

# Your guide to the **SDG** **Challenge**



**Scouts**  
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# SDG Challenge

To date, Scouts around the world have already mobilised two billion hours of community service towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Now its time to take next step forward - join the world's largest coordinated youth activation involving 50 million young people delivering an additional two billion hours of community service for the SDGs by 2030.

This is an opportunity to be a part of something massive as a Patrol, Unit or Group. We are all working together to 'create a better world'.



Form a Project Patrol (from your Section, with other Sections and/or adults) and explore the SDGs together, then choose two SDGs to focus on in your SDG Challenge.

Through your Challenge you will:

**Gain Awareness** of the SDGs and what's needed to tackle them

**Take Action** on your chosen SDGs

**Inspire Others** to learn about the SDGs and take action for lasting change

## Minimum Time Spent

Joey Scouts	10 hours
Cub Scouts	10 hours
Scouts	20 hours
Venturer Scouts	20 hours
Rover Scouts	20 hours
Adults	20 hours



## Plan>

- Talk to some mates, your Unit or your Group (or beyond) to agree to do a Challenge.
- Together, come up with a challenge inspired by two or more SDGs.
- Plan your Challenge together using **Plan > Do > Review >** - use the programming section of Scouts | Terrain to help you.
- Get it approved by your Unit Council.



## Do>

- Put your plan into action.

## Review>

- Review your Challenge.
  - What went well?
  - What could we do better next time?
  - What was our impact / contribution?
- Share with your Unit Council.
- Promote your success in your local community.
- Promote your project on social media, tagging us and using the hashtags
- Share your project details on [sdgs.scout.org](https://sdgs.scout.org)



Instagram - **Scouts.Australia**

Facebook - **ScoutsAustralia**

Twitter - **scoutsaustralia**

Youtube - **ScoutsAustralia**

TikTok - **scoutsaustralia**

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#Youth4SDG  
#YouthTakeover  
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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

THE OFFICIAL AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADOPTED ON 25 SEPT 2015 OUTLINES THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**1 NO POVERTY**



END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

**2 ZERO HUNGER**



END HUNGER ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**



ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL

**4 QUALITY EDUCATION**



ENSURE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

**5 GENDER EQUALITY**



ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

**6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**



ENSURE ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL

**7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**



ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL

**8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**



PROMOTE INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL

**9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**



BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALISATION AND FOSTER INNOVATION

**10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES**



REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**



MAKE CITIES INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

**12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**



ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

**13 CLIMATE ACTION**



TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

**14 LIFE BELOW WATER**



CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES

**15 LIFE ON LAND**



SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION. HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS

**16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**



PROMOTE JUST, PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES

**17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**



REVITALISE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## Selecting a SDG

The SDG Challenge is deliberately broad to allow Scouts to approach the challenge of the Sustainable Development Goals in a way that suits them as individuals, with a focus on their circumstances and their local or broader community.

If there is an issue in your community which you can see or which you are passionate about then that could inspire the SDGs you chose for your Challenge.

As it is suggested to complete the Challenge yearly, consider focusing on different Goals to broaden your understanding and impact.

No one Goal can be achieved without others. If your Project Patrol cannot decide which goals to focus on, then consider how they might connect and investigate how you can contribute to these Goals within one Challenge.

This approach can also help for Goals which seem out of reach or too technical.

## SDG Challenge hours

By recording your completed Challenge on [sdgs.scout.org/](https://sdgs.scout.org/) you can add your hours to Scoutings global hours towards action on the SDGs.

This is a part of World Scouting and Scouts Australia's commitment to tackle the SDGs.

## SDG Resources

[worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/](https://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/)

[www.scouts.com.au/sdg](https://www.scouts.com.au/sdg)

[sdgs.scout.org/](https://sdgs.scout.org/)



# How does this fit with the program and the Achievement Pathways?

## Challenge Areas

The SDG Challenge may form part of the program for a Patrol or Unit. If scheduling it into the Unit program, the Patrol, Project Patrol or Unit Council should consider the most appropriate Challenge Area for the SDG Challenge activity.

## Participates, Assists and Leads

When the SDG Challenge occurs within the scope of a Patrol, Project Patrol or Units program, the youth members involved may gain participates, assists or leads towards their Milestones. It should be noted that the involvement to achieve this needs to occur in the context of their current section.

