

# Executive Summary

This report presents our findings in the process of evaluating the Roverway concept, to make it an event that truly meets current Rovers' wants and needs. The review is based on a mixed methods research with a number of different stakeholders, including participants, contingent management teams (CMT) and planning teams.

Below, you find summaries of the report's chapters, namely impact, paths, diversity, sustainability and quality.

## 1. Impact

Roverway's impact is measured across participants, NSOs/MOs, and educational outcomes. Our research showed the following findings:

- **Rover Representatives:** The "for rovers, by rovers" model empowers youth leadership, but the RoverRep programme requires clearer expectations. Participants viewed the RoverReps positively, but the contingent management teams (CMTs) noted that they were not fully integrated into the planning process.
- **Educational Impact:** Despite being an educational event, only 8% of participants view education as its defining feature. Instead, they value the Paths (more on this in the Paths chapter), peer leadership, and international experience.
- **NSO/MO Impact:** NSOs/MOs benefit through youth engagement, international partnerships, and the motivation of young people to take on more responsibilities. However, their willingness to invest resources remains moderate.

### Recommendations:

- Refine the **RoverRep role** and make it integral to the event.
- Reconsider the **educational goals** of Roverway to align with participants' priorities.

## 2. Paths

The Paths are a central element of Roverway, distinguishing it from other international events. The review of Paths was a central element of our work and has given the following findings:

- **Centrality of Paths:** The Paths are highly valued by participants as a unique feature of Roverway. They provide a structured but flexible way to explore topics like leadership, social issues, and environmental sustainability in a group setting. All stakeholders agreed that Paths should remain a central element of Roverway.
- **Challenges:** While the concept of Paths is well-received, the quality of these activities can be inconsistent. Some participants noted that the quality of learning varied depending on the facilitator or topic. Further, participants valued Paths especially for the sense of adventure, while educational Paths were not highly regarded. Further, the issue of finding good Path leaders has been repeatedly stated

and must be addressed for future editions. The planning of Paths and the Path department must receive more support from WAGGGS and WOSM.

**Recommendations:**

- **Paths should remain integral to Roverway.**
- Find a **healthy balance between adventure and educational input**, while **equalising quality and standards.**
- Provide **support for the recruitment of good quality Path leaders.**
- Provide **support for the planning of Paths and the Path department** from early on in the process.

### 3. Diversity

Diversity is a fundamental aspect of Roverway, as the event brings together participants from various backgrounds. The 2024 edition highlighted both the strengths and challenges of fostering diversity:

- **Pricing:** In order to ensure a diverse Roverway which allows participants from different countries and less privileged groups, the pricing system should be reviewed.
- **Age group:** Overall, the 16-22 age group of Roverway is perceived in a very positive manner. However, some CMTs highlighted the issues of mixing over and under-18-year-olds in one event. These concerns must be taken seriously going forward. This also includes defining the role of Adult Patrol Leaders (APLs).
- **Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion:** Roverway must be and remain an event that is welcoming to all and takes everyone's needs seriously. Future editions are encouraged to have responsibilities within the planning team with knowledge on these topics to ensure an inclusive event to all.
- **Size of the event:** There are different factors to take into consideration about the size of the event and whether to cap the size of the event. Participant numbers should be evaluated in a timely manner and made dependent on the size of the host organisation, the campsite, the finances and more. A thorough consideration is needed.

**Recommendations:**

- **Diversity, accessibility and inclusion should be guiding principles.**
- **Persons responsible for accessibility and inclusion** should be recruited for the Planning Team.
- **Review the pricing system** for a more diverse group of participants.
- The **age group should remain as it is**, but the **role of APLs needs to be clearly defined.**
- **The size of Roverway should be a clear consideration from the beginning** and hosts should be supported by WAGGGS and WOSM.

## 4. Sustainability

Sustainability is essential to Roverway's long-term continuation, encompassing:

- **Volunteer Sustainability:** Emphasis on youth leadership, which is promoted by Roverway must be balanced with support from experienced adults, with a focus on mental health and well-defined roles and responsibilities.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Future editions of Roverway need guidance and clear expectations on goals of environmental sustainability. Existing guidelines need to be followed, and WAGGGS and WOSM need to support hosts and planning teams in reaching these goals.
- **Financial Sustainability:** The event must find a balance of diversity in pricing while ensuring financial stability. This might involve securing sponsorships and include internal and external donors to maintain affordability and high quality.

### Recommendations:

- There is a need for **clear guidelines and expectations** that are provided to volunteers in advance of their placement.
- **Existing guidelines on environmental sustainability** must be followed, while **further goals and standards specific to Roverway** must be set.
- Roverway needs a **budget strategy** to ensure financial stability and at the same time ensure inclusive pricing.

## 5. Quality

Maintaining the quality of Roverway events involves a strong emphasis on the four following points in time:

- **Pre-Host Selection:** Ensuring potential hosts fully understand the responsibilities and challenges they are committing to.
- **Event Preparation:** Clear role descriptions, risk management frameworks, and continuous support from professional staff (including volunteers) are essential for the smooth planning and delivery of the event.
- **Event Execution:** safeguarding policies, and role clarity, which need to be addressed during the event.
- **Post-Event Evaluation:** Regular evaluation meetings with past hosts provide crucial feedback for future planning.

### Recommendations:

- Set minimum requirements to hosts regarding safeguarding policies.
- Ensure that **international profiles** are present within the Planning Team
- Design **clear role descriptions and task allocation**
- Develop a **starter pack** for new hosts with key documents from past editions.
- Establish a **risk management template** for consistent evaluation.
- Continue to work on **review and capitalisation** and set the objectives since the beginning