Scouting is the world’s largest educational youth movement engaging over 50 million young people, adult leaders, and volunteers from 224 countries and territories worldwide. As a growing Movement, Scouting is deeply embedded in the context of local communities and able to respond to the diverse needs and aspirations of young people.

Scouting is all about learning by doing. By taking part in educational activities and acts of community service, Scouts develop the emotional, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual skills needed to become leaders and contributing members of society. Scouting also teaches young people how to be active citizens in tackling some of the most pressing social, environmental, and economic challenges facing our planet.

Since its founding by Robert Baden-Powell in 1907, Scouting has engaged young people in transformative educational, training and learning opportunities. Through the core Scout Youth Programme and guided by the Scout Promise and Law, Scouting offers young people a unique non-formal educational experience that directly contributes to their growth and development.
3,456,610 adult leaders, volunteers and other officials supporting the movement.

95% of national scout organizations are open to both girls and boys.

360,067,808 community service hours were recorded in 2017-2018*

1.2 billion community service hours since 2013

* recorded from 1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018