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Dear Scouts

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for an unforgettable 2024. Together, we have elevated the scouting experience, making it more meaningful, enjoyable, and impactful. Our collective efforts have showcased the transformative power of scouting in every endeavor.

I appreciate the passion, dedication, and hard work each of you invested in scouting. As we embark on a new year, I encourage you to build upon the momentum we've established. I firmly believe that our unity and collaboration can lead to remarkable achievements.

This report serves as a testament to our accomplishments, highlighting the inspiring work of scouts who have collaborated with the National Rover Commissioner. It paints a vibrant picture of scouting's potential and impact.

To our valued partners within Malawi and across the globe, the Berkshire Scouts and World Scout Bureau, *9I express my deepest gratitude for your incredible support. Your unwavering commitment has enabled us to impact countless scouts in Malawi.

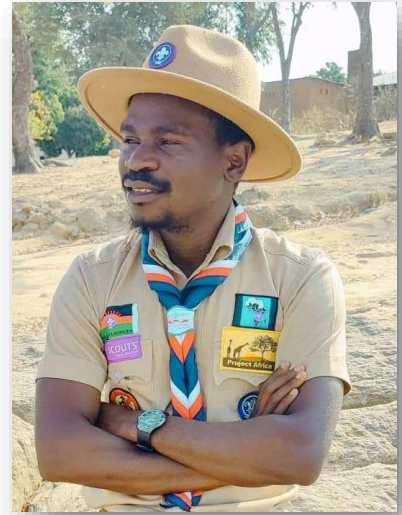
Special thanks to the Secretariat and the entire team of Commissioners for their guidance and support throughout the year. Your tireless efforts have been invaluable.

As we look to 2025, I am excited to continue our collaborative efforts, changing lives, and providing incredible adventures for young scouts in Malawi.

Thank you.

Edward Nyamwera

National Rover Commissioner



INTRODUCTION

As National Rover Commissioner, I am delighted to reflect on a pivotal moment in 2023 that laid the foundation for our remarkable achievements in 2024 as we managed to host the first ever Rovers Conference at Kavuzi Campsite in Nkhatabay. This groundbreaking event mobilized passionate scouts from across the country, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose.



The conference was a resounding success, marked by the appointment of a dedicated Youth Advisor Team. This team has played a vital role in bridging the gap between scouts and the Secretariat and Executive Commissioner's office, ensuring that the voices of young people are heard and represented at the highest levels. Guided by the theme "Going Beyond This Moment," the conference inspired scouts to transcend their current limitations and strive for excellence. This rallying cry has motivated scouts to serve their communities, think innovatively, and develop tangible solutions to real world problems.

I am proud to say that my office has gone above and beyond the call of duty, making a meaningful impact in numerous areas. The success of the 2023 Rover Conference is a testament to the power of collaboration, determination, and the unwavering commitment of our scouts.

Following the momentum gained from the Kavuzi conference, my office embarked on an ambitious agenda for 2024, focusing on five critical areas;

- ✓ Capacity building: Enhance scouts' skills in managing successful community projects.
- ✓ Skills for life: Empower scouts with lifelong skills to remain relevant and create a better world.
- ✓ Partnership development: Strengthen local and global partnerships to amplify our impact and work in different aspects of scouting.
- ✓ Innovation and creativity: Foster a culture of innovation, allowing scouts to showcase their talents and skills.
- ✓ Movement growth: Expand Scouting in Malawi to a new district, increasing our reach and impact.

CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVES



To enhance the leadership skills and capabilities of our scouts, I prioritized Patrol Leaders' Training in Blantyre, Chikwawa and Dzaleka Refugee camp, that yielded impressive results. Twenty young dedicated leaders from 1st Soche Scout Group in Blantyre completed patrol leaders training at our National Campsite in Zomba, equipping them to champion Scouting values and leadership within their communities. These trained leaders have since demonstrated exceptional commitment, driving positive change and growth within their respective communities.

The Patrol Leaders' Training at Zomba National Campsite has had a profound impact on the 1st Soche Scouts in Blantyre, led by the dynamic leadership of Bright Moyo. The training has empowered them to translate their skills and knowledge into tangible community projects, thereby enhancing their relevance and influence within the community. Their initiatives have not only improved the lives of community members but have also instilled a sense of pride, ownership, and social responsibility among the scouts.



Soche scouts have been in remarkable community services like community clean-up initiatives and environmental conservation efforts, Health and wellness programs, promoting disease prevention and healthy lifestyles Education and skills development initiatives, supporting vulnerable youth and communities. They have been able to do all these because they were trained how to run small impactful projects in their community. These achievements demonstrate the Soche Scouts' commitment to creating positive change and underscore the value of our training programs in empowering young people to become active, responsible, and engaged citizens.

