

Wales Federation of Young Farmers Clubs

2021

International
Travel
Programme



WELCOME

Welcome to the 2021 Wales YFC International travel programme, designed by representatives of the twelve county federations of Wales, who make up the organisation's International sub committee.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic this year's programme is slightly different, but hopefully it still offers something for everyone. Sadly the majority of members that were selected to take part in the 2020 programme were unable to travel due to restrictions, but each one of these members has been offered the opportunity to travel again once restrictions have been lifted.

Taking this into account some of the familiar opportunities are not being advertised this year, however the committee has worked hard to ensure that there is still something for everyone interested in travelling with Wales YFC.

We look forward to receiving your applications!

Niall Evans and Nerys Lewis

International sub committee officers

ON-GOING RESTRICTIONS DUE TO COVID-19

Please note that Wales YFC will continue to monitor the situation in relation to Coronavirus and how it will affect the 2021 International travel programme.

We will continue to liaise with all our international travel partners and if any trips are unable to take place in 2021, we will endeavour to honour them in a future year of travel.



HOW TO APPLY

Members are able to apply for any number of eligible trips and can do so by completing the online form on the Wales YFC website

www.yfc.wales/international


Please note, to be eligible for any of the 2021 International travel opportunities, you must be a fully paid up member of your county federation.

Interviews for the 2021 travel programme will take place on via Zoom on Sunday, 13th December.

Closing date for applications:

Monday 7th December, 9:00am

Please note that all successful applicants are required to pay an administration fee of £40.00



“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page”

- Saint Augustine





Rural Youth Europe (RYE) is a European Non-Governmental organisation that works to support young people living in rural areas of Europe.

It is a member-led organisation, which is democratically constituted and led by young people for young people, with Wales YFC's very own Niall Evans elected as the organisations vice chairman.

Rural Youth Europe provides international training opportunities and works as an intermediary between national organisations, youth organisations and public institutions at a European level.

RURAL YOUTH EUROPE OPPORTUNITIES

Study Seminar, Budapest

For two members (aged 18-30)

Date: Five days in March 2021, exact date to be confirmed.

One of the aims of Rural Youth Europe is to unite rural youth organisations across Europe promoting rural development, sustainable lifestyle and youth participation. They also raise awareness on human rights and intercultural diversity.

In order to highlight the needs of rural youth and to draw the attention of international and national bodies as well as the general public each year the organisation hosts a study seminar to discuss and share knowledge.

Budapest is set to host the 2021 study seminar on the theme of Non-formal Education.



Autumn Seminar, Ireland

One member to join a previously selected member (aged 18-30)

Date: October, exact date to be confirmed.

This event organised by RYE is best described as a multicultural youth exchange.

The seminars are one week in length and are hosted by a different member organisation each year.

Although the seminars have a different theme each year, their central focus is on bringing young people together to discuss and share knowledge on topics that effect rural youth, such as; rural development, youth participation, intercultural dialogue and human rights.

For further details on the work of Rural Youth Europe, please visit www.ruralyoutheuropa.com



*"Breaking
boundaries,
building
bridges."*

HOME STAYS

Ulster

One member to join a previously selected member (aged 18-27)

Dates: Two weeks May 2021, exact date to be confirmed.

Delegates travelling to Ulster will have the opportunity to become part of two or three different YFC families associated with the YFC during their two week stay.

Exchangees will have the opportunity of visiting many farms across the country, as well a number of the well-known tourist attractions. If the Royal Balmoral is able to go ahead as planned, members will have the chance to visit this world famous agricultural show, which will also provide opportunities to meet up with other exchangees from around the world.



Scotland

One member to join a previously selected member (aged 18-27)

Dates: Two weeks June 2021, exact date to be confirmed.

For this opportunity, delegates will initially travel to Edinburgh for an orientation event, meeting with other exchangees from around the world. After a couple of nights staying in a youth hostel members will travel to host families where they will learn about Scottish life and culture. Where possible delegates are hosted in an agricultural setting and will often move between more than one family during their stay.

If the Royal Highland show is able to go ahead in 2021, delegates will return to the capital having the opportunity to enjoy the sights and the sounds of the show, whilst staying once again at a local youth hostel.



GROUP TRIPS

Isle of Man

12 members in total (aged 18-27)

Dates: Weekend of the 13th and 14th August 2021.

Candidates will travel to the Isle of Man for a three day weekend, enjoying the sights of the island. The opportunity will involve the chance to meet with members of the Isle of Man YFC with trips arranged to local farms and attractions. Evening entertainment will involve social events with local YFC clubs.

Accommodation – Hotels.



European Interrailing

12 members in total (please note that some members were selected to travel in 2020) (aged 18-27)

Dates: August 2021 for two weeks.

