

Dear IFYE,

The time is flying, and we have already started the last quarter of 2018. In July, we had a great conference in Northern Ireland, where we also celebrate our 60 anniversary and Norway then invited us to next year's conference.

The yearly European IFYE Reunion and conference is an event for former IFYEs and I would like to invite you to these Reunions. For every IFYE who joins their first reunion, there is financial support. More about that below.

Personally, for me the reunion is a week full of joy and fun. It is a pleasure every year to meet so many old friends and find new ones.

The week is full of emotions and friendship.

It is a week full of old and new friends from many countries, with many languages & generations; simply a mixture of everything and that makes it very special. Join and you'll see that these words are not only empty promises.

It is a special kind of vacation, far removed from typical tourist routes. You will see and learn a lot about the country which is hosting the conference, just as you did during your exchange. You will come in contact, with local people, their traditions, customs and the way they live their lives. The parties in the evening are the icing on the cake. However, there are not only parties, but other activities too. The reunion is a good way to go on having the IFYE feeling again and again.

Have a look at the pictures on the right-hand side. As you see, in the past we have gone canoeing and swimming in an Estonian river, went a ferrata (fixed rope route) in Switzerland, visited a medieval tournament in Sweden, and a coal mine in Wales, played the bag-pipes in Scotland and celebrated a traditional "Oktoberfest" or Midsummer in July and much more. All these things you wouldn't normally see or do on a holiday.....in fact, **this is not a holiday, it's an adventure!** ☺

Our major aim is to introduce former IFYEs to the reunion and the IFYE family.

You may have heard it said, once an IFYE → always an IFYE. So even if it's a few years since your return have a look at this **youtube link** <http://youtu.be/VCKJByREyg8> to see what a reunion/conference could be.



So, back to your first time participating in in a reunion. If your 1st reunion is within 5 years since your exchange, it is possible to **receive a subsidy of 160 CHF** to cover at least, a part of the cost for attending the IFYE reunion. The subsidy is currently authorized to run until 2019.

This is a bonus that every Newcomer will receive on the 1st reunion additional to the many things which are priceless. To join the reunion contact your local IFYE club or visit our Home Page. You will find the links below.

<http://www.ifye.eu/> or

<http://www.ifye.org/pages/continents/index.htm>

Or send us an e-mail: ifye_europe@ifye.eu

Other ways to see what the IFYE club is doing and what's going on is to search for IFYE on Facebook. There is a group for nearly every country and also a group for the reunion which is currently hosted by Northern Ireland.

You are welcome to join any of them!

If you fancy to find out what we're preparing for 2019 in Norway, here is the link to the conference homepage.

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

Last but not least, some words about the person who is writing to you. I'm Andi (Andreas) from Austria, and I was an IFYE to Colorado in 2000. It's still one of the best summers of my life; it was so much fun, and I had so many new experiences. Today I'm First Vice President of the European IFYE Association and it is my responsibility to contact the annually new IFYE's and to inform you about the possible IFYE life after your exchange. You can relive your personal IFYE feeling year by year, at each conference.

I'm looking forward to welcome you next year in Norway. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me, or your local IFYE club. The next reunions after Norway 2019, will be hosted by England 2020, Sweden 2021, Finland 2022 and Austria 2023

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Best regards,

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