



NSR 2025

Glostrup 17th to 19th of January



Workshop 2

Workshop Summary: Collaborative Initiatives for Environment and Climate

Following Hans Jakob Eriksen's presentation on the environment and climate, participants engaged in group discussions facilitated by pre-assigned coordinators and rapporteurs. The groups shared insights, proposals, and recommendations for Lions' potential involvement in environmental initiatives.

Key Themes and Recommendations

1. Collaboration on Environmental Issues

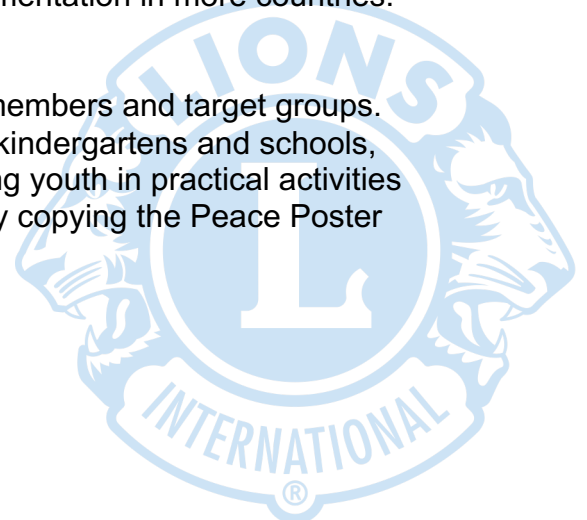
- All groups emphasized the importance of Nordic cooperation, leveraging shared challenges across the region.
- Suggestions included:
 - A **common Nordic Environment Day**, potentially on June 5th (World Environment Day), where Lions Clubs across countries could organize activities, such as cleanup efforts or school collaborations.
 - Enhancing coordination among **MD (Multiple District) coordinators** to support joint projects.
 - Encouraging Lions clubs to collaborate with local organizations, schools, and kindergartens for practical projects.

2. Promoting Sustainability Through Action

- Lions should lead by example, for instance:
 - Avoiding single-use plastics in their events and activities.
 - Supporting circular consumption by promoting repair cafés and advocating for tax exemptions on repairs.
 - Encouraging better waste management practices, such as recycling, reducing textile waste, and raising awareness of the environmental impact of various industries like construction and transportation.
 - Utilizing existing practices like deposit-return systems for plastic bottles, while advocating for their implementation in more countries.

3. Engaging Younger Generations

- Environmental initiatives can attract younger members and target groups.
- Examples include organizing competitions for kindergartens and schools, such as waste collection contests, and involving youth in practical activities like tree planting or cleanup drives. Perhaps by copying the Peace Poster concept.





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4. Creating Tools and Resources

- Establish a **database of environmental activities and projects** to inspire and guide Lions clubs.
- Develop guidelines to help clubs operate sustainably in their daily activities and events.
- Increase awareness through social media campaigns focusing on facts, pollution, and recycling.

5. Addressing Broader Environmental Issues

- Climate change and pollution must be tackled locally and globally. Examples:
 - Addressing marine plastic pollution through international partnerships.
 - Advocating for sustainable waste management and raising awareness of textile recycling challenges.
- Explore collaboration opportunities with other environmental organizations to amplify impact.

6. Combining Traditional and New Initiatives

- Existing Lions clubs with a traditional focus on humanitarian aid can support new clubs with environmental priorities.
- Projects should bridge the gap between immediate disaster relief and long-term sustainability efforts.

Notable Quotes and Observations

- "We cannot continue as now – status quo is not an option."
- "Children are the key to changing behavior; start with schools and kindergartens."
- "Everything is connected to everything."

Next Steps

The OC group and the group of CC's will get this for their consideration. Hopefully the IR groups considerations regarding future collaboration will incorporate these ideas and proposals into a framework for collaboration, which will include a structured plan for implementation across the Nordic region

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