to analyse all the information gathered.
- Support Scouts to identify a specific field of action.
- Help Scouts to define the impact they want to achieve with the community development action.
- Provide support in the planning process: time, resources, budget, monitoring.
- Help Scouts to identify knowledge and skills they need to acquire to succeed in the project.
- Provide feedback on Scouts' personal progression.

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**3. Do:** Plan your actions, execute, monitor, evaluate and report.

Time to ACT and get plans going. Scouts will finally get their hands on the activities and projects they have been planning.

### What can Scouters do?

- Support Scouts in monitoring the plans and activities.
- Provide support to maintain good quality.
- Provide feedback on the progress of the project and activities.
- Recognise and encourage good practices.
- Evaluate the outcomes of the project.
- Celebrate and recognise efforts.
- Provide feedback on personal progression.

**4/5. Review, Submit & Celebrate:** Share what you did, your experiences, outcomes and lessons learned.

## **The 10 Principles of Peaceful Dialogue**

1. Establishing the safe space
2. To agree that the main purpose of the dialogue is learning
3. Use of appropriate communication skills.
4. Set the proper ground rules
5. Take risk, surface feelings and confront perceptions with honesty
6. The relationship comes first
7. Gradually address the hard questions and gradually depart them
8. Do not quit or avoid the difficult issues
9. Expect to be changed: once participating in the dialogue, expect to be changed.
10. Bring the change to others