

The Better World Framework: An Introduction

The 'Better World Framework' is made up of:

1. The World Scout Environment Badge
2. The Messengers of Peace Award
3. The Scouts of the World Award (Venture Scouts and Rover Scouts, only)

These WOSM awards are based on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. They aim to promote global change through local community action. These awards enable youth members to positively contribute to their area and gain an international award; also, they can be completed in conjunction with Special Interest Badges and the Chief Scout Award.



The **World Environment Badge** connects young people and the natural world through action projects. It involves youth members exploring different environmental themes and then completing a service project. The projects should be carried out in small groups following WOSM's age-appropriate time commitments. Examples of successful projects include a 'reduce, reuse, recycle' project where waste was collected and used as craft materials to create works of art, and tree planting and raising awareness of pollution among young people in the local community.



The **Messengers of Peace Award** aims to promote world peace through the positive activities of young people. Any youth member 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 'legal awareness camp' for the disadvantaged in your local community, to coordinating a book donation for a school in need.



The **Scouts of the World Award (SWA)** involves a large voluntary service project undertaken in response to a community need. The award is open to both Venture and Rover Scouts. The project may take place locally or internationally. It involves completing a SWA Discovery, an activity to explore social issues (at least 21 working hours). The project itself is a long-term endeavour of at least 80 working hours. Venture and Rover Scout Crews should aim to make a sustainable difference in partnership with a community. This can be a single project, such helping build a sensory garden with a special needs group, or a longer-term commitment, such as running scout activities with young people in disadvantaged situations, such as direct provision or inner city areas.

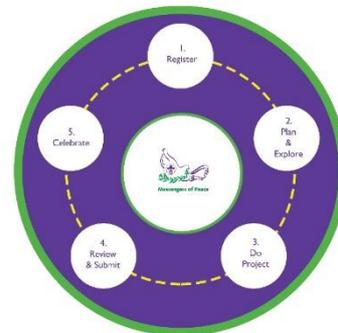
The World Scout Environment Badge

1. Register: A section or small group (Lodge, Six, etc) emails betterworld@scouts.ie
2. Plan: Using activities, explore each of the five areas in the programme - Clean water and clean air, natural habitats, risks of harmful substances minimised, suitable environmental practices, and environmental hazards and natural disasters.
3. Do: Complete an environmental project
4. Review: Evaluate your project and submit a report in application for the badge
5. Celebrate your achievement!



The Messengers of Peace Award

1. Register: A section or small group (Lodge, Six etc) emails betterworld@scouts.ie
2. Plan: Learn about a local social issue and decide on the ways in which you can help
3. Do: Complete a community project (at least 10 service hours)
4. Review: Evaluate your project and submit an application for the Award.
5. Celebrate your achievement!



The Scouts of the World Award

1. Register: Your Crew contacts the SWA coordinator by emailing betterworld@scouts.ie
2. Plan: Complete an SW Discovery Weekend (at least 21 working hours)
3. Do: Complete project (at least 80 working hours)
4. Review: Evaluate your project and review individual roles
5. Submit: Send your report into the SWA Coordinator and report on scout.org about your SW Award
6. Celebrate your achievements!