My office played a pivotal role in mobilizing resources to support the Soche Patrol Leaders' Training in Zomba. We successfully coordinated logistics, ensuring the smooth transportation of participants from Blantyre to Zomba, thereby eliminating barriers to participation.



To facilitate effective training, we requested support from the chief commissioner to provide us with the projector necessary for immersive learning experiences. Furthermore, we provided neckerchiefs, which served as a symbol of unity and identity among the patrol leaders. Our comprehensive support enabled the delivery of high-quality training programs,



empowering patrol leaders with essential skills, knowledge, and confidence. By investing in their development, we strengthened the foundation of the Scouting movement in Blantyre and across the country, ensuring its continued growth and impact. The success of this initiative demonstrates our unwavering commitment to empowering young people, fostering leadership development, and advancing the Scouting movement in Malawi.

Reuniting The Chikwawa Scouts

Chikwawa, being one of the areas prone to natural disasters such as floods and droughts, presents a unique opportunity for the Scouting movement to make a meaningful impact. By establishing a strong Scouting presence in this region, we believe that these young individuals will play a vital role in times of crisis. When equipped with the necessary skills and training, Scouts can provide critical support during emergency responses, assist in disaster preparedness and mitigation efforts, offer community-based solutions to address the impact of disasters, foster resilience and hope among affected communities, support relief efforts, such as food and shelter distribution, help with search and rescue operations and as well assist in damage assessment and recovery planning. My office strongly believes that by investing in the development of Scouting in Chikwawa, we are not only empowering young people but also strengthening the community's capacity to respond to and recover from natural disasters. This proactive approach will help save lives, reduce suffering, and promote sustainable development in the region.



As such it has been a momentous occasion, my office successfully facilitated the reunification of the Chikwawa Scouts Group with Commissioner Jim Jwack, the esteemed District Commissioner. This milestone marked a major breakthrough in revitalizing Scouting activities in the Lower shire region. Through tireless efforts, we reconnected with former scouts, rekindled their passion for Scouting, and reestablished the group's presence in Chikwawa. This reunification has paved the way for renewed community engagement, leadership development, and skills-building initiatives. The reemergence of the Chikwawa Scouts Group is a testament to our dedication to expanding the Scouting movement in Malawi. By reviving this group, we have created new opportunities for

young people to develop essential life skills, build character, and contribute positively to their communities.

Patrol Leadership Training In Chikwawa



The patrol leadership training in Chikwawa, conducted in collaboration with District Commissioner Jwack, has been a resounding success. The training empowered 25 young leaders, who are now driving positive change in their community. These young

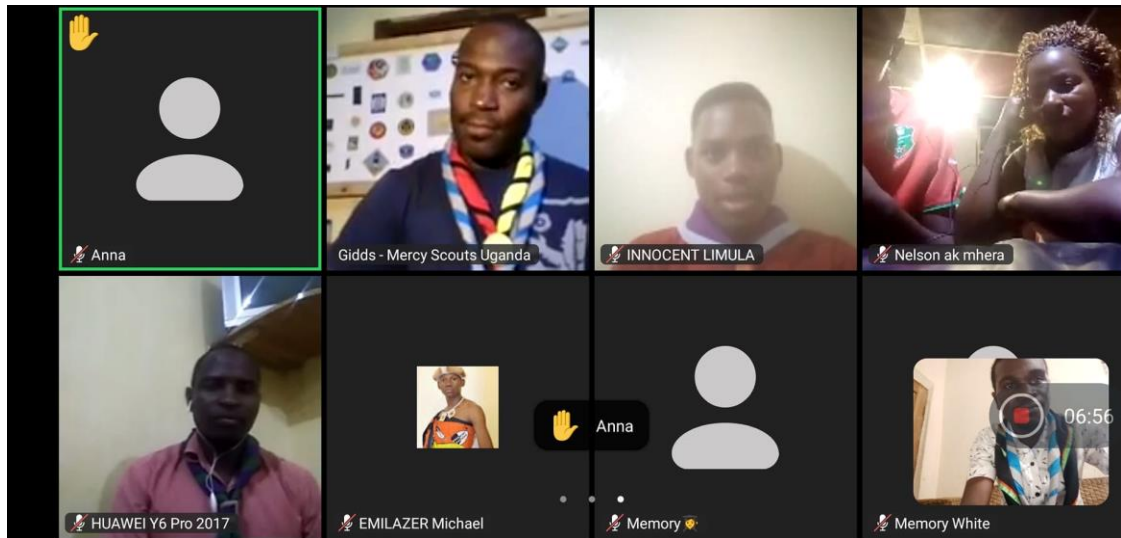
leaders have taken initiative to clean hospitals, demonstrating their commitment to improving healthcare and hygiene standards. Their efforts are a testament to the impact of effective leadership training and community engagement. The initiatives undertaken by these young leaders in Chikwawa serve as a shining example of the potential for community-driven development and youth-led change.

