

## Activities for the global program zone

Scouting exists in almost all countries, worldwide, to enhance the lives of young people through a set of activities which will provide them with knowledge and skills, which they may need at some future time and which will help other people in need. The Global Program Zone (GPZ) therefore forms an important part of our Scouting activities and involves learning about other people and species and how we can interact with and help them.

These themes suggest activities which are interesting, enjoyable and educational. Such activities are best undertaken in small groups such as sixes or patrols so everyone can contribute their knowledge and know how. Activities are suggested for all age groups depending upon age and capability.

### Sustainable development goals and Scouts for SDGs

Sustainable development tries to reconcile the desire for higher living standards for **all** peoples with protection and enhancement of the environment, *now and for future generations*. So there is a requirement on the present generation to leave the world in a fit state for succeeding generations to enjoy.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of targeted interventions agreed at a special assembly of the United Nations in 2015, whose primary goal is to eradicate poverty and hunger by helping those in need and leaving no one behind.

So GPZ activities can form part of our contribution to Scouts for SDG's, a WOSM (World Organisation of Scouting Movements) project which commits Scouts worldwide to undertake 3 billion hours of voluntary service to their communities to help implement these Goals by 2030

*For each of the 17 goals, we have developed a set of activities which can be used to illustrate the goals and what we can do to help achieve them*



➤ [link to SGD activities](#)

### Our contribution to SDGs

Within Bramshill Scout District, we have two initiatives in which UK Scouts collaborate with Scouts in African countries to help implement two of these SDG goals –

- *Clean water* (SDG 6) Construction of clean water wells in villages in the Masindi District of Uganda. UK Scouts learn about the importance of clean water and raise funds which Masindi Scouts then use to construct such wells, educate the villagers in the importance of ensuring clean water sources and maintaining them. Since 2000 we have raised funds for 44 clean water wells and all are still in use
  - *Link to clean water activities*



*Constructing a clean water well, Masindi District, Uganda*

- *Good health and well-being* (SDG 3) Scouts against Malaria is an initiative in which Scouts learn about an illness and raise funds which African Scout Groups use to purchase and distribute insecticide treated bed nets so that families can sleep at night without being bitten by mosquitos carrying the malaria parasite
  - *Activities and resources can be accessed at [www.scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk](http://www.scoutsagainstmalaria.org.uk)*



*A Scout erecting a long life insecticide impregnated bed net for a family with young children  
Nyame Bekyere village,  
Ashanti district, Ghana*

## Climate change

Perhaps the most important SDG and one that presents the greatest challenge is how to limit our changing climate, which has resulted in ever increasing extreme weather conditions and impacts on other species, our water and food supplies, environment and health.

Climate change is occurring because our ever increasing use of fossil fuels results in the production of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide which reside in the upper atmosphere and result in global warming. This can be limited by using energy more efficiently and changing to renewable energy sources like solar and wind which do not result in greenhouse gas emissions

A poster illustrating what we can do to limit climate change



➤ Activities and resources can be accessed at [www.changingwithclimate.info](http://www.changingwithclimate.info)

## Fair trade products

One of the easiest ways of contributing to the goal of ending poverty and hunger is to teach Scouts about products which carry the Fair Trade logo (illustrated). These ensure that the producers obtain a financial premium which provides additional income which they use to buy seed to grow products to

feed their families, manufacture products which they can sell or pay for their children's education.



The activity comprises –

- collect products with fair trade logo
- learn about fair trade products through information on the product labels
- undertake a survey of local shops to see what products carry these labels
- buy some of these products
- Develop and prepare a meal using such products
- Sample other six or patrol dishes

## **Sharing ideas**

In many of these activities, each group is likely to arrive at a different solution and so sharing ideas will increase knowledge of the topic. For example, in the Fair Trade activity described above each group is likely to select different products and prepare in different ways and so each learns from another. The Leader should then discuss how the purchase of Fair Trade products can be encouraged – perhaps by Scouts helping parents choose fair trade products when the next go shopping.

## **SDG Leaflets**

For the Kent International Jamboree in 2022, we developed leaflets for 3 of the SDGs which can be downloaded and printed/photocopied so they can be given to Scouts to remind them of what Scouts can do to help others.

These leaflets are –

- *Link to reducing hunger and poverty (fair trade)*
- *Link to leading healthy lives (preventing malaria)*
- *Link to clean water (to preserve health)*

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