



# Virtual YOUTH 2020

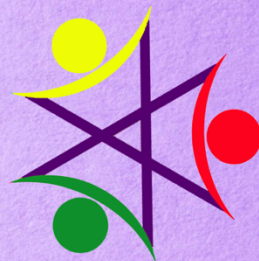
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# FORUM

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## VIRTUAL YOUTH FORUM KICKED OFF

Opening Ceremony of Nepal Scouts- Virtual Youth Forum has been successfully kicked off with 80 plus Rover Ranger participants from all over Nepal. The Forum is being conducted on the administration of Mr. Devraj Ghimire, Forum Director (WOSM consultant). The event started with the welcome note from Director of Nepal Scouts Ram Prasad Bhattarai followed by remarks from Bronwyn Hughes - Chair of Asia Pacific Regional Committee WAGGGS, Jose Rizal C. Pangilinan- Regional Director World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Center and special remarks by Nepal Scouts Ad-Hoc Committee National Coordinator Lok Bahadur Bhandari.

The event was then followed by the introduction of the forum and was ended with Key Note Session by Steve Tyas-Vice Chairman APR Program Subcommittee WOSM.

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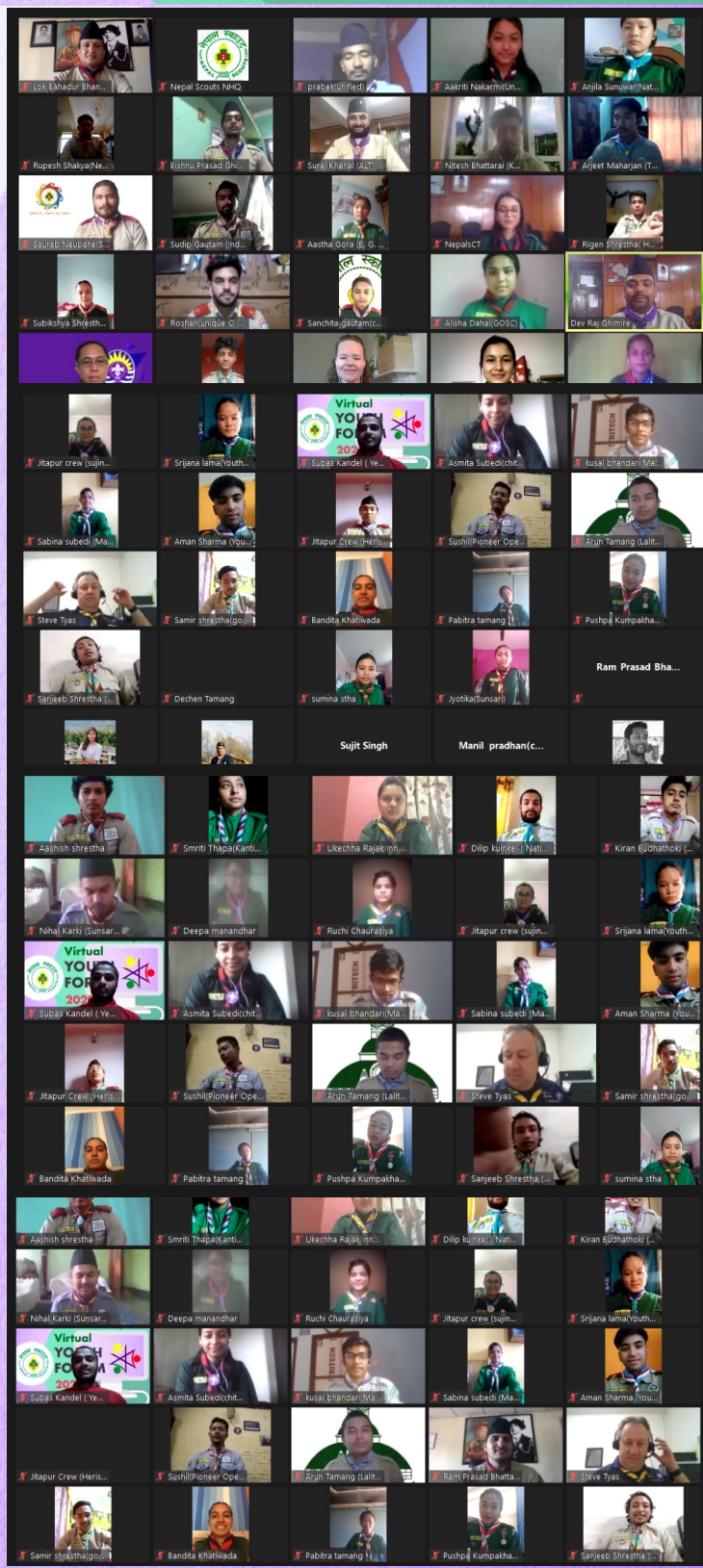
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# MESSAGE

## FROM FORUM DIRECTOR



**Dev Raj Ghimire – WOSM Consultant**  
Forum Director

Namaste, I am very pleased to welcome you to Nepal Scouts-Virtual Youth Forum 2020.

This Year's main theme "Youth For Change-Resilience during Pandemic" is timely and demanding. The need for a platform to bring the interests and responses of the youth together for the Resilience of the individual and community during COVID 19 pandemic has been the purpose of this forum.

This Forum will be valuable to gain the experiences and knowledge on how to make democratic decisions together, work collectively and use this network to carry out constructive roles in future. This Forum will have interactive sessions where all participants will get a chance to participate actively in the event, they will also be sharing their inputs, making group decisions and using effective dialogue skills to avoid conflicts during the Forum.

The Forum entails outstanding sessions on various topics which will be delivered by professionals/volunteers across the globe. The forum will also ensure that Youth take part in organizing, participating and making recommendations in the Forum. The highly engaging Forum will provide multiple opportunities in building lifelong skills.

In conclusion, the theme and topic of the Forum is vital to the future by being resilient and building capacity. I am looking very much forward to the exchange of knowledge and experiences. Thank you.

# WELCOME

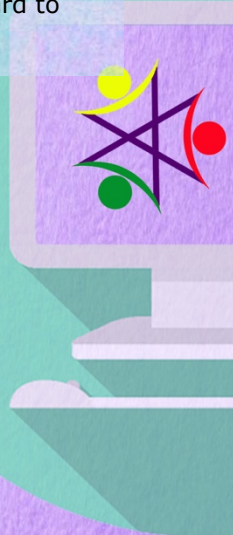
## FROM DIRECTOR OF NEPAL SCOUTS



**Ram Prasad Bhattarai – Director of Nepal Scouts**  
Forum Advisor

Youth Forum is the platform to explore leadership competency of youth members of our Organization. This forum will provide opportunity to our young adults to discuss about the current scenario and the importance of youth leadership in the decision-making level. We are hoping get an impressive feedback from this forum as recommendation, which will guide us for the planning of our program and priorities.

This Youth forum will encourage the participants to represent the voices of Youths that will be taken into consideration in decision making process. The recommendations will be taken as the guidance for the revision of Youth Programme.





# MESSAGE FROM KEY LEADERS



**Lok Bahdur Bhandari**  
National Coordinator, Ad-Hoc Committee

"Nepal Scouts has always been proud of the roles played by Rovers and Rangers in contributing to the making of the constructive community. The energy and passion of Rover/Rangers have influenced the community locally and internationally multiple times. He also encouraged to take part in events like Youth Forum to build their skills and welcome their inputs to create a better world. This is a very good opportunity to create a good network and come up with many solutions to help the community."



**Bronwyn Hughes**  
Chair, Asia Pacific Regional Committee

"Appreciated the efforts of Nepal Scouts to engage young people in the scouting activities through the initiatives of WAGGGS like Free Being Me, Surf Smart and Leadership Mindsets. Youth Forum has provided a great chance for participants to meet with others, make friends and also to bring forward their recommendations to Nepal Scouts about what matters to them, what will make the Youth Programme REAL (Relevant, Exciting, Accessible and Learner-led), what are the issues that participants are passionate about seeing change in their communities."



**JR C. Pangalinan**  
Regional Director, WSB - APR Support Center

"This is the first of its kind and believe that it will open opportunities for Rovers and Rangers to discuss issues in this Youth Forum. The young people facing the pressure in today's society range from the usual examination stress, the worries about future job prospects and to the non-stop barrage of social media, alarming global news - some are fake news. The fundamental skill in coping with such stresses is resilience - the ability to bounce back."





# KEY NOTE SESSION



**Steve Tyas**

Chairman, APR Youth Programme Sub Committee

## Scouts Australia's Resilience Research

This session was focused to give some context around the recent research on the resilience outcomes of Scouting, an inquiry into what it is about Scouting that gives participants great resilience. This work became suddenly particularly important as the global pandemic pushed both Schooling and Scouting at Home.

In 2019, Scouts Australia teamed up with Resilient Youth Australia to try to understand some of the benefits to young people of their involvement in Australian Scouting. Following was the key conclusions from the research in resilience from Scouting, Scouts demonstrated:

- higher levels of resilience
- a greater sense of belonging and
- more emotional intelligence than their non-Scouting peers.

The session also explained the brand new youth program implanted by Scouts Australia from 2019. The new program is heavily influenced by the World Scout Youth Program Policy, and the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy. Some key concepts of the new program include a focus on the young person at the centre of their own scouting journey of personal development; that the program is youth led, and supported by adults; and that opportunities for leadership development appear throughout, for every young person to have a go. We have put a major and renewed focus on the educational Purpose of Scouting, and ensuring that adults and youth understand and use the Scout Method.



# COMMITTEES

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