

Dear IFYE,

The time is flying, and we have already started the last quarter of 2019. In August, we had a great conference in Norway, and England 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 meet 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" and Midsummer in July. All of these things you would not 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 authorised to run until 2024.

This is a bonus that every Newcomer will receive on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 checking out Norway à here is the link to the 2019 conference homepage.

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

Last but not least, some words about the person who is writing to you. I'm Sam from Northern Ireland, and I was an IFYE to Australia in 1995 and attended the European Rally in 1994. It's still the best summer of my life; it was so much fun and I had so many new experiences. Today I am First Vice President in the European IFYE Alumni organisation and it's my responsibility to contact all new IFYEs and I'm very glad to do that.

I hope to see you next year in England and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me, or your local IFYE club. The next reunions after England 2020, will be hosted by Sweden 2021, Finland 2022 and Austria 2023

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