My office has played a pivotal role in mobilizing resources and materials for the patrol leadership training, a crucial component of our efforts to reunite the Scouts in Chikwawa. Through meticulous planning and coordination, we successfully assembled all necessary materials, ensuring a seamless and effective training experience for the 25 young leaders.

Our commitment to revitalizing the Scouting movement in Chikwawa is unwavering, and we remain dedicated to supporting the growth and development of these exceptional young individuals.

Empowering Malawi's Scouts Through Global Connections

My office also hosted a virtual event, bridging the gap between Malawi's scouts and international scout leaders. Gidds Bambaga from Uganda, Founder of Mercy Scouts, and Emilazer Michael from Namibia, Southern Zone Youth Chair, shared their expertise with scouts from Malawi.



It was truly amazing to see scouts from Lilongwe, Nkhatabay, Mzuzu, Catholic Scouts, and Blantyre joining the event via Zoom. There were inspiring discussions centered around community engagement, waste recycling, and food security initiatives. Malawi's scouts gained valuable insights into Uganda's innovative waste recycling projects and Namibia's impactful Food for Life initiative. This online program motivated Malawi's scouts to embark on similar community-driven projects, fostering a sense of global citizenship and social responsibility. By facilitating connections between scouts worldwide, we aim to create a network of young leaders driving positive change in their communities. ***Quotes from Gidds and Emilazer***

"The energy and eagerness of Malawi's scouts were truly contagious. We're excited to continue sharing knowledge and experiences with these young leaders." - Gidds Bambaga

"The event was a testament to the power of scouting in fostering global connections. We're eager to participate in more events that bring together scouts from around the world." - Emilazer

The success of this virtual event has paved the way for future international collaborations, providing a platform for scouts to share ideas, learn from each other, and drive positive change in their communities.

Capacity Building Training In Dzaleka Refugee Camp

The Dzaleka refugee camp was established in 1994 to provide shelter, protection and support to more than 10,000 individuals with refugee status and asylum seekers who were fleeing their home countries due to various forms of persecution, conflict, and natural disasters. Today, the camp is home to more than 50,000 people, half of whom are children, from countries including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Somalia.



Over the years, scouting within the Dzaleka camp has grown organically with limited resources, but has had a significant impact on the lives of young people. The Scouting activities, are run by passionate volunteers who were Scouts in their home countries, are enabling young people to develop the leadership skills and resilience to thrive within the camp, and eventually beyond. The Scouting experience is also offering children and youth a place where they can connect, be part of

a community, and have fun amidst the refugee camp's challenging conditions. Through the Ticket to Life project and the Scout Association of Malawi Secretariat, I had the privilege of collaborating with Training Commissioner Mr. Magalasi to deliver comprehensive Patrol Leadership Training. We firmly believe that scouting fosters leaders through the patrol system, and with proper guidance, these leaders can drive positive change.



Our mission was twofold;

1. Facilitate the Safe from Harm policy, ensuring leaders possess expertise in creating a secure environment for every young child attending scouting activities in the refugee camp.
2. Let's Do Scouting project, empowering young scouts to develop and execute small-scale projects that positively impact the refugee community.

This initiative not only promotes leadership development but also enhances community engagement, social cohesion, and hope among young refugees.

The energy was palpable at our Patrol Leadership Training in Dzaleka Refugee Camp! With a strong turnout and active participation from scouts, we witnessed a vibrant display of teamwork, creativity, and commitment. We're excited to see the positive ripple effects of this training, as these empowered young leaders go on to make a difference in their community.

We're deeply thankful for the African Bureau's and World Scout Foundation's tireless support of the Ticket to Life project. This collaborative effort has brought about profound change in Malawi and various other parts of the globe. Their dedication to scouting and youth development is inspiring, and we look forward to continuing our shared mission.

SKILLS FOR LIFE: EMPOWER SCOUTS WITH LIFELONG SKILLS TO REMAIN RELEVANT

Empowering young people with skills for life is at the heart of the scouting community. Through my office, I've championed the integration of diverse skills into our scouting programs, enabling scouts to acquire valuable skills that benefit them throughout their lives.

