

AGESCI
Growth Seminar

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+ OUR GROWTH AIM



- The aim of our Association (AGESCI) is to answer to the needs of the youth and of our social setting.
- Our strategy is to plan Growth through development initiatives, aiming at building special relationships with local actors.

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- Our main goal is to help our youth become adults responsible and able to plan their own life in order to love and build a world without borders.
- The Association has the responsibility to plan growth with a global approach providing educational models in order to develop local realities.

+ It's a chain of responsibilities...

- A development plan should involve the association as a whole:
 - the “district”
 - the “leaders community”
 - the single leader



Leaders accept the responsibility of being part of a “big family” involved in the education of the youth generations.

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It's a matter of quality...

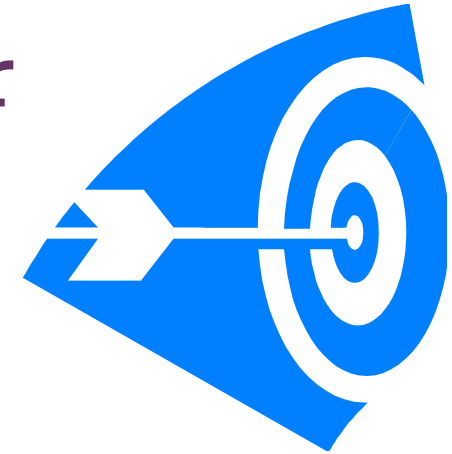
- AGESCI firmly believes in its educational role and consider development as a result of the natural and consequential growth of the Association in terms of quality.
- Quantitative growth has only a marginal importance.



+ Quality in Leaders' training leads to Growth

- Leaders' training is at the core of growth. In the last years AGESCI has been working hardly on this issue to bring adult training more sharply into focus:
 - it has rewritten the Handbook for leaders' training
 - it has renewed the "Leader's Project"
- The Leader's project is a fundamental tool for Leaders. It is used to support planning the leader's personal growth which will be eventually assessed within the leaders' community. This tool is an answer to the training needs of each Adult volunteer who is aware of the value of the Association's training initiatives and heavily draws on them.
- Quality in adult training is an absolute value for AGESCI and it is through training that a culture of growth is created.

+ A National Commissioner for Development



- Strongly believing in its educational mission, during the last General Assembly (2009) AGESCI decided to appoint a National Commissioner for Development, whose main objectives are:
 - Promote Scouting and Guiding
 - Support development initiatives and actions
 - Help in recruiting new leaders
 - Evaluate and compare models, experiences and strategies associated to scout and guide development both at national and international level.



Some key words and sentences on development

- Social setting and Development
- No – first focus on development and then on local community
- Yes– first understand local community and then figure out the way to intervene
- = DEDUCTION AND INDUCTION _ = >DEVELOPMENT = growth = improve community's identity
- **Understanding** one's own identity
- **Sharing** ideas on development to see whether everyone aims at the same thing
- **Being Aware:** Understand the environment and the local context



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- Know the people who live in the area
- Understand the local area;
- Long-lasting Training: linking heart, passion, will and intelligence
- Clear Goals
- Networking
- Maintain continuity
- Evaluations
- Collaboration with local resources
- Political analysis



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