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Mission

To encourage, support and represent development of mountaineering and climbing with children and young people, at all levels, beginner to elite, worldwide through training programmes, events and projects; promoting it as an activity of high social and educational value, encouraging healthy lifestyle and respect for the environment.

Objectives

The UIAA Youth Commission will:

- 1 Inspire, assist and enable young participants to achieve their dreams and goals in our sport of climbing, hill walking and mountaineering.
- 2 Promote and encourage safe practices when training and developing climbing and mountaineering skills.
- 3 Provide support to developing countries with climbers and mountaineers who have a limited or no youth climbing/mountaineering programme, and who are not yet UIAA member federations, and encourage them to join the UIAA and develop such programmes. The Commission will provide experience and knowledge to do so.
- 4 Encourage UIAA member federations that currently have no youth programmes to establish them, providing assistance and advice on training facility development and on developing and preserving natural resources, including advice on routesetting.
- 5 Co-ordinate international youth exchanges from member federations and international events through the annual UIAA Global Youth Summit.
- 6 Deliver leader training and development activities and materials for federations, youth leaders and coaches through seminars and on-site training; enabling exchange of ideas and experience within the UIAA member federations.
- 7 Accumulate and provide information on youth climbing and mountaineering, training and development including event organisation advice, criteria and recommendations.
- 8 Support youth participation, in the Olympic movement and Charter by providing information and training to athletes and young participants and continuing established actions with IOC and ARISF.
- 9 Work with other international organisations such as the United Nations and European Union to incorporate global issues into our programmes, to promote healthy lifestyle and wellbeing, and the awareness and respect for the environment in all activities.
- 10 Emphasise the human and social values as well as the adventurous and educational character of climbing and mountaineering amongst young people.
- 11 Develop and maintain mechanisms and groups to enhance continental working and sharing of expertise within regions in a sustainable manner.
- 12 Promote UIAA member federation programmes and work with them to fund international or regional development programmes through sponsorship, grant assistance and partnerships.
- 13 Provide a united 'UIAA youth voice' for climbing and mountaineering.



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Goals

- 1 Support Commission members in their work through raising the profile of events, providing training and resources
- 2 Organise seminars on specific topics of youth coach and leader education.
- 3 Organise an in-country training course per year on request for coaches or youth leaders. Develop some source of funding for travel subsidies of participants.
- 4 Maintain an event organisers' handbook and event standards.
- 5 Develop activities of high educational, human and social values each year, according to United Nations annual themes (eg. *2010 is the UN year of Biodiversity*) working with other international organisations.
- 6 Co-ordinate UIAA international youth camps and Global Youth Summit events each year which are exemplary for their high standard, in particular concerning their educational, human and social values.
- 7 Develop and maintain resources to assist and inspire young participant education and athlete training.
- 8 Develop guidelines on youth leader training and strive for excellence in this field.
- 9 Develop youth good practice guidelines for those mountaineering and climbing with children and young people.
- 10 Develop and enhance communication networks amongst the representatives of the youth organisations, by adopting modern communication networks and tools.
- 11 Identify contact persons in UIAA member federations who would be interested and willing to contribute to UIAA Youth Commission activities and programmes, including them in the communication network.
- 12 Enrich the Youth Commission section of the UIAA web page with updated, valuable sources of information, interactive areas, relevant documents and useful links.
- 13 Create a virtual space where youth can meet and communicate; contribute to creation of links connecting youth worldwide through social networking sites and blogs.
- 14 Facilitate the organisation of Youth Congresses / Meetings where youth interested in climbing and mountaineering can meet and share / exchange opinions / ideas on "hot" and up-to-date topics of widespread, general interest to society and then also provide wide coverage to key outcomes both on the UIAA website and through other communication channels, with the aim of making youth opinions on key topics well known throughout Europe and the rest of the world.
- 15 Interact with other UIAA commissions on specific projects for example Ice Climbing, Mountain protection, Medical, Mountaineering, Safety and other external bodies such as IFSC where applicable.
- 16 Take part in events such as the World Sport Congress to represent youth climbing and mountaineering.