**NSR2021 – NSR COUNCIL DECISION MEETING 17.01.2021**

**13 RECOMMENDTIONS FORM SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

**13.1 Keynote Address and Climate Change workshop / Explorer Pata Degerman**

**The Lions Forest – The biggest forest in the Nordics**

Project that will reduce carbon dioxide in atmosphere. Based on IPCC studies to plan a tree is best one single action against global warming. Idea is to find a common direction for the Nordic Lions Clubs regarding environmental issues starting in 2022. An idea which will improve the Lions Clubs visibility – effectiveness – attractiveness.

Project is measurable

* how many trees are planted
* how much it will reduce the carbon dioxide
* how much oxygen it will produce

Project is scalable and possible to format to other countries or organizations to copy.

**NSR Role** in initial phase of the project

* provide educational and inspirational video that inspires Lions Clubs and/or school children to plant trees
* competition aspect if wanted (friendly competition which MD plants most trees)

**To Lions Clubs** – ideas from the workshop

* arrange the places to plant the trees
* provide the plants and seeds
  + collect seeds and sow them in preorganized areas
  + sell seedlings to public
  + provide an envelope containing seeds for people to put in the ground - either free or with minimal fee
  + give a seedling to every child born in the city and arrange a place where the family can plant the tree
* plant trees
  + schools and children – educational activities “sow a seed, watch it grow, plant the seedling”
  + events for the public – families/clubs planting trees.

**13.2 UN SDG workshops** **/ Executive Director Helena Laukko**

We should change the focus, and look north, instead of (as is today) only helping the southern part of the world. What this in practice could mean is for example to see what could be done for Svalbard, Spitsberg, for the glaciers, and the like.

Think Bigger: Collect the 10 best practices of how to help the environment within the Nordic Lions Clubs should be collected, and share it throughout the Nordics to all Lions Clubs via NSR.

More common Nordic focus should be put on the efforts we are doing for the environment.

**13.3** **Social Exclusion workshop / Researcher Teija Hammar**

To create a development group to found service activity. Purpose of the activity is to offer ways of learning to unemployed people. This can be achieved by mentoring/classes/training. The goal is to help unemployed people to build their skills, interview technics, prepare CV with them and help with social connecting or act as support person for the unemployed people on courses. For the activity to succeed we feel it needs cooperation with Unemployment Office/Ministry of Labour/another organisation. Connect with unemployed in social media, via newspapers offering Lions expertise.

**13.4 NSR Lions Youth Engagement workshop / PID Tapani Rahko**

Invite Leos in NSR cooperation and plan joint projects with Leos.

Improve NSR cooperation in services for youth and increase awareness of the youth programs in order to develop Nordic cooperation.

**13.5** **Lions and External Partners / CED Maarit Kuikka**

Partnership should be one of the key themes in the NSR meeting in Iceland 2022. Both as a keynote presentation and a theme working group. Working group considers partnership as an important topic that should reach a wider audience. We hope planning committee can consider this recommendation.

NSR should help us build Nordic partnerships around mutual Lions activities mobilizing all 50 000 Lions members in Nordic countries. Diabetes youth camp could serve as a pilot of this type of an activity.

**13.6 IR Projects workshop / ID Heimo Potinkara**

Which kind of project proposals the NSR could come up with for the future and what kinds of other forms of cooperation we should develop. New project proposals should come in soon. We could select fromaccepted focus areas sustainability, water projects and tree planting projects. Contact persons from all subject areas could come up with new suggestions. 2025 might be a good time for a next joint Red Feather Campaign.

**13.7 GAT/GLT seminar / PCC Hilde Straumsheim**

The MD GLT group in NSR work together to arrange local institutes like ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institute) or FDI (Faculty Development Institute) in our area when we need it and if LCI cannot arrange it for us.

**13.8 LCIF workshop / PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir**

Recommendation from the LCIF workshop at NSR2021, is that LCIF seminar at NSR should in the future not to be shorter than 2 hours, and LCIF Coordinators from all Nordic countries are encouraged to attend.