Some notable initiatives include, soap-making and entrepreneurship. Scouts have learned to create soap and manage small businesses, promoting financial literacy and self-sufficiency.



My office successfully launched a soap making initiative, designed to equip scouts with essential life skills. We mobilized expert trainers and resources to provide intensive training for scouts from Chikwawa, who were the pioneer group. After mastering the craft, these scouts shared their knowledge with peers and developed a business plan to generate income supporting their scouting activities. Chikwawa was strategically chosen due to the high number of out-of-school youth, who face various challenges. This project aimed to engage and empower them, providing a productive outlet and skills for a brighter future.



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"We're proud of the progress made in our soap making initiative! With many scouts now proficient in this skill, we're confident that they'll continue to grow, innovate, and make a positive impact in their communities." Edward Nyamwera

Upcycling Cartons Into Carrying Bags

This innovative project addresses the challenge of carrying exercise books to school, while fostering creativity and resourcefulness.



The scouts' innovative approach to transforming cartons into reusable bags has been a resounding success. This eco-friendly initiative is particularly impactful in rural communities, where students often rely on plastic bags. By upcycling discarded cartons, scouts are reducing waste, promoting sustainability, and creating a practical solution that's improving daily life for rural students. The carton-to-bag project is a shining example of the scouts' creativity and commitment to environmental stewardship. This innovative solution is empowering rural students with a durable and eco-friendly alternative to plastic bags. This initiative not only addresses a pressing environmental issue but also fosters creativity, resourcefulness, and community engagement among the scouts. The scouts' carton-to-bag initiative is a testament to the power of innovation and teamwork. By working together, scouts are creating positive change and promoting a more sustainable future.

Carton to bag initiative gave us an opportunity to attend Commonwealth Day in Lilongwe after being selected as one of the young people in Malawi pushing resilience communities in times of crisis. Our participation in the Commonwealth Day celebrations in Lilongwe was a testament to the power of innovation and creativity. Our initiative, which transforms cartons into reusable bags, was recognized as one of the top five innovative projects in Malawi.



This achievement was a direct result of our commitment to imparting skills for life into our scouts. By empowering them with creative problem-solving skills, we're shaping the next generation of leaders and change-makers.

The Commonwealth Day event provided a unique platform for us to showcase our initiative and connect with like-minded individuals, including high-profile dignitaries such as the Commonwealth Ambassador to Malawi.

This experience has not only broadened our horizons but also reinforced the importance of

equipping our scouts with skills that can drive positive change in their communities.

As we look to the future, we're committed to continuing this work, inspiring and empowering more young people to become innovative problem-solvers and active contributors to their communities.

Solar Lightening In Rural Primary Schools



As a scouting organization, we've successfully bridged the gap between non-formal education and formal education. In rural areas, limited access to electricity hindered students' academic progress. We embarked on providing solar lightening in rural primary school as one way of promoting education in these areas. This initiative not only enhanced learning environments but also empowered scouts with lifelong skills, such as solar installation. We're proud to have made a tangible impact on education, fostering a brighter future for generations to come. By combining scouting values with practical skills, we've created a holistic approach to education. Our solar lighting project has improved academic outcomes, reduced barriers to education, and equipped young people with marketable skills. This groundbreaking initiative demonstrates scouting's potential to drive positive change. By leveraging our network and expertise, we can address pressing issues, promote education, and empower young people to become active citizens.

Through scouting, we're transforming lives and communities. Our solar lighting project is a shining example of how innovative thinking, collaboration, and a commitment to education can drive meaningful impact.



The teachers' remarks and speeches during the project's implementation have been truly inspiring, motivating us to continue making a difference. We are forever grateful for your support. Emmanuel Goker, the teacher at the primary school, says solar energy has brought major improvements “When we give students homework, they can do it in the evening without having to get their parents to get them a lantern.

Learning goes on in the night now because students have electricity in their classes.” Friends and family thank you for your selflessness and dedication to empowering education in Malawi have left an indelible mark.



HEAD OF DELIGATION IN EGYPT DURING 43rd WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE



As Rover Commissioner, I was deeply honored to lead the delegation to the World Scout Conference in Egypt. The experience in vibrant Cairo was truly unforgettable. My participation went beyond merely listening to presentations and voting on policies; I was determined to contribute meaningfully by sharing insightful reflections.

I provided thoughtful commentary on how globally crafted policies directly or indirectly impact our local communities. This opportunity enabled me to amplify the voices of our scouts, ensuring their concerns and needs are considered in global decision-making processes.

