



Strasbourg 2018 International Youth Gathering

August 22nd to 30th

YMCA Derbyshire has joined a 7 nation partnership to organise an 8 day international gathering of young people aged 18 to 30 in Strasbourg, France.

The event which is being coordinated by YMCA France involves young people from the following countries:

- France,
- England (YMCA Derbyshire)
- Kosovo
- Spain
- Romania
- Ukraine
- Germany

The event takes place from 22nd to 30th August this year and the theme of the event is **'youth engagement in Europe'**.

Some 70 young people from 7 countries across Europe will be able to share their cultures and traditions and engage in discussions about issues that affect young people within their own country and across Europe.

The 8 day event comprises of the following two parts:

- Part 1 – a 6 day residential at YMCA Salm, located approximately 20 miles from Strasbourg
- Part 2 – a 2 day hotel stay in Strasbourg including a visit to the European Parliament and the Council of Europe

Part 1 – 6 day Residential at YMCA Salm

YMCA Salm is a large country house located approximately 20 miles from Strasbourg in eastern France. The house is situated close to a lake within beautiful wooded countryside; the 70 young people will gather at the house and live there for 6 days.

The 70 people will be divided into six international 'home groups' and each home group will be responsible for cooking, taking pictures, setting breakfast and cleaning for one day.

A wide range of activities will be organised enabling young people from the 7 counties to work and play together and discuss issues that are important to them. Developing an understanding of each countries cultures and traditions is an important element of the event and each national group will prepare and deliver a presentation about their own country's culture and traditions.

Communication at the event will mainly be in English but we hope every participant will pick up a little of every country's language during the 8 days.

Part 2 – A 2 day hotel stay in Strasbourg

On day 7 the whole group will depart to Strasbourg for a two day hotel stay. During the two days you will have the opportunity to explore the beautiful and historical city of Strasbourg and visit the European Parliament and the Council of Europe

Travel Arrangements

The YMCA Derbyshire group will travel by train via Paris to Strasbourg and take a short train journey to YMCA Salm. We will then travel by coach for the final 2 days in Strasbourg before travelling back to Derby by train.

Accommodation

For the first six days the party will stay at YMCA Salm in rooms in dormitory accommodation and for the final 2 days they will stay in a hotel on the outskirts of Strasbourg city centre

How much will it cost?

YMCA Derbyshire will receive a grant from the EU to subsidize the cost of the event.

Each participant will pay £200 towards the cost of travel and accommodation. Please note all food is provided for the duration of the event.

If you are successful you will be required to pay the full £200 by 31st July.

The YMCA will organise group holiday insurance at no extra cost.

Who can take part?

YMCA Derbyshire is offering this opportunity to young people aged 18 to 30 involved in the YMCA and the following partner agencies/organisations:

- Toyota UK
- Talent Match
- Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
- Derby University
- Derby City Council
- Derby College
- Other Business partners linked to the YMCA

What do I need to do to register my interest to take part?

Step 1 – Ensure you are aged between 18 and 30 years

Step 2 – Are you available to attend between the 22nd and 30th August?

Step 3 – Ensure you have a British Passport

Step 4 – Consider if you have the right aptitude to take part; for instance can you answer yes to the following questions:

Are you:

- Willing to be a good team player?
- Willing to share your experiences and culture?
- Willing to listen and learn from your peers?
- Willing to help organise and deliver a group presentation to the other 6 national groups
- Willing to be part of a home team and assist with the cooking and cleaning
- Willing to have fun and enjoy the experience

Step 5 – complete the attached 'Expression of Interest' describing why this will be a positive experience for you and how you will contribute to the success of the event.

Step 6 – Return your completed 'Expression of Interest' form by either email to: david.finn@ymcaderbyshire.org.uk

Or by post to David Finn, 'Strasbourg 2018', YMCA Derbyshire, 770 London Road, Derby, DE24 8UT

The deadline for applications is 6th July 2018



Step 7 - You will be invited for an informal interview in 2nd week of July to discuss your application and meet me and my team.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me either by email or mobile 07739901284 by 21st June.

If you are keen to participate in this major youth event I look forward to receiving your application.

Best of luck

David Finn

Health and Wellbeing Manager



YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.