In the event that the SDG Challenge activities are a planned joint activity between two Units, or a group of Patrols from Units of different age sections, then participates, assists and leads may be credited.

If, however, two Venturer Scouts are leading an SDG Challenge activity for the Cub Scout Unit, the Venturer Scouts will not be able to be credited with the lead, as they are not leading their own peers.

Just like with everything we do in Scouts, we should make sure that we are still using the **Plan>Do>Review>** cycle, whether we are leading a program for our peers or for a different age section or Unit.

## Reasonable Adjustments

Scouting should be inclusive of all people, regardless of their individual abilities. As with all of the program reasonable adjustments can and should be made as needed. For more information read the **Scouts Australia Diversity and Inclusion Standards** which are available online.

## Special interest Areas

Scouts may choose to combine their SDG Challenge and a Special Interest Area. While all Sustainable Development Goals can fall under Creating a Better World, many fall under other Special Interest Areas too.

It is up to the Scout when developing their Special Interest Area project to consider which Special Interest Area interests and challenges them personally. For those participating in Project Patrols, they may chose a different Special Interest Area from their Patrol members, as they challenge themselves in different ways.

For more information and resources on Special Interest Areas and what is required, visit [pr.scouts.com.au](http://pr.scouts.com.au)

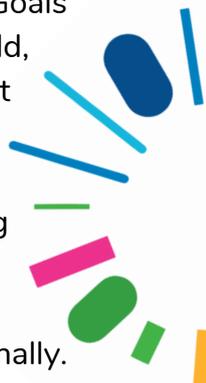
Milestone One



Milestone Two



Milestone Three



## FAQ

### Is this the same as Messengers of Peace?

No, Messengers of Peace is one element in the Better World Framework, a World Scouting initiative. At the core of all elements in the Better World Framework are the Sustainable Development Goals.

### Can this be done in mixed-age Project Patrols?

Yes, all Scouts regardless of age can participate and as such mixed Project Patrols may be formed. These Patrols may change over the course of a Challenge. Each member should ensure that they meet their goals and time requirements individually.

### Can I do this solo?

We encourage everyone to do this as a part of a Project Patrol. If you're not sure where to start you could do the Challenge remotely with another Scout from outside your local area or form an online Patrol with Scouts from other parts of Australia.

### How often can I complete the SDG Challenge?

You can complete the Challenge as often as you like however badges can only be earned and worn annually. You may be a part of multiple Challenges and record the hours if you complete all the steps.



### Can the Challenge take longer than the guide?

We understand that Scouts are always aiming to stretch themselves and to give service to their community. The indicative hours in this guide are the minimum each person needs to put in to their Challenge.

If the project is going to take significantly longer, consider with your Unit Council if it also meets the requirements of a Special Interest Area. If this is a long term Project Patrol, ensure you are using **Plan>Do>Review>** at checkpoints and recalibrate as you go; this may include shuffling Participate/Assists/Leads for different parts of the Challenge.



## **FAQ (continued)**

### **Can adult leaders and supporters complete the SDG Challenge?**

Yes they can. However keep in mind that adult leaders and supporters are supporters for - not participants in - the program's Achievement Pathways so these parts of the guide should be read in the context of supporting Joey Scouts to Rover Scouts only.

### **Can adult leaders and supporters complete the SDG Challenge as a part of youth/adult mixed Project Patrols?**

Yes - we would love to see adults and youth working together, and encourage all members of Scouting to participate. Our ChildSafe approach empowers us to participate in Scouting in a safe way, and the SDG Challenge can be a great way to build connection with other Scouting people you may not ordinarily work alongside. For more information on ChildSafe, visit: [scouts.com.au/child-safe/](https://scouts.com.au/child-safe/)

### **Does everyone have to do equal work in the Project Patrol towards their SDG Challenge?**

No - as with other parts of the program, people should challenge themselves, and agree what each person does based on their abilities and what they seek to achieve. See the earlier guidance about hours, and agree with your Project Patrol (and Unit Council for program participants) about what is reasonable for each Patrol member.

**For more information, check out  
the SDG Challenge pages on the  
Scouts Australia website:  
[scouts.com.au/sdg](https://scouts.com.au/sdg)**