The World Scout Conference in Egypt was a transformative experience that broadened my perspective and deepened my understanding of scouting's global landscape. I returned home inspired, equipped with fresh insights, and eager to implement meaningful changes that benefit our scouting community here in Malawi.



During my time in Egypt, I had the privilege of witnessing the unveiling of the World Organization of the Scout Movement's new logo and embracing the new scout motto: "Ready for Life," which replaces the traditional "Be Prepared." This motto serves as a powerful reminder of our readiness to take on life's adventures, challenges, and impactful initiatives. I was also honored to participate in various voting processes, including:

- ✓ The selection of the host country for the 44th World Scout Conference, which was awarded to the United Kingdom.
- ✓ The determination of the host countries for the next World Scout Jamboree, which was jointly awarded to Denmark.
- ✓ The choice of the host country for the next World Scout Moot, which was awarded to Taiwan.

These experiences not only deepened my understanding of the global scouting community but also underscored the importance of collaborative decision-making in shaping the future of scouting.

BRONZE AWARD



I was deeply inspired to witness the Bronze Wolf Award ceremony, the highest honor bestowed upon individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to scouting. This momentous occasion celebrated the selfless dedication and tireless efforts of remarkable individuals who have shaped the world of scouting.

The event was a powerful reminder of the profound impact that committed individuals can have on our global community. I was equally impressed by the outstanding achievements of various National Scout Organizations (NSOs), particularly Tanzania, Kenya, and Rwanda, which have demonstrated remarkable membership growth and development.

Witnessing these accomplishments was a poignant reminder of the transformative power of scouting. It motivated me to redouble my efforts and strive for excellence in our own scouting initiatives, inspiring a brighter future for generations to come.

CULTURAL EXHIBITION



The World Scout Conference featured a captivating cultural exhibition event, showcasing the rich diversity of scouting worldwide. This vibrant gathering provided a unique opportunity for me to connect with scouts from diverse cultural backgrounds, fostering global understanding and friendship.

During the event, I had the privilege of meeting Her Royal Highness Princess Sama Faissal Al Saud from Saudi Arabia. We exchanged bracelets as a symbol of our newfound friendship and to promote the relationship between Malawi Scouts and Saudi Arabia.

This memorable encounter not only broadened my cultural awareness but also reinforced the scouting values of unity, diversity, and global citizenship. The exhibition itself was a treasure trove of scouting heritage, featuring an array of displays, artifacts, and interactive experiences that showcased the unique traditions and customs of different nations.

PROJECT PRESENTATION AT THE SDGs HALL



I had the privilege of collaborating with the World Scout Foundation at the SDGs Hall, where I shared our plastic recycling projects with Alwaleed Philanthropies. These initiatives, which we've been implementing in Malawi, aim to address the critical issue of plastic waste and promote sustainable development.

It was an honor to present our projects to esteemed representatives, including HRH Princess Lamia bint Majed Saud, HRH Sama Faissal Al Saud, and the Deputy CEO Nicole Gooderson, of the World Scout Foundation. Their genuine interest in learning about our plastic recycling and soap-making initiatives was truly inspiring.

Our projects align with the World Scout Foundation's efforts to empower young people to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By working together, we can create a more sustainable future and promote positive change in our communities.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN SCOUTING



I had the privilege of facilitating a discussion on diversity and inclusion in scouting at the World Scout Conference. This experience allowed me to share our successes and challenges in promoting scouting in rural Malawi and the Dzaleka Refugee Camp. The World Scout Conference provided an ideal platform for me to facilitate a discussion on diversity and inclusion in scouting. I shared our experiences and best practices, while learning from fellow scouts and organizations committed to inclusive scouting. As a facilitator at the World Scout Conference, I engaged with scouts from diverse backgrounds, sharing insights on our scouting initiatives in rural Malawi through the impact of Berkshire scout and the Dzaleka Refugee Camp. This exchange of ideas and experiences reinforced the importance of inclusive scouting.

Facilitating the diversity and inclusion discussion at the World Scout Conference was a highlight of my scouting journey. I appreciated the opportunity to share our scouting story, highlighting the impact of our programs in rural Malawi and the Dzaleka Refugee Camp.

KISC AND WORLD SCOUT RECEPTION

I participated in a reception hosted by the Kander Steg International Scout Centre (KISC). This experience provided valuable insights into KISC's programs and volunteering opportunities in Switzerland.

The reception highlighted the Mini Jamboree campsite in the Swiss Alps and KISC's efforts in shaping responsible leaders. I was impressed by their commitment to empowering young people.



