

# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY ABOUT YOUTHS' ENVIRONMENTAL ATTITUDES, BEHAVIOUR AND KNOWLEDGE.

Dear Scout Leader,

My name is Athina Georgiou Shippi and I am a PhD student at Edinburgh School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, at the University of Edinburgh.

I am conducting a study with the aim to understand teenagers' environmental and conservation attitudes, behaviour, and knowledge. My study also aims to compare results between Scotland and Cyprus.

## WHY IS THIS STUDY IMPORTANT?

Protecting the environment is now considered a global priority which requires changes in human behaviour. Thus, in order to ensure environmental protection in the long term, it is essential to understand what influences youths' pro-environmental attitudes, behaviour, knowledge and the relationships between them.

## HOW CAN YOUR GROUP SUPPORT THIS STUDY?

For this study I need to work with young people who are between 14-17 years old, in a safe and secure environment, asking them to join in a number of activities which are both fun and interesting as well as providing me with data. Thus, you could support this study by allowing me to carry out these activities, ideally within a normal scouts meeting. Please note that all information collected during the activities will remain anonymous.

## WHAT WILL THE ACTIVITIES INVOLVE?

The four activities are designed for groups of 5-8 individuals, so that several groups could work at the same time, and each activity is designed to last about 30-40 minutes.

These activities aim to explore:



1 Nature and biodiversity perceptions and environmental attitudes, behaviour and knowledge.



2 Contact with nature and nature experience.



3 Current and preferred environmental education practices.



4 Experiences with places and personal stories with such places.

## HOW WILL THE RESULTS BE USED?

The results will be published in my PhD thesis, at conference and in Journal publications. The key messages and findings will also be disseminated to you.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you are willing to have your group participate in this study, please let me know which dates between June and October best suit you. I will then send you parent/guardian and explorer information leaflets for you to distribute to your groups.

If you would like extra information or if you would like to discuss any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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