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I was 8 and everything was easy. I had all I needed. I had a Dream. And I said to myself.

Lets make it real.

I was involved in a boys and girls scout group at home. Basque Country, Spain. I did not realize at that time how important would be for the rest of my life what I learned there. Values and principles. My Rosseta Stone to read a world of a thousand languages and cultures. Revolutionary education! Conflict resolution, gender equality, solidarity, perseverance, be trustworthy, teambuilding, emotional intelligence... At school i was surrounded by teachers and students... but there was something different. School had its limits. Something was missing...I had to travel, learn by doing, live, feel and understand that big world by myself.

What about helping people in need Iker? Yes! So 12 years ago I started a fantastic life adventure. I was not alone, there was someone that believed in my life project: my family, my friends and The Sylff Foundation. Thanks to all of them, I got involved in Humanitarian and PeaceBuilding Studies, I became part of 8 humanitarian missions,(Cameroon,Chad, Central african republic,Lebanon, Haiti, Ecuador, Venezuela Peru, Colombia) I learned and helped people in need of clean water, sanitation, education, malnutrition, health and resilnce to face conflict and natural disaster contexts. Great life experience! But I am not the only one. Means I am not alone. There are many inspiring people around here and out there.

That is what I bring with me from this Sylff WorkShop. We are not alone. All beautifully different and at same time with comun core values and principles. Different paths similar dreams. We are not scared of change, we see crisis as an opportunity to improve, we cannot

always choose the problems but.... we know we can choose the way to face the challenge. We put our will in action. We lead ourselves before lead anyone else. Schooling is needed but not always enough. Good will leaders are needed.

Thank you for keeping our dreams alive.

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