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Greetings from the Board

Dear all,

so is it time to write my last greetings from the board. It has been four very interesting and giving years, but now it is time to let someone else take over as president for European IFYE Alumni Association.



Our organisation is something special, it has given me so many different experiences, so many friends all over the world and let me see so many fantastic places. The most special is, that we meet among generations. That is something we shall be very proud of. These four years would not have been the same for me, if I hadn't had my excellent board members to work with. They are brilliant. Many laughs and many good meetings. A very big thank you to you all!

There is lots of work left to do. We have just started the work to get more countries into the IFYE-family, some countries struggle to get the youth into the organisation. Moreover, we have been working on how to keep the costs down, so that everyone who wants can join the conferences.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Norway this summer. Thank you very much for the opportunity to be the president of our organisation and good luck in the future.

All the best,
your president
Anna Persson
IFYE from Sweden to Scotland 1991

Great news from Finland

written by Laura Sartamo (IFYE from Finland to Switzerland 2008)

pictures by Johanna Hakkarainen (IFYE from Finland to Estonia 2013 and USA 2015) & Susanna Palkkimäki (IFYE from Finland to Austria 2001)

The Finnish IFYEs had their annual meeting in April. There were 14 members attending the meeting, as well as 2 future IFYEs. We are happy to welcome back our new president Marita Pynnönen, also known as contact member from the past. Susanna Palkkimäki, our former president, continues as a vice-president.



The Finnish IFYE delegates have been feverishly (and sometimes almost desperately) trying to find THE place for the European IFYE Conference 2022. 'A very difficult mission', they said. 'How can we find a perfect spot for the conference, again?'

For about 3 years we have been visiting possible places and finally, during this spring meeting 2019, we decided that it is time to make the decision. We had just few criteria for the place.

First: good food and drinks;

Second: sauna;

Third: a lake.

Anyone who has ever visited Finland wouldn't think it is very hard, right? But not just any place is good enough for the conference.

However, now we can finalize it: we have the place. We'll be happy to tell you all looking forward to 2022, that in the Finnish conference you'll find lakes, saunas, some forest along with the mosquitoes, nature trails... and it's located only a couple of hours drive from Helsinki along one of the biggest lakes in Finland. So, welcome to Finland in 2022!



Estonia - Here We Go Again

written by Alyssa Dye (IFYE from USA to Estonia and India, 2016)

Greetings from Estonia! I am back again and here to stay for a while in my home away from home. Since February, I have been living in Old Town and teaching English at a private language center in Tallinn. While teaching in a classroom was never directly in my career plans, my exchange experience 2016 and connections through IFYE have resulted in a rather drastic change of direction. sometimes.

It's funny how things work out



Teaching at Pingu's English School in Tallinn, Estonia 2019.



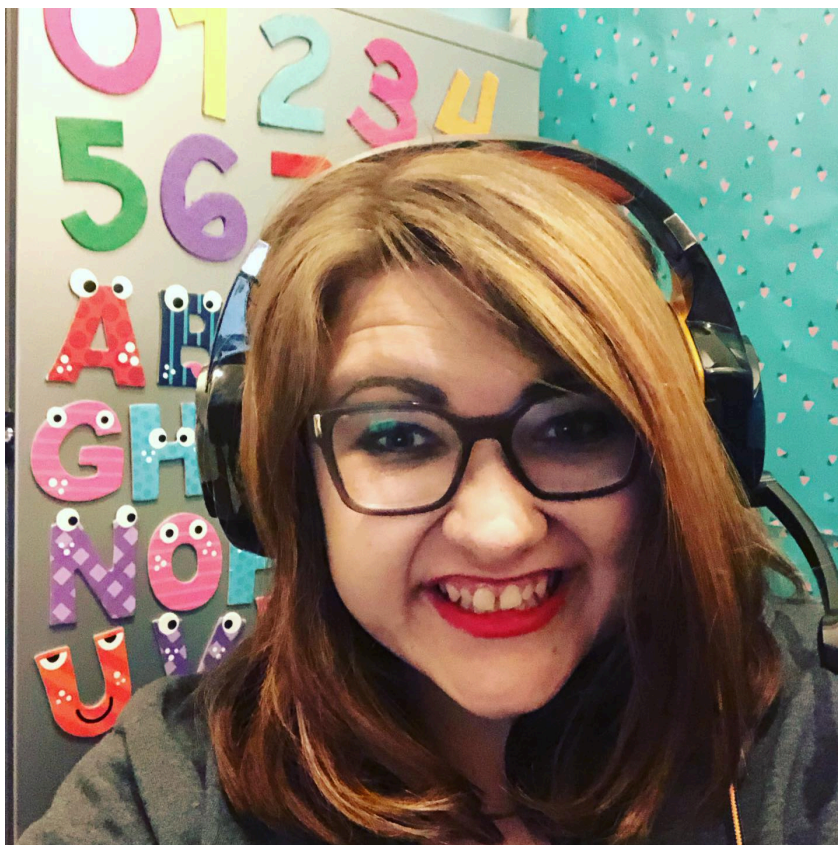
Preparing for the first day of school at Lope Kool with host mom, Sirje Kaska. Estonia 2016

During my exchange, I had the opportunity to live with some families who were teachers and 4H leaders. I also spent time in classrooms both in Estonia and India. In Estonia, I had the opportunity teach English and dance lessons. In India, I also spent time in government and private schools watching different lessons as well. I loved being in the classrooms with teachers that love teaching and kids that love learning.

When I returned home from my exchange experience, I got certified to teach English as a second language and started teaching online with students based in China. Teaching online allows a lot of geographical flexibility, especially when your classroom fits in your backpack!

After the European Conference in Northern Ireland, I travelled back with Reelika Rütli to Estonia, crashed a wedding of Liisa Alekask (Lillemets) – an IFYE from Estonia - and started applying and interviewing for jobs while visiting some of my host families. Liisa actually connected me with the Pingu's English School in Tallinn. My students are amazing. I have been writing my own curriculum integrating English language with entrepreneurship and leadership development. My 6-13 year-olds recently created business plans, developed and sold their products to other students and parents at the school.

I am still teaching online. I am enjoying Estonia to China time zone. I do not miss the 2am alarms to start to my days when I was teaching from Nebraska!



This online class is brought to you live from my refrigerator.

I am thankful for this game-changing exchange experience and the friendships through IFYE every day. IFYE taught me to be a lifelong learner and the connections with other IFYEs have opened doors that I did not have before. I discovered that I love teaching and that this career pivot opened up opportunities to combine my passions for education with travelling, entrepreneurship, youth, and leadership.

Let me know if you find yourself in Tallinn!

Conference ALMANAC

European IFYE Conference in Northern Ireland 2018 - Feedback from Participants

- The whole week was excellent. With the weather being good, all out door activities went well. The trips I went on, from visiting the Crumlin Road Gaol in Belfast and the guided walk around the walls of London Derry were all fascinating learning all about “the troubles” of Northern Ireland. Broughgammon Farm, the coastal and rope bridge walk and finally the walks led by Claire around the hills surrounding Belfast showed off the best of the beautiful landscapes of the countryside and coast.
- What I really enjoyed is that there was entertainment every night, from the year of the matchmaker – albeit I didn’t find my match to the games night and Irish dancers, all great fun.
- All in all the 2018 conference will be one to remember. Well done to all the committee.

New in the Archive!

We have great news - the 11th World IFYE Conference Final Report is now available

The World IFYE Conference Final Report is available in the formats listed below.
Please click on the link for the format you would prefer.

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Sincerely,
Dale Yonker, USA Representative to the World IFYE Board
Kim Reaman and Toni Frank, Co-Chairs for the 11th World IFYE Conference

The 11th World IFYE Conference Report.pdf has also been published in
the European IFYE-archives:

<https://archive.ifye.eu/world2018ReportContributors.htm>

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<https://archive.ifye.eu/worldDefault.htm>

Congrats to...



Sabine Kobler

IFYE from Austria to Northern Ireland, 2009

&

Daniel Gallagher

Sabine and Daniel married on 15th June 2019, in Sabine's home town in Austria.

Surround by family, friends and their two Ifye bridesmaids, along with a mix of Austrian and English traditions made the day very special to them.

Jayne

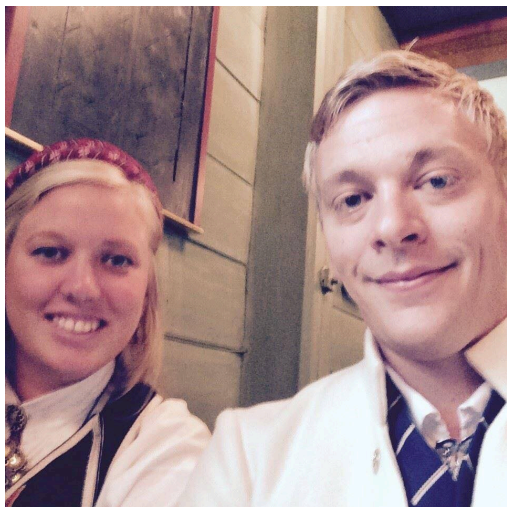
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Adam Ervin

IFYE from Northern Ireland to New Ireland, 1999

Jayne and Adam to their daughter
Harriet,
born on 8th June 2019





Ida Kristin Kihle Gravermoen

*IFYE from Norway to Austria,
2013*

**&
Thor Grosås**

Ida and Thor married on 15th June

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