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2016 World Day Against Child Labour

End child labour in supply chains – It's everyone's business!

168 million children – that is one in 10 children – are still in child labour. 85 million of these children are in hazardous work which endangers their health, safety and morals. The recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) call for the eradication of forced labour and child labour, and set the target of eliminating all child labour by 2025.

This year's World Day on 12 June is focused on eliminating child labour in supply chains. With globalisation, supply chains have become increasingly complex, spanning sectors, countries and regions. And all supply chains – including those in agriculture and fishing, manufacturing and mining, services and construction – may be linked to child labour.

The World Day is an opportunity to strengthen the worldwide movement against child labour, advance collective action, and accelerate progress towards the SDG target. It is an occasion when everyone – governments, workers' and employers' organizations and enterprises as well as civil societies – can shine a light on what can be done throughout the supply chains to eliminate child labour.

Recognizing the importance of the effort, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) are once again calling on National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and ILO Country Offices to join forces in activities and events planned on and around the World Day.

The cooperation between WOSM and the ILO is based on our shared vision of pursuing social justice, peace and the empowerment of young people as a force for sustainable development.

Scouts around the world have been actively involved in learning about Children's Rights, raising awareness about child labour in their communities and in reaching out to children in or at risk of child labour through WOSM's flagship initiative, Messengers of Peace, as well as programmes such as Ticket to Life, Food For Life and Extension Scouting.

Ending child labour in supply chains is everyone's business. Every action counts. Together we can make a difference! See the attached "Take Action" note for more information and ideas about how to get involved.

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Take action against child labour!

What can you do in your Scout group to raise awareness and reach out to children in or at risk of child labour? Here are some suggestions:

- **Be informed:** Learn about the problem and its impact on your local community and beyond. Use the ILO's SCREAM (Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media) Education Pack, which includes activities that can be easily adapted for Scouts of different ages.
- **Raise awareness:** Your Scout group can organise an activity in your community to raise awareness about child labour – the SCREAM Education Pack provides many creative ideas. You can also contact the ILO to find out what events and activities are planned in your country for the World Day Against Child Labour and how your Scout group can participate (see contacts below).
- **Reach out:** We seek to mobilise action from one World Day to the next to build the worldwide movement against child labour. More Scouts around the world are getting involved in programmes that reach out to children in or at risk of child labour such as Messengers of Peace and Ticket to Life (see the Scout-ILO fact sheet below for examples). The World Day is an opportunity to launch such action.
- **Create a progress badge:** Your Scout educational programme can create a progress badge based on individual or group achievements and activities to raise awareness and reach out to children in or at risk of child labour. Again, the SCREAM Education Pack can be of use.
- **Join the Music Against Child Labour Initiative:** Scout groups can join this global initiative by dedicating a concert or composing a song about child labour, which the ILO will feature on its campaign page (see link below).
- **Share your activities and inspire others:** Please let us know what you are doing! The more we share experiences and strengthen our collective action, the greater the difference we will make to the lives of children around the world. Visit the "ILO – join the campaign against child labour" page on scout.org/user/45293 or email us. You can also directly share news and photos on scout.org using the hashtags #NOchildlabour and #SCREAMnochildlabour.

Links

World Day Against Child Labour campaign information & materials:

www.ilo.org/ChildLabourWorldDay

Scout-ILO fact sheet: http://www.ilo.org/pardev/partnerships/public-private-partnerships/factsheets/WCMS_409588

SCREAM (Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media) resources: www.ilo.org/scream

Music Against Child Labour Initiative:

www.ilo.org/ipec/Campaignandadvocacy/MusicInitiative

ILO videos on Child Labour, ILO YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL418A6833A1C5B483

Q&A on global estimates and trends of child labour 2000-2012:

www.ilo.org/ipec/Informationresources/WCMS_221881

WOSM Guidelines on Scouting for Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances: scout.org/node/6033

U-Fund, a fund-raising campaign to help young people to help themselves with the support of The Scout Universal Fund:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrcZ5dGEhQQ

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