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### **The reviewed Wood Badge framework**

Dear Friends,

Last year, we celebrated 100 years of the Wood Badge. This is a significant milestone since the first Wood Badge training course in 1919. Since then, Wood Badge training has played a pivotal role in shaping the adults of our Movement, and is a symbol of the extraordinary dedication and leadership that adult volunteers contribute to Scouting around the world.

The World Scout Conference in Brazil through Conference Resolution 2011-11 requested the World Scout Committee to develop and distribute guidelines that support the implementation of the World Adults in Scouting Policy, including the Wood Badge Scheme. The Wood Badge Framework was developed after the Conference, serving as a tool to harmonise the training principles of adults serving in Scouting and strengthen the sense of unity within the Movement.

Based on the review of the World Adults in Scouting Policy in 2017, and progress in understanding and developing National training schemes, the need for a Wood Badge Framework review was highlighted.

The reviewed Framework is now available for reference and use [here](#), a result of the collaborative efforts between educational experts, Wood Badge holders and National Scout Organization (NSO) training structures all across the world.

The reviewed Wood Badge Framework supports the common understanding about the main global principles of Adults in Scouting and provides a framework for the training, development and recognition of all adults, regardless of their role or appointment. Additionally, it encourages NSOs to equip Adults in Scouting with the needed and essential competencies for quality delivery of the Youth Programme and personal development as part of the lifelong learning process.

This revised document also includes the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wood Badge beads embedded back into the Framework. This makes the Framework a more complete document, and reinforces the progression open to adults, while allowing NSOs discretion in how they implement or maintain these traditions in their training and adult development structures.

If you have any questions or need assistance, kindly contact Tadej Pugelj ([tadej.pugelj@scout.org](mailto:tadej.pugelj@scout.org)), Director for Adult Resources and Volunteer Development at the World Scout Bureau.

Yours in Scouting,

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