Additionally, I attended a reception for the World Scout Foundation, learning about initiatives supported by their effort.

As a Young Baden-Powell Fellow, reconnecting with friends from Switzerland was a memorable experience, reinforcing global connections within the scouting community.



I urge Malawi Scouts to seize volunteering opportunities at Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC). After meeting with the Director, I was inspired to encourage our scouts to apply for short-term or long-term positions.

The Director of KISC emphasized the importance of Malawian scouts taking advantage of available opportunities.

Let's empower our young people to apply, fostering global connections, leadership skills, and personal growth.

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT STRENGTHEN LOCAL AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

2024 has been a remarkable year, marked by significant partnerships initiated through my office. I firmly believe in the power of collaboration, and our partnerships have yielded impressive results. Notably, we have established a strong partnership with Berkshire Scouts through Project Africa, which has already led to incredible achievements.



Through Facebook, I connected with the Chair of Project Africa, an initiative by Berkshire Scouts from the UK. Impressed by the scouting activities I shared on the 1st Facebook Scout page; they expressed interest in discussing further.

We began chatting, and they shared their plans to visit Malawi in the summer. My office worked closely with them to ensure a smooth preparation process, providing support and assistance whenever needed.

The Berkshire Scouts' summer trip to Malawi was a remarkable success. Their project focused on building improvements at Joshua Orphanage in Blantyre, leaving a lasting impact on the community. Witnessing such initiatives firsthand was truly inspiring, demonstrating the power of international scouting collaborations in driving positive change.



I proudly regard Berkshire Scouts as more than friends, they're our dear brothers. Their unwavering support has significantly impacted our scouting community. Beyond achieving their goal of building Joshua Primary School, they generously provided scouting materials to scouts in the southern region. Their donation of camping gear, including tents, has revolutionized our camping experiences. With essential equipment and cooking utensils in stock, camping has become enjoyable and stress-free.

Their support extends to various areas:

- ✓ Sewing machines to promote self-reliant in terms of funds generation
- ✓ Farming equipment for Food for Life activities
- ✓ Carpentry tools for skills development
- ✓ Footballs and netballs to encourage sportsmanship
- ✓ Computer gadgets to integrate technology into scouting

Recently, their support enabled us to participate in JOTA/JOTI, an online event that broadened our horizons. Berkshire Scouts' commitment to empowering our community is truly inspiring.

Why Integrating Computers Into Scouting?



My office introduced an initiative to integrate computers into scouting, expanding our activities and promoting digital inclusion, especially in rural areas.

The enthusiasm shown by young people in learning computer skills and connecting with fellow scouts worldwide has been remarkable.

We're grateful to the Berkshire Scouts for supporting our proposal, enabling us to make a significant impact. With access to computers, our scouts can now participate in international events like JOTA/JOTI.

Our future plans include establishing a comprehensive information hub where scouts can access knowledge, integrate technology into scouting, and foster a culture of innovation and collaboration. The computers have opened up new opportunities for our young scouts. They're now able to learn essential skills like typing, as well as other fundamental aspects of scouting.

This integration of technology into our scouting programs is exactly the direction we need to move in – empowering our youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in today's digital world.

INTERNATION SCOUT EXPERIENCE

We shared a life-changing international scouting experience with Berkshire Scouts during their summer visit to Malawi, strengthening our bond. Berkshire Scouts generously presented each participating scout with a scarf and Africa badge, symbolizing our newfound friendships.



Malawi Scouts enthusiastically shared their expertise in soap-making with Berkshire Scouts, expertly facilitated by Commissioner Jwack from Chikwawa. This unforgettable cultural exchange embodied the scouting spirit, forging global connections and lifelong friendships. The summer visit by Berkshire Scouts was a landmark moment in our scouting history, marking the beginning of a lasting partnership. Through shared scouting activities and skills exchanges, our scouts developed invaluable cultural awareness and friendships.

This international scouting experience will forever be etched in our memories, inspiring future generations of scouts.



PROJECT AFRICA BADGE PRESENTATION TO UK SCOUTS



As Rover Commissioner, I was deeply humbled to present the Project Africa badge to the UK scouts who participated in the Berkshire summer project in Malawi. This experience was truly amazing. Accompanied by the Chair of Project Africa, I had the privilege of recognizing the outstanding contributions of these young scouts, celebrating their dedication to international



scouting and community development. The Project Africa badge will forever symbolize the remarkable impact these UK scouts had in Malawi, reminding them of their incredible achievements and the difference they made.

Their summer was filled with life-changing experiences, creating a treasure trove of stories and memories that will inspire them for a lifetime.

FUTURE PLANS WITH BERKSHIRE SCOUTS



Exciting plans are underway for future collaborations between Berkshire Scouts and Malawi Scouts. The Berkshire Scouts have graciously invited Malawi Scouts to attend the Wings Council in the United Kingdom in 2026.

This incredible opportunity will provide Malawi scouts with unparalleled experiences, including visits to iconic destinations such as Brownsea Island, the birthplace of scouting, and Gilwell Park, a renowned scouting hub.

This international exchange will not only broaden the scouts' horizons but also foster global friendships, cultural understanding, and a deeper appreciation for the scouting movement.

LASTING IMPACT OF BERKSHIRE SCOUT IN MILO, MALAWI



The Berkshire scouts' legacy in Malawi is a testament to the power of community engagement and youth empowerment. Beyond their impressive infrastructure projects, including the community building at Joshua Orphanage and school renovations, they have instilled a sense of purpose and belonging among the young people of Milo village.

The newly established scout group has become a beacon of hope and opportunity, providing a safe space for young people to connect, learn, and grow. Through scouting, they are developing essential life skills, building confidence, and forming lasting friendships.

The Berkshire scouts' ongoing support has been instrumental in the movement's growth, inspiring the local community to embrace the values of scouting. As the movement continues to gain momentum, it is clear that the Berkshire scouts' legacy will have a lasting impact on the lives of young people in Malawi.



The Berkshire scouts imparted invaluable life skills to local scouts in Blantyre. These skills have empowered Malawian scouts to drive positive change within their communities. A notable example of these skills transfer is the renovation of school desks. Inspired by the Berkshire scouts, Malawian scouts launched their own initiative, "Off the Flow Project," to refurbish school desks in their community. Through this project, scouts are ensuring that every student has a functional desk to use during school hours.

This grassroots initiative demonstrates the scouts' commitment to improving their community's education infrastructure. By taking ownership of this project, Malawian scouts are not only enhancing their community's educational experience but also developing essential skills in leadership, problem-solving, and community service.

EDUCATION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE INITIATIVE



Early this year, we identified a pressing concern: the decline of young girls' education due to early pregnancy. Many girls drop out of primary school, losing motivation to continue their studies after giving birth. As scouts, we drafted a project to address this issue and posted it on the Scout Donation Platform. I invited friends and networks to contribute and be part of this life-changing initiative.

Thanks to their generosity, we successfully raised funds and embarked on this impactful project, empowering young girls to continue their education and build a brighter future.

My office brought together a group of enthusiastic young leaders committed to scouting. As a team, we worked tirelessly on this project, successfully engaging with numerous young girls and empowering them to reach their full potential.



The project focused on empowering young girls who became pregnant unintentionally, emphasizing the importance of returning to school. We provided motivation and support to help them overcome the stigma, discrimination, and hurtful comments they faced.

Through this initiative, we created a safe and open platform for these young girls to share the challenges they encountered and collaborate with us to find solutions. By amplifying their voices and concerns, we worked together to address the obstacles that hindered their education and well-being.

The project's impact was nothing short of remarkable, as young girls passionately expressed their desire to return to school and reclaim their education.

Our interactions revealed a profound transformation, as these young girls transitioned from uncertainty to determination, eager to resume their studies and build a brighter future.



Through our intervention, we provided essential learning materials to the young girls we reached, accompanied by heartfelt encouragement, reminding them that they possess the potential to achieve far more than they ever thought possible. Witnessing these young girls enroll in school was a truly rewarding experience, a testament to the transformative power of our project and the resilience of these remarkable individuals.

Our intervention revealed a significant obstacle hindering young girls' education; the lack of electricity in schools and homes, making evening study impossible. Alice, one of our team leaders, proposed an innovative solution - providing solar-powered bulbs to enable the girls to study after dark.

We expanded our outreach and distributed solar bulbs

to the girls, empowering them to continue their studies despite the lack of electricity. This thoughtful initiative has made a tangible difference in their educational journey.



Food For Life Project for Teen Mothers



As part of the project, we incorporated entrepreneurship skills training for the teen mothers, aiming to equip them with income-generating abilities to support themselves and their children. We introduced the "Food Life Project," teaching them innovative methods for growing vegetables in sacks and small gardens.

To ensure their success, we provided the necessary materials, including seeds and other essential supplies. By empowering these young mothers with agricultural skills, we enabled them to achieve financial stability and independence.



The journey has been truly inspiring, witnessing teen mothers enthusiastically embrace this initiative. Seeing them take ownership of their livelihoods, nurture their gardens, and cultivate a sense of self-sufficiency has been a heartwarming testament to their resilience and determination.