If you're looking for an adventure next summer, then the Interrailing trip could be just what you need!

This group trip will bring together members from all corners of Wales to travel around Europe by train for two weeks. As part of the team you will have the opportunity to design the trip to ensure you get to see as many European attractions as possible.



Sailing Challenge

10 members in total (please note that some members were selected to travel in 2020)

Dates: August 2021 for two weeks.

Wales YFC has once again partnered up with Challenge Wales to offer an exhilarating opportunity for members between the ages of 16 and 18.

The experience promises to broaden horizons, develop personal and social skills and help improve employment prospects.

A crew of 10 members are expected to work aboard a sailing vessel helping with daily routine tasks from cleaning, cooking to piloting the vessel with a small crew of adults helping every individual undertake their tasks with ease.

This will be the second sailing trip for YFC members to be part of. The first challenge sailed from Gosport to Cardiff passing via Lands End, a total of 380 nautical miles and over 5 days at sea.

The voyage is suitable for all abilities and no sailing experience is necessary. For members undertaking their gold DofE, please note that this opportunity can count towards your residential section.



South Africa Safari Style Trip

20 members (18-30 years of age)

Dates: 29 August – 8 September 2021 (11 Days)

Taster of Trip Itinerary

Think of this trip as the best of the best.

An eleven day Safari style trip where the group will get to see the beautiful coast of Cape Town from the top of Table Mountain, have the chance of spotting the Big 5 in two of Africa's top wildlife destinations, and experience the adrenaline fuelled activities of one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls.

Day 4

Cape Town > Kruger National Park

Today we fly to Johannesburg, the city of Gold, where we jump in vehicles for our trip up to Kruger National Park.

We'll travel through the region to our accommodation for the night on the border of this famous wildlife haven. Here the Kruger National Park awaits us. Site of the epic YouTube viral video *Battle at Kruger*, the Park is a sprawling wilderness of bush and terrain that houses the famous Big Five (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and buffalo) along with hundreds of species of native birds, ancient trees and meandering rivers. It's ours to explore for the next two days. After the long days travel, the included buffet dinner will taste even better tonight.



YFC SCHOLARSHIP

Elwyn Jones Memorial Scholarship

One member (18-30 years old)

Dates: Project to be completed by September 2022.

The International sub committee is delighted to once again work with the Elwyn Jones Memorial Scholarship committee to offer a member of Wales YFC the opportunity to undertake an educational agricultural trip of a lifetime to a country of their choice.

The focus of the scholarship is to learn more about the global agricultural industry and how innovative ideas can be implemented into farming systems in Wales.

Following the completion of their trip the successful member will be asked to present their findings to the Scholarship trustees.

Scholarship value - £2,500



AGRI STUDY

Agri 'i'

Through the support of the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust Wales YFC is offering the opportunity to eight YFC members between the ages of 18 and 27 to participate in a fully funded programme.

Designed to inspire and motivate the next generation of Welsh farmers the programme will consist of educational visits and workshops.

Taking place over three weekends throughout the year, the programme will provide an insight to whole supply chains including visits and meetings with producers, processors, manufacturers and distributors.

The programme will be led by an experienced facilitator, ensuring that all members complete the programme inspired and ready to implement the learning in their own businesses.





YOUNG FARMERS AMBASSADORS

Young Farmers Ambassadors (YFA) is the alumni of Young Farmers who have travelled as part of the YFC International Exchange Programmes. Young Farmers have been representing YFC abroad for over 65 years! The first YFC exchanges were, we believe, to Holland in 1949, with the YFA formed on the way back from the USA in 1954.

Wales YFC would like to thank both the YFA Wales Reunion Committee and England & Wales YFA for the generous sponsorship received.

For more information on the work of the YFA and how you can get involved please contact;
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COMING SOON...

Wales YFC Skiing Trip 2022 Austria

Dates: 2nd – 8th January 2022

A new opportunity for up to 50 YFC members and associates over the age of 18.

Hopfgarten Resort is one of the largest and most modern ski resorts in the world. With 284 km of ski runs, over 90 modern lifts and more than 70 refreshment stops make for winter fun which is simply “world class”. Suitable for beginner and intermediate levels, including terrain park enthusiasts.

BOOKINGS OPENING SOON!



“The programme gives people the opportunity to travel to different countries to learn about cultures and rural areas around the world.”

- Eiliw Dafydd

“What a great week in Strasbourg with @RYEurope. My response to anyone considering taking part in @WalesYFC@CFfICymru travel is....DO IT!”

- Sophie Davies

“An experience of a lifetime, filled with new experiences, lasting memories and new lifelong friends!”

- Elin Davies

Contact details

For more information on any of the opportunities highlighted in this programme, please contact Wales YFC:

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