

# newsletter alumni network

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Good day Alumni members,

We are very excited to update you on some of our latest endeavours. This time it's all about our youth! SCOUTS South Africa has been working hard to enhance youth participation throughout the organisation on Group, Regional, and National teams. We believe it's vital for a Youth Movement to have young people involved in decision making, leadership, communication and programme development. Over the past weeks we have seen the introduction of our Young Leaders Involvement Policy that, taking into account the practical realities of Scouting in South Africa, provides a guide to healthy succession planning.

We also introduced our Youth Influencer programme where young people from around the country were trained in online content management in order to source and share more local Scouting impact stories. More young adults have stepped up and started initiatives to help community members and more recently, SSA's Young Leaders Representative team contributed to the development of World Scouting's Triennial Plan as they joined the virtual World Youth Forum and World Scout Conference. We have included some of the highlights in this newsletter. You can find more stories on [www.scouts.org.za/news](http://www.scouts.org.za/news)

Milly Siebrits, Chief Executive Officer

## scouts sa youth contribute to world scouting's triennial plan

A number of key decisions that will help shape the future direction of the Scout Movement were made during the 42nd World Scout Conference and 14th World Scout Youth Forum recently.

These key decisions and outcomes included the draft objectives of the World Triennial Plan, the youth engagement strategy, the development of a climate impact strategy for WOSM, positioning Scouting as a leader for peace and playing an active role in the UN Youth, Peace and Security Agenda, as well as support to NSOs in their post COVID-19 pandemic recovery efforts.

Furthermore, an amendment to the Constitution of WOSM was approved to ensure the implementation of Safe from Harm by all member organisations.

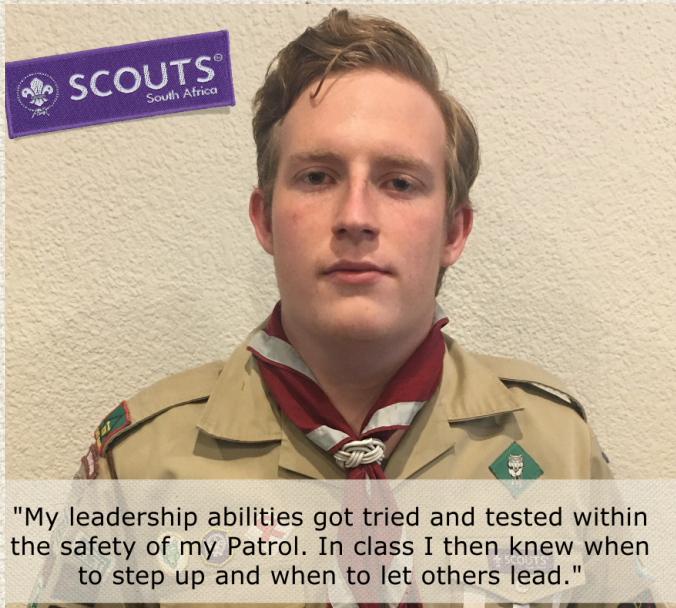
SCOUTS South Africa's Young Leaders Representatives joined SSA's leadership team as delegates or observers, and shared their voices. Youth delegates could also assist in electing the Youth Advisors and Voting Members of the World Scout Committee.



Sharmaine Zitha (RYLR Limpopo) above, Robert Hill (RYLR Eastern Cape South).







"My leadership abilities got tried and tested within the safety of my Patrol. In class I then knew when to step up and when to let others lead."

## swipe for scouting



SCOUTS SA is a member of the MySchool programme. Every time you swipe your card at a participating outlet, you are raising funds for Scouting at no additional cost to yourself.

By swiping for Scouting you could substantially contribute to our sustainability. All you need to do is add us as a beneficiary. You can still support your church and (grand)child's school as you may have up to 3 beneficiaries per card. To register or to add SSA as a beneficiary, [click here](#).

## youth influencers highlight the scout impact nationally

Betty Hlathi is a Rover in the Free State and was recently appointed as the first of SCOUTS SA's youth influencers.

Unlike the name suggests, our influencers will not be promoting products or services, but will in fact be promoting the work of our SA Scouting members in creating a better world.

The objective of the programme is to find local SSA impact stories and share them on our communication channels to enhance the visibility of the impact Scouting has on adolescents, their families and communities nationwide.

SSA's Youth Influencers are young adults aged between 18 and 26 and hail from the various Scouting Regions. They were trained, and will continue to hone their communication and content development skills whilst sharing our Scouting stories.



Being in Scouting strengthened my thinking ability and enhanced my understanding of nature, history as well as science. I met friends that are like siblings to me. We share our tensions, job chances and keep each other updated about everything. We are there for each other.

Find out more about them or read their stories on the SSA News Blog here: <https://www.scouts.org.za/news/>

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## changing world views one pad at a time



Gauteng Young Leader Representative Justice Kgomo has taken the initiative to help girls in communities that cannot access or afford menstrual products, by aiming to collect 3650 sanitary pads by July 2022.

"The world is a jungle. Changing how we think or do things as Scouts can help change how others view the world as well," explains Justice. "Since the Covid-19 outbreak started, thousands of workers have been retrenched and salaries cut, resulting in an even greater decline in access to sanitary products. Funding to institutions decreased, which resulted in a decrease in food and essentials", he continues.

"I have found that when I support and provide guidance to my female peers their problems stemmed from financial insecurity. So, I aim to collect 3650 sanitary pads within a year to provide some relief to families that are struggling due to the pandemic, in the hopes that the future female doctors and teachers have opportunities to reach their full potential and have equal opportunities to their male counterparts", he says firmly. Read his full story [HERE](#).

## turning the tide on plastic

SSA has been encouraging members to actively participate in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through preset challenges per SDGs, and initiatives in partnership with World Scouting and the UN. One such initiative is the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge which helps young people understand the impact humans have in the world when it comes to plastic use and consumption.

Koko Bora Bahizire is the Troop Scouter of 1st Port Natal Scouts in Durban. Over the past few months Koko has been leading the way to ensure that the stretch of Durban Harbour where his Scouts meet on a weekly basis is plastic free. His Scouts, their parents, Scout Groups and members from neighbouring communities all came together and filled two trucks, 120 black bags and 8 big sacks with plastic and rubbish. More [HERE](#).

