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Workshop

Youth Governance – Generation dialogue in
board and leadership structures

Special Olympics





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Topics

- Warm up
- Youth Activation Strategy
- Project UNIFY®
- Being a Youth Leader
- Generation Dialogue
- Wrap up, questions



WARM UP



Global Strategy 2011-2015

Athlete Experience

**Advance Quality
Sports &
Competitions**

**Build
Communities**

**Youth Activation
Project UNIFY®**

**Connect Fans &
Funds**

Develop Movement Leadership

Establish Sustainable Capabilities

**Special Olympics Foundation:
Mission, Values and Model of Change**



Goals Youth Activation

Activate Youth (aged 12-25) at all Levels of Our Movement

- Consistent opportunities for young people, with and without intellectual disabilities
- To engage in Unified Sports, cheer teams, social networking, volunteerism, and **leadership development activities** worldwide.



Targets Youth Activation

- Developing a baseline of youth participation in Unified Sports; tripling this number by 2015
- 20% of all volunteers being youth aged
- **Implementing successful protocols for engaging youth at Program leadership and Board levels**

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SOEE Youth Leader Group

Global Youth Activation Summit Athens 2011





Project UNIFY®

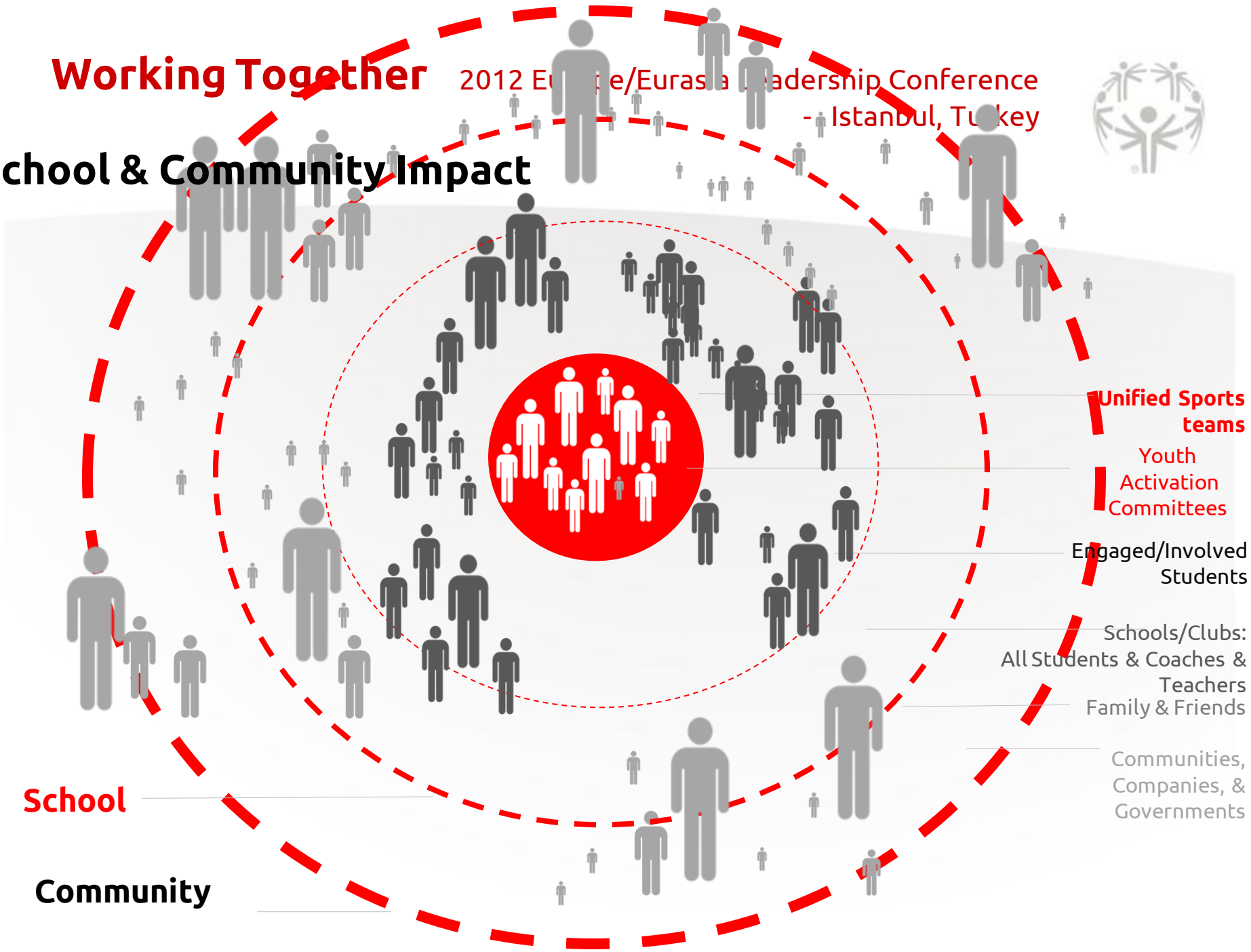
- Project UNIFY was started in the US 2007
- Pilot in SOEE 2011 – 2013
- Italy, Serbia, Romania, Austria
- 3855 young people with and without ID, coaches, educators
- 276 schools, institutions, sports clubs

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School & Community Impact



Unified Sports teams

Youth Activation Committees

Engaged/Involved Students

Schools/Clubs:
All Students & Coaches & Teachers
Family & Friends

Communities, Companies, & Governments

School

Community



What it means to be a Youth Leader

Team SO Serbia



How it all started





Global Youth Summit at 2012 Special Olympics World Summer Games





Meeting Maria Shriver

Attending SOI Board Meeting





MEETING VANJA GRBIC





Leading Mattel Youth Activation Event in Serbia



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Our work with Project UNIFY



Project UNIFY Involvement

- We are leading the youth committee in our city Cacak
- We help SO Serbia to implement PU
- We help to find ways to engage more young people
- We go and educate other youth and motivate them to join
- We help other youth to set up youth committees in their cities
- We volunteer and help the SO Serbia staff for youth events across Serbia



SO Serbia Board Advisory Role





SO Serbia Board Involvement

- we advise the board for youth subjects
- the board asked us to join for the meetings
- we have a great cooperation
- we are invited to any board meeting
- we attend depending on availability and if youth subjects



What are our future plans

- Stay involved as SO volunteers even if the life situation changes
- Find a job and get independent
- Become a coach at SO



Generation Dialogue



Why is it important for other programs to have active Youth Leaders

- Young people are important to develop inclusion in society; they are open minded
- Youth leaders know best how to engage young people
- Young people have new “fresh” ideas
- They are strong with modern media
- They are important for the present and are the future of our movement



Thank you!

- Wrap up
- Are there any questions?