



Founders' Day

On Founders' Day, Scouts around the world celebrate the birthday of the Movement's founder Robert Baden-Powell. Creating a better world is at the very heart of the Scout movement so we're making this Founder's Day a Day of Action, in honour of the values on which Scouting is founded, and in recognition of B-P's own reputation as a man of action. This resource has been taken from the WOSM's [scout.org](https://www.scout.org/5_simple_ways_to_make_difference_Founders_Day) page on recommended actions for you to help make a difference:

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1. Plant a Tree

Forests help regulate our climate, and the air we breathe. They provide water, food and sustenance to millions of people, and are home to some of the world's most iconic species. But forests are under attack. Every 30 seconds, 13 hectares of forest disappears. In a minute, 1,000 years of evolution is undone. Scouting is all about nature – BP once said that those who were blind to the beauties of nature missed half the pleasure of life – so get outside and plant a tree. For BP, yourself and our planet.



2. HeforShe

Women and girls make up half the world's population, but even in the 21st century equality remains a long way off. In some countries, girls are denied the opportunity to reach their full potential, kept away from school or forced to marry when they're still children. In many others, women get paid far less than equally qualified men doing the same job and make up only a tiny percentage of people in decision-making positions, either in politics or business. The UN's HeForShe initiative brings men and women together, to fight for equality and ensure women and girls everywhere have equal rights and access to opportunity. Speak up and show your support for HeForShe this Founder's Day.



3. Grow the Movement

There are more than 50 million Scouts around the world – that’s just over twice the number of people that there are in Australia - but we want to be even bigger. This Founder’s Day, reach out to your friends and community. Bring them along to your next event, and show them how much fun Scouts have. Together, we can reach our goal of becoming the world’s largest educational youth movement by 2023, with a membership of 100 million Scouts!



4. Support Scouts

Look at ways you can raise money to support your Group and donate to international scouting projects on scout.org. Many Scout Groups in poorer parts of the world would benefit from your support. Your section could research one of these and commit to raising funds for your Group and them at the same time. You could also fundraise for international humanitarian organisations, such as the Red Cross or UNICEF.



5. Share a Meal

We live in a world where we produce more than enough food to feed everyone, yet one in nine of the world’s population – some 800 million people – are still going to bed hungry. One in three people suffer malnutrition, and many parents are unable to provide their children with a nutritious meal. Do something to tackle the problem. Share a meal with someone in need this Founder’s Day and help fight hunger. You could raise money for a local social justice charity or an NGO who works with the homeless. Why not run a cake sale or a supper for parents with all proceeds going to the needy?

