

# YOUTH<sup>IN</sup> ACTION



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# YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME 2011

## Youth for Europe Youth Exchange

This project is organised and run by the World Peace Prayer Society, near Dumfries, Scotland in partnership with Coordinamento comasco per la Pace, Italy.

### Overview of Project and Dates

For 7 days (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2011) a group of 15 Scottish and 15 Italian youth will live and work together at Allanton Sanctuary, nr Dumfries, the home of the World Peace Prayer Society.

The project title is: **'Diversity and Integration of Migrants in Dumfries, Scotland as a possible model for present and future Migration patterns in Europe.'**

Would you like to take part in this exciting project?

### Aims

The project aims at promoting inclusion, mutual understanding and an experience and understanding of 'peace' in all aspects of life, among young people from different backgrounds and cultures.

It aspires to inspire youth to use this understanding, experience and knowledge gained during their visit to want to help to create an inclusive, peaceful Europe.

### What might I gain from this?

- Make new friends, locally and internationally
- Meet new people from different backgrounds
- Experience different cultures
- Gain confidence and improved self-esteem
- Gain practical team working skills
- Build new networks for yourself locally and internationally

### What will I receive?

- Full accommodation and board
- Support from helpers and staff
- Team building and planning workshops
- Discussions
- Outings

### What we expect of you

- Full participation and commitment before, during and after the project.
- Taking an active role in team work
- Responsible behaviour
- Good timekeeping and discipline
- Respect for self, others, Allanton House and grounds
- Everyday household chores on a rota basis e.g. kitchen, dining room, cleaning

### Sample of Activities

- Workshops to prepare students for the project
- Working in teams to create project plans, write questionnaires and interview sheets
- Meeting and interviewing migrants
- Meeting members of Dumfries Council and Multi-cultural Association
- Presentations of findings
- Working in home community after the time at Allanton

**Criteria for selection**

- Within the 16 – 25 age group
- Be available 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 to 'live in' at Allanton
- Complete the pre-work (see appendix 1)
- Be prepared to help complete a report at the end of the project
- Be prepared to help complete a booklet/dvd about the project
- Be prepared to promote the project, as part of a team, within home community i.e. show booklet/dvd to schools/community groups
- After agreement is signed, any person cancelling agrees to find a suitable replacement (also meeting these criteria)

# APPLICATION FORM

Youth in Action 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Please complete the following information and post/hand in to the address at the bottom of the form. Thank you.

**Name:**.....

**Place and date of birth:**.....

**Address, including post code:** .....

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**Email:**.....

**Home phone:**.....

**Mobile phone:**.....

**School/college/work:**.....

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**How did you hear of this project?** .....

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**Why would you like to take part?** .....

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**What are your expectations/what do you think you will gain? .....**

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**What can you bring to this group project? (skills, knowledge, attitude etc).....**

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**Date.....**

**Signature.....**

**Signature of parent/guardian (under 18's only)**

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**Please return this form to:**

The World Peace Prayer Society, YIA application,  
Allanton House, Auldgirth, Dumfriesshire DG2 0RY

If you have any queries, please either ring: 01387 740642, or email: [allanton@worldpeace-uk.org](mailto:allanton@worldpeace-uk.org)

Thank you for applying. We will be in touch with you within two weeks of receiving your application.

## Appendix 1

### Preparatory Activities

1. Write a short essay of 500 words on the theme:

‘You are going to migrate to another country. What might you expect to experience in your new country?’

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2. Choose one of the following projects:

- a. Create a piece of artwork (collage, painting, photos etc) that represents ‘Migration in Europe’. This could span the past, the present and/or the future.
- b. Interview someone you know personally who is a migrant. Find out how the experience was/is for them – the advantages, disadvantages, the challenges, how long did it take to feel comfortable in the host country etc...
- c. Research present day migration in your area/school e.g. percentages of nationalities, different cultures. What are the positive effects on your town/area, numbers
- d. Research how the pattern of migration has changed in your area over the past 50 years.