

Below is page 40 from the *Your Voice Your World* Journey book that states, "As a Girl Scout, you're part of a global community—the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)."

Your Global Community

As a Girl Scout, you're part of a global community—the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). This umbrella organization for our worldwide sisterhood, with 10 million members, advocates globally on issues of importance to girls and young women. For WAGGGS, advocacy means "speaking, doing, and educating." WAGGGS has six teams at United Nations locations around the world. The WAGGGS UN team at the United Nations in New York works closely with Girl Scouts of the USA. WAGGGS also provides opportunities for international friendship and understanding through travel. Headquartered at the World Bureau in London, WAGGGS owns and operates four World Centers—in England, Switzerland, India, and Mexico. All are open to visits by Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Read more about WAGGGS at www.waggs.org.

COMMUNITIES HAVE ISSUES

Now reflect back on your community lists, and consider:

What worries people in your communities? What do they get stressed out about? Are schoolkids sick of all the cigarette butts outside the front doors of their schools? Do they need late buses so they can get home after clubs or sports? What needs have people expressed for the neighborhood: more streetlights, a new stop sign, safer parks?

You get the idea; now figure out what matters to the people in your communities that also matters to you. Go back to your community lists and, next to each, jot down or doodle some ideas about possible issues that may need your voice.

(Yes, you can do it!)

And check in with your Girl Scout council. What advocacy issues might your council be involved in right now?

Can you join in?

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VOICES FOR GOOD: WOMEN ADVOCATES THROUGH THE YEARS

1899

Florence Kelley launches the National Consumers' League, which works to persuade the public to buy goods only from companies that meet minimum standards for wages and working conditions. She's also a moving force behind the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906, which enables federal inspection of meat products and prohibits the making of adulterated food products or poisonous patent medicines.