



Pine Court Housing Association
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Mersey International Youth Exchange 2012

What is Mersey International Youth Exchange?

Mersey International Youth Exchange 2012 is jointly organised and hosted by Pine Court Housing Association, Wirral Council and Liverpool City Council; and sponsored by Cosmopolitan Student Homes, a member of the Cosmopolitan Housing Group. It is delivered in partnership with Hong Kong Government Commission on Youth.

The theme for this year's programme is "Young People and Communities". It is a year-long educational and cultural programme running from January 2012 to December 2012, which is aimed at young people aged 17 - 25 living in Wirral and Liverpool area. Applications are invited from young people of all abilities and backgrounds.

The purpose of this programme is:

- to promote Wirral and Liverpool;
- to introduce Chinese culture to young people in Wirral and Liverpool;
- to build upon and strengthen links and partnerships between Wirral / Liverpool and China; and
- to provide opportunities for young people in Liverpool & Wirral:
 - to broaden their horizon and international perspective;
 - for self development; and
 - to build friendships, and to share ideas and experiences with their Hong Kong counterparts

To take part, applicants will be shortlisted after returning an application form, then interviewed. If successful, you will be part of a group of 16 that plays host to a delegation of Chinese young people in July, and pay a return visit to Hong Kong in September.

Application forms should be returned to:

***Pine Court Housing Association
1 Nelson Street
Liverpool
L1 5DW***

Application deadline is: Wednesday 25th January 2012

Shortlisted applicants will be contact by phone on / before Friday 27th January 2012.

Interviews will be carried out on Tuesday 31st January 2012.



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Essential Criteria

To apply, you must:

- be 17 - 25 years old on 1st September 2012;
- live in Wirral or Liverpool;
- have a good knowledge of British culture;
- be knowledgeable about Wirral and Liverpool;
- be prepared to be an ambassador for Wirral and Liverpool;
- be an EU citizen; and
- have a valid travel document.

What am I expected to do should I be successful?

Successful applicants are expected to:

- pay £250, which could be paid in instalments. Help will be available in cases of extreme hardships;
- attend weekly meetings from January to December, which will include evenings and/or weekends;
- fundraise as part of a group;
- act as a welcoming host to the Hong Kong delegates during their 2 weeks stay in July (you are not required to provide accommodation);
- be available to travel to Hong Kong for 2 weeks in early September;
- be able to show a high commitment to the whole programme by attending a minimum of 80% of all meetings and activities; and
- be able and prepared to take part in the whole programme without alcohol or misuse of substances when you are participating. All activities will be alcohol-free, even if you are over 18.



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Application Form

Title:	Surname:	
Forenames:		
Date of Birth:	NI No:	
Telephone No:	Mobile No:	
Address:		
Email Address:		
Are you an EU citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Are you in work education unemployed ?

If you are in work / education, please give details, such as type of work, school attending, full time / part time, etc.

Have you travelled to the Far East before? Yes No

If yes, please give details, such as where you have been, what type of trip it was, etc.



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Q1/ What does commitment mean to you?

Please explain what time you can offer the programme, please list your other time commitments too (show a weekly timetable if this is helpful).

Q2/ What will you bring to the group during the whole programme and when you are acting as a welcoming host? This is about you, not material things.

Q3/ Please list any ideas you have for fundraising

This might be based on contacts that you have or people you know.



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Q4/ What skills, knowledge or abilities can you bring to the programme?

These can be simple things or more specialised skills.

Q5/ How will this exchange programme help you in your education / employment or training?

Q6/ What experience of volunteering or helping others do you have?

This does not have to be a high profile activity.



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Q7/ What differences will this trip make to your life & others?

Q8/ Anything else you want to tell us about yourself?

Be brave and tell us something!

I confirm all information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature (if you are under 18): _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Diversity Monitoring Form

Disability

Are you disabled? Yes No

If yes, please give details: _____

Religion

Do you have a religion? Yes No

If yes, please give details: _____

Ethnic Origin

Please tick the most appropriate description of your ethnic origin.

White White British White Irish Other White Background

Black Black Caribbean Black African Other Black Background

Asian Chinese Indian Pakistani
 Bangladeshi Other Asian Background

Mixed White & Asian White & Black African White & Black Caribbean
 Other Mixed Background

Other Arab Gypsy / Romany / Irish Traveller
 Other Ethnic Group