

Information for Environment Chairperson

Environment Chairpersons serve at the district and multiple district levels, and are appointed by the district governor or council chairperson, respectively. Environment Chairpersons support Lions and Leos engaged or interested in projects to meet environmental challenges at the local and global level. They may collaborate with leadership throughout the organization, including the Global Service Team (GST).

Learn

Become the topic expert for your district/multiple district by learning about environmental challenges and opportunities.

- Explore the [Sustainable Development Goals](#), several of which challenge the world to address the issues affecting our environment by 2030.
- Explore your local environment and consider what service opportunities exist for Lions engagement. Think about how these opportunities are connected to global environmental challenges and solutions.
- Explore Lion Portal, LCI/LCIF's social media sites and the annual [Leo Video Contest](#) to learn more about how Lions and Leos are addressing environmental issues in their communities.

Discover

Bring your knowledge to the local level by exploring how environmental challenges are directly impacting your district/multiple district.

- Conduct a [Community Needs Assessment](#) with a special focus on environment.
- Contact your local environmental protection agency, or similar organization, to learn about the needs in your area.
- Identify organizations, including Lions and Leos Clubs in your district/multiple district, which are already mobilized and assess where there are gaps in the services provided.

Plan

Based upon what you have learned and discovered, submit a plan of action including recommended service goals for protecting the environment to the district governor/council chairperson for approval. In this process, you may wish to:

- Meet with organizations already working on environmental issues to discuss how you might support, expand upon or complement their ongoing work.
- Collaborate with the Youth Camp and Exchange chairperson to organize a [Youth Camp](#) that focuses on appreciation and protection of the environment.
- Discuss your service plan with the GST Coordinator and other leaders, including other programmatic chairpersons, for their feedback. It is possible they are already implementing a project that would benefit from inclusion of an environment-related service element.

Act

Inspiring Lion and Leo clubs in your district/multiple district to serve and report their service in Lion Portal will be critical to the success of your plan.

- Guide clubs in your district/multiple district through the “Learn, Discover, Act” journey as it pertains to the environment.
 - [Environment Project Idea List](#)
- Build awareness of the need, the goals and the service plan by offering an environment-focused seminar and hands-on service activity during district/multiple district convention.
- Promote funding opportunities offered through LCIF that might support club/district environment projects.
- Formalize partnerships with other organizations to enhance local impact.
- Organize a district/multiple district donation to LCIF for disaster relief to increase global impact.
- Establish and maintain open communication with the district governor, council chairperson and Global Service Team (GST) leaders.

Celebrate

- Encourage clubs to thoroughly report their environment projects using [Lion Portal](#).
- Keep the district governor/council chairperson and GST Coordinator informed. Discuss and evaluate progress of the action plan and goals.
- [Share news](#) about environment projects with the Public Relations Chairperson.

- Celebrate progress and success by recognizing all participating clubs.