

Dear Newcomer,

I hope your year has started fine. In November last year I sent you an e-mail, if you remember? In the meantime the European CEO have had their midterm meeting and there are now only 3 months until the reunion in Norway,

<https://ifye2019.wordpress.com/>

This prompted some questions about the conference. Is the conference formal?

→ I can assure you, making friends and having new experiences and fun are more important. Of course we have the general assembly, which is formal, but I think you'll survive those two hours.

Is there an age limit and can I bring someone?

→ There is no age limit, everyone from 0 to??? Is welcome and there will be enough on offer for everyone. Of course, you could bring your partner, your kids or friend, as spouse, to the conference.

Could every IFYE visit the conference?

→ Membership of the Association is open to anyone who has participated in a long term IFYE or exchange programme, or is a member of their national IFYE Alumni Association.

Accommodation: To keep the costs down, it is generally held in a school, a holiday camp or like this year in a sport camp.

Which costs will there be? The conference is usually between 500 Euro and 650 Euro per person. This year, are already more than 200 registrations and the costs are down to NOK5500 for double and NOK 6000 for single room (~ €560.- to €610 / £485 / £530). To get there, you will have to organize yourself, which is on top of the conference cost. Of course that sounds pretty expensive if you compare it with a party holiday with friends, but....

...with the conference cost you will get an **all-inclusive** package: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Also, all excursions and the entertainment program are included.

The prices at the bar will be kept as low as possible and that is the only additional cost of the conference. If you now add in the fact that you will visit a unique location, have the possibility of making great contacts and have the time of your life, it is, in my opinion, the best travel offer that you will ever get. You can trust me when I say: **"This is not a holiday, it's an adventure."**

If you enjoyed your
IFYE experience.
Why stop?



Come and
join us, if
you think
you're
hard
enough!

There's an added bonus for you as a newcomer. If you attend your first reunion within 3 years of your first exchange, you can apply for a refund of CHF 160.--. The only stipulation is that you must be there for the whole of the reunion, not just individual days.

At the conference, activities and excursions will be organized, so you can learn about the people and their customs and you will see something of the country. You will also see old friends and find many new ones.

The contacts you make may even be helpful one day; for example a 2015 Newcomer in Scotland made her first contact with some Australians there and then did her first trip through half of Australia in December, which was an unforgettable experience.



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Does this sound like a trip for you?

→ IF YES → then please contact your local IFYE organization or visit our website.

The IFYE organisation has been helping with the organisation of exchanges for 70 years and now you know the fun doesn't have to end upon your return.

I hope to see you in August at the reunion.

You can contact me at any of the addresses below.

Best regards / Liebe Grüße

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....the feeling never ends....



WHAT HAVE WE PLANNED?

Here are some of the unique activities, you would be able to join... there are more as shown here...

➤ DOMKIRKEODDEN KLATREPARK



Along the lake Mjøsa, at Domkirkeodden in Hamar, is Klatreparken Domkirkeodden. The climbing park is an urban hill park, where proximity to the city, the history and the elements becomes central.

Airy experiences overlooking Mjøsa from the top of the old pine trees and a unique design that will reflect historical epochs and events.

<https://www.klatreparkendomkirkeodden.no/>

➤ HIKING AT ØYUNGEN



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We are going for a hike in beautiful surroundings at Øyungen. To join this trip you must be able to walk 12 km on narrow paths and some hills. There might be possibilities to go for a swim when we have lunch (but the water might be a little cold, if we don't have a summer like last year). We will "climb the highest mountain" in Ringsaker, Tuva, at 1026 m.

➤ MAKING LUNCH ON AN OPEN FIRE AND LEARNING PHOTOGRAPHY.



Hallvard and Anna will teach you about taking good pictures and how to make your lunch on an open fire. Hallvard will teach you about photography, and Anna teach you how to prepare the most delicious lunch on an open fire.

➤ WE ALSO WILL VISIT ...

Maihaugen at Lillehammer,

Prøysenhuset – the home and museum of author Alf Prøysen,

We will Hiking Ottestadstien. The entire hike is approx. 15 km, but we will only hike 5-6. On this hike, won't rush.

Also we will visiting Hamar with the possibility to have a stay at the beach and maybe try the most expensive diving tower in the world (?). Or visiting Lake Mjøsa.

One day it is planned to go to Atlungstad, here they are making aquavit. They will teach us about how they make aquavit, and let us taste their product.