



Who are we?

Spiriteco is a network of WOSM/WAGGGS members that supports the development of the spiritual dimension for all, based on the principles and essence of Scouting and Guiding.

Open, pluralistic or lay associations have existed since the beginning of Scouting and Guiding. As a result of changes within our society, several of these associations from Europe came together in 2010 to discuss the way Spiritual development is viewed. We quickly agreed on our common definition of “non- confessional” spirituality, however we have felt the need to widen the discussion to Spiritual development in general to include both confessional and non- confessional views. For this reason, we have started a **networking group under the label “Spiriteco”** which means Spirituality in Esperanto; a symbol of our goal – Spirituality for all. In more recent years, our network has grown to include new associations, some of which are also of a confessional origin.

For us, Spirituality is...

- Spiritual development is a pillar of Scout/Guide method.
- Spirituality makes us think about ourselves, our lives and our understanding of others. It allows us to **build our future and give a meaning to it.**
- Spiritual development helps young people to build a value system, which can be personal or shared with others within a structured religion. It encourages **Scouts and Guides to seek their own path.**

What do we plan to do?

We want to contribute to the development of the spiritual dimension of Scouting and Guiding within educational methods worldwide. Spirituality can be experienced in many different ways. Many scouting associations worldwide have made the choice to live spirituality mostly through religious development. Others have taken a different path, and live their spirituality through activities designed to help us to think about our place in the world. Unfortunately, too many associations do not fully experience the spiritual dimension. Either they only partake in rituals without thinking about their meaning, or they do nothing at all. As non-confessional spiritual development exists in many of our associations, we also want this to be recognized as an equally valuable way of developing this dimension in Scouting and Guiding. We do not intend to force anyone to choose one way or another, but we want all associations, confessional or otherwise, to question their practices on spiritual development.

Our Mission

is to create opportunities for every scout and guide to define and develop their personal spiritual path, through support and dialogue that empowers global growth in the spiritual dimension

Our Vision

By 2023, Spiriteco will be a worldwide connected network with a relevant structure. We will be recognized for our contribution in supporting WOSM/WAGGGS members to provide spiritual development adapted to a changing society. We want to achieve this through advocacy, training, activities and sharing best practice.



Spiriteco is currently active at European level. The network has met regularly over recent years to discuss our vision for spiritual development and also how to put this vision into action. We have prepared workshops for youths attending international events to help them development in an active way. We have led workshop at Roverway 2012 (European event for 16-22 y.o. scouts and guides), at the World Jamboree 2015 and at the World Moot 2017 . We have lead training session for leaders in WOSM Accademy (European training course on different topics) 2015, 2016 and 2017. We were present with workshop at the European Guides and Scouts Conference 2013 and 2016 and at the World Guides Conference 2017...
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