UF in Galway & Gweedore: Youth Development, Irish Culture, and Service-Learning in Galway, Ireland

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Youth Development, Irish Culture, and Service-Learning in Galway, Ireland

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18-20 UF Students will spend 6 weeks this summer immersed in youth development, Irish culture, and service-learning in Galway and Gweedore, Ireland!

Courses Offered:

Required:
FYC4932: Youth Development, Irish Culture, and Service-Learning in Galway & Gweedore, Ireland (3 cred)

Choose 1:
FYC4932: Ireland Field Study (3 cred)  
or  
FYC4941: FYCS Practicum (3 cred)
Youth Development, Irish Culture, and Service-Learning in Galway, Ireland

Program Highlights

- **Individual Placements**
  - Work directly with youth living and schooling in Galway for ~4 weeks
- **Capstone Project**
  - Gweedore for ~2 weeks
  - A sustainable team project that is community driven
- **NUIG & Local Organisations**
  - Workshops and Lectures at NUIG, which has the most diverse student body in Ireland
  - Potential Workshops include: Jigsaw, Youth Work Ireland, Tusla, and Foiroge
- **Irish Culture**
  - The Irish language has a unique position in Galway and Gweedore, predominantly due to its proximity to Connemara (Ireland's largest Irish-Speaking region)
  - Galway has many historical sites
  - Irish Cultural Immersion in Donegal
- **Accountability Partners (AP)**
  - Each person on our trip will have an accountability partner
    - We hope that having an AP will allow for accountability when we travel, when you journal, to build relationships, & comradarie
Excursion Highlights

- Traditional Irish Music Night
- Farmers Market
- Aran Islands
- Northern Ireland
- Cultural Immersion Weekend – Irish Dance Lessons, Irish Language Lesson
- Gola Island
- Glenveagh National Park
- Coastal & Estuary Walks in Gweedore

Climate:

- Galway: mild, moist, temperate & changeable climate
  Average High/Low = 60F/43F;
  Average Rainfall = 2.68” – 3.19”
- Gweedore: Avg. High/Low = 66F/50F
Living Arrangements

• **Galway**
  • You will be paired together to stay with host families in Galway in a central location to your service-learning placement
  • Breakfast and Dinners will be provided by your host families

• **Gweedore**
  • We will stay at a Bed & Breakfast
  • Breakfast will be provided at the B&B
  • Evening Group meals may be considered (cost is ~5 euros/meal)
  • 2 meals/week are provided at Ionad Naomh Pádraig Dobhar
  • A Farewell dinner will also be provided
Potential Service – Learning Sites:

1. **Bohermore Youth Development Project**
   - Afterschool and youth clubs for the children and young people of the Bohermore area in Galway City
     - Youth education - literacy, behavioral challenges
     - Traveller population

2. **Galway Autism Partnership**
   - Family founded organisation supporting children with autism (and their families)
     - Summer camp assistance – design & implