

better world framework

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think about it

Sustainable development is the pathway to the future we want for all. It offers a framework to generate economic growth, achieve social justice, exercise environmental stewardship and strengthen governance.

Ban Ki-moon
Former UN Secretary-General and Scout

What, may you ask, is the **Better World Framework**?

There are many global issues and trends affecting young people and diverse communities today. To encourage young people to participate in community service projects and environmental conservation, the **World Scout Movement** - in partnership with the **United Nations** - developed the '**Better World Framework**'(BWF).

The BWF portfolio includes initiatives that address four thematic areas of education. Each initiative contains challenges aimed at inspiring young people to become active citizens.

The thematic areas of education are as follows:

- ◆ Environment and Sustainability
- ◆ Peace and Community Engagement
- ◆ Health and Wellbeing
- ◆ Skills for Life



'Scouts for SDGs', 'Earth Tribe' and 'Messengers of Peace' fall under BWF.

What does the **BWF** do?

- ◆ It links and aligns programmes and partnerships that focus on community development in Scouting with the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ◆ It aligns all programmes that support the development of Active Citizenship.
- ◆ It focuses our social impact by linking local efforts to global action.
- ◆ It fosters local and international networks and partnerships for sustainable development with external bodies and communities .

Acknowledgement: www.scout.org



Environmental education for a global community to protect the planet



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The Earth Tribe is a global community of young people who are passionate about the environment and actively engage as global citizens to preserve and protect our planet. The Earth Tribe guides young people on an educational journey to develop the awareness, competencies and leadership skills necessary to create environmental change in their communities.

Through a series of exciting Earth Tribe Challenges, young people learn how to connect with nature, become champions for sustainability, and engage in taking action for the environment. To be a member of the Earth Tribe is a personal commitment to improve the health of the planet and make the world a better place. Earth Tribe falls within the Environment and Sustainability thematic area of BFW and includes:

◆ Better Choices

- Understand and reflect on the impact of human consumption habits in our environment.
- Promote the co-creation of solutions to modify consumption patterns to contribute to a more sustainable lifestyle.

◆ Nature and Biodiversity

- Understand and reflect on biodiversity and the way ecosystems work, and the interconnectedness and relationship between humans and nature.

◆ Clean Energy

- Reflect on the personal impact surrounding the demand and use of different energy sources.
- Explore new possibilities and practices on how to sustainably satisfy the need for energy.

◆ Healthy Planet

- Understand how pollution created in one place can impact ecosystems and people elsewhere.
- Learn how to take responsibility and mitigate pollution in immediate ecosystems within communities.

why a tribe for the earth?

A tribe is the earliest form of organisation of humans in all cultural or geographical backgrounds. Members of a tribe support each other to discover their individual and own unique path. The tribe survives only through the collective effort of its members.

Indigenous tribes have always remained connected with nature, recognising the interdependence between people, the planet and all species. Tribe values of respect and connection with the planet and nature have existed for centuries, and 'Earth Tribe' is one way to share these positive ideals with a wider community of young people.

who is the earth tribe for?

The Earth Tribe is a global community of young people and adults who are willing to commit to be part of a global movement to preserve and protect our planet. The Earth Tribe is open to all people aged 7+.

earth tribe and personal progression

By taking this journey within the Earth Tribe, young people become part of a global community united behind a common goal to preserve and protect our planet. The Scout method of self advancement and learning by doing applies. Therefore each Challenge consists of various learning paths.

earth tribe challenges

There are a number of different Challenges which include—but are not limited to—the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge (one we should all be familiar with), Scouts Go Solar Challenge and the Champions for Nature Challenge.

earth tribe and scouts south africa

SCOUTS South Africa is currently implementing the **Tide Turners Plastic Challenge**. You can find more information below and on the SSA Wiki here. By doing the Tide Turner's Plastic Challenge, you are joining the global Earth Tribe!

We are looking into the Champions for Nature Challenge and Scouts Go Solar Challenge for 2022.

Acknowledgement: Earth Tribe implementation manual.



the tide turners plastic challenge

plastic pollution

By Allyson Shaw

A sea turtle swims through the water and spots a white blob floating near the surface. "Yum!" it thinks. "A jellyfish". Chasing after its dinner, the turtle swallows the item. But the floating blob isn't a jellyfish—it's a plastic bag that could make the sea turtle sick.

This sea creature isn't alone: Over 700 species of marine animals have been reported to have eaten or been entangled in plastic. Scientists think that the amount of plastic in the ocean might triple by 2050—and that would mean seriously bad news for the ocean and the creatures that live there. But by understanding the issue and taking action, you can help stop that from happening.

what's the problem with plastic?

Not all plastic is bad. Bike helmets, car airbags, and many medical supplies made with plastic save lives. Plastic water bottles can bring clean drinking water to people who don't have it, and plastic straws can help people with disabilities drink.

The problem is that most of us use and then toss way more plastic than we need: things like grocery bags, drink bottles, straws, food wrappers, and plastic packaging. This kind of plastic that's used only once before being thrown away is called single-use plastic, and it makes up more than 40% of all plastic rubbish.

Acknowledgement: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/nature/kids-vs-plastic/article/pollution-1>

stemming the tide on plastic

You have been hearing a lot about plastic pollution and want to do something to help. Taking part in the **Tide Turners Plastic Challenge** is a great way to start!

This challenge is designed for all young people from seven years and above, to educate young people about plastic pollution and encourage them to play a part in resolving pressing environmental issues, specifically related to plastic, plastic waste and plastic pollution and become part of the **Earth Tribe**.

The challenge has been developed with a number of age-base activity ideas which are available in the **Tide Turners Challenge Action Kit**. These activities are fun and challenging and can lead to a sense of personal fulfilment in taking responsibility for the planet's well-being. Programmes-on-a-plate are also available. These resources can be found on the SSA Wiki: https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/wiki/Tide_Turners_Plastic_Challenge

If you are interested in turning the tide on plastic, please register your Group and send an email to tideturners@scouts.org.za.



measure your environmental footprint as a group

Acknowledgement: a project of the KZN Scout Environmental Group 2018

Group Name:	3	2	1
1. Does your group check for water leakages?	Never	Sometimes	Regularly
2. Does your group regulate their energy usage, e.g. lights, geyser and kettle?	Never	Partially	Ongoing
3. Do you have a water harvesting programme?	No		Yes
4. Does your group work towards eradicating alien vegetation?	Never	Partially	Ongoing
5. What kind of crockery does your group use?	Single use		Reusable
6. Does your group have a recycling programme?	No	Partially	Ongoing
7. How do the majority of your members travel to meetings?	Individually	Car pool	Walk / Cycle
8. When equipment deteriorates, does your Group...		Immediately replace	Repair
9. Do you have a group environmental project?	No	Sometimes	Ongoing
10. How many of your members have achieved the Cub conservation/Scout conservation scoutcraft badge?	50%	75%	90%
The closer you get to '10' the greener your group is.	Total:		

introducing ssa's bwf coordinator

Ms Jeanette Angus volunteers all her spare time to the Scouting Movement. She joined Scouts in 1980 at 1st St Francis in Yeoville as a Pack Helper. For 41 years Jeanette has worked relentlessly to help Cubbing grow in South Africa. "Our aim is to develop children holistically; to become independent, healthy, happy and helpful individuals. Through the Cub Programme, which is aimed at the balanced development of each child, we provide ample learning opportunities through the play-way method."

In 2020 Jeanette stepped into a new Scouting role as Coordinator Better World Framework. "Within our current advancement programmes and annual challenges SSA members already address many of the actions outlined in the BWF initiatives. I am currently reviewing all our programmes and am identifying the synergies. In 2022 we aim to present a more detailed outline clarifying how SSA's programmes integrate with the BWF initiatives."



messengers of peace (mop)

All over the world Scouts are "Creating a Better World" by doing remarkable work in the communities in which they live.

SCOUTS South Africa encourages its members to initiate service projects within their communities so they too can be useful and help others.

These projects can cover any one of the following categories: Life skills, HIV/AIDS Awareness, Food for Life, Global Warming & Climate Change, Renewable Energy & Reduce, reuse, recycle, Access to clean drinking water, Needs of street children and child headed homes, Addressing the needs of people with disabilities, Child protection, welfare or Biodiversity conservation, the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge, or humanitarian aid to community members in need during the ongoing Covid lockdown, etc.

Members can obtain a MoP badge and contribute to the Global Service Hours by registering their initiative on the MoP online platform. More info here: <https://www.scouts.org.za/2016/06/03/messengers-peace-badge/>

To leave the world a little better than you found it.

That's the best a man can ever do.

Paul Auster

Stay tuned for more info on the **Better World Framework.**

Your **bwf** Team
Jeanette and Guy