Expansion Of The Project To Other Scout Groups



We expanded the project's reach by partnering with additional scout groups, emphasizing the importance of education and encouraging scouts to remain in school. We cautioned them against engaging in detrimental behaviors that could jeopardize their academic pursuits.

Through interactive sessions, we underscored the value of education, empowering scouts to make informed choices about their future. Furthermore, we distributed exercise books and other essential learning materials to numerous scouts, providing them with the tools necessary to succeed academically.

To everyone who generously contributed to this project through the Scout Donation Platform, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your support has made a tangible difference, and the impact has been truly remarkable.

We invite you to continue supporting future projects, as your contributions will enable us to expand our reach and empower even more young lives. Thank you again for your kindness and commitment to creating positive change!



Key Achievements

- 1. Support 30 Teen Mothers as we provided crucial assistance, encouragement, and resources to help teen mothers continue their education, breaking the cycle of poverty.
- 2. Benefit 150 Children; we offered learning materials, promoting access to quality education and empowering young minds to reach their full potential.

Our project has not only improved the lives of individual beneficiaries but also contributed to:

- 1. Reducing Dropout Rates: By providing support and resources, we've helped reduce the number of students dropping out of school.
- 2. Promoting Education: Our initiative has emphasized the importance of education, inspiring a love for learning among beneficiaries in Chikwawa and Blantyre.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every donor, supporter, and well-wisher who has contributed to this project. Your trust, generosity, and commitment to empowering education have made a tangible difference in the lives of our beneficiaries. Together, let's continue to create positive change and inspire a brighter future for all!

Taking Action for the Environment

Through my office, I've been deeply committed to inspiring scouts to take action towards environmental conservation. Our Rover Scouts have taken this initiative to the next level by engaging with local communities, including hospitals, to promote a cleaner environment.



It's no secret that many of our hospitals require significant improvements in their environmental health. In response, our scouts have taken proactive steps to reach out to these communities and drive positive change.

Key Initiatives:

1. Cleaning up plastic waste: Our scouts have organized clean-up initiatives to collect and dispose of plastic waste, promoting a healthier environment for patients, staff, and the community.
2. Sensitizing communities: Through awareness campaigns and educational programs, our scouts have empowered community members to take ownership of environmental conservation and adopt sustainable practices.

By engaging with local communities and promoting environmental stewardship, our scouts are inspiring a culture of sustainability and responsibility. Together, we can create a cleaner, healthier, and more environmentally conscious world for future generations

Scouting In Malawi Makes Headlines

2024 has been a remarkable year for scouting in Malawi, with our efforts being featured in local newspapers. This media coverage has been a game-changer, shining a spotlight on the positive impact of scouting in our communities.



Raising Awareness and Visibility

The newspaper features have not only showcased our projects and initiatives but have also helped to raise awareness, informing the public about the scouting movement and its benefits. Increase visibility, positioning scouting as a valuable and relevant organization in Malawi and Inspire engagement, through encouraging more young people and adults to join the scouting movement.

A Platform for Storytelling

The media coverage has provided a platform for us to share our stories, highlighting the;

1. Positive impact: Scouting's influence on young people's lives, communities, and the environment.
2. Diversity and inclusivity: Showcasing the diversity of our members and the inclusive nature of our organization.
3. Community service: Emphasizing our commitment to community development and social responsibility.

Proverb

Youths strengthen hygiene, sanitation

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Malawi Scouts national rover commissioner Edward Nyamwera says youths are obliged to strengthen hygiene and sanitation.

He made the sentiments last Saturday in Chikwawa when about scouts cleaned Chikwawa District Hospital.

Nyamwera said the initiative aimed to inculcate a humanitarian spirit in youths in fostering hygiene in public places such as hospitals.

"The hospital was littered with plastic waste and other materials that posed a threat to patients' lives and the environment," he said.

He challenged youths in the country that for them to be effective in humanitarian activities they should establish income-generating activities.

Speaking on behalf of the youths, Mary Rapiyawo and Bridget Ndalama said good hospital hygiene is vital because it helps patients and health workers in preventing infection.

Chikwawa District Hospital nursing officer Gladson Chima, who is also the district's infection prevention and control coordinator, said the scouts cleared bushes and removed trash which could serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. ■



PHOTOGRAPH: HOLYCE KHOLOWA

Some scouts clean the plastic wastes as the hospital

We're grateful for the opportunity to share our story with a wider audience and look forward to continuing to make a positive impact in Malawi.