

# international projects charter



We, members of the Eclaireuses and Eclaireurs de France, state that the international dimension of guiding and scouting can be experienced at every level of our association, and in every field of our activities. In France as well as abroad, within youth projects, in local groups, and in scout-centres, international actions are remarkable ways of affirming our educational values: open-mindedness, discovery of the world around us, education to solidarity.

Youngsters play an active role in the project approach by taking part in the preparation, construction, and implementation. They are involved in the choices and decisions regarding the development and evolution of the action.

## We pledge to :

### *Discover the other, discover ourselves, know ourselves*

Confrontation to a different environment is essential for building of personality and personal fulfilment. Through meetings and exchanges, the discovery of the other makes possible the knowledge of other cultures, and of past and present realities of other countries.

For the stakeholders, this confrontation is at the source of personal development, and of knowledge of one's self. It is through others that we can reach awareness of ourself, of who we are, of our social, political and family environment.

### *Experience and allow to experience interculturality*

Our approach and our actions make possible and stimulate exchanges. The intercultural meeting is made possible, and is constructed through the development of a common action (discovery projects, exchange projects or solidarity projects) in which every stakeholder acknowledges the other and recognises what he/she brings to the project.

We are ambassadors of our commitment and of our culture, we want recognition and acknowledgement of others.

It is through this encounter that each youngster and adult builds his path towards global citizenship.

### *Building together: partnerships*

The joint realisation of an action is based on a partner-type relationship which develops the open-mindedness of the stakeholders. The building of the project is the occasion for an encounter that goes beyond the goal of the action itself. Guiding and scouting, through its worldwide network, offers many opportunities of partnership.

We wish to maintain a balanced relationship by offering reciprocity in our partnership. In order to do this, we commit to act in favour of free-circulation and of the correct welcoming of all project leaders.

Through their diversity and their specificity, all international projects that we carry out within the EEDF association will take into account the spirit of this charter.

This Charter of international projects is vibrant. It will become what we want to do out of it all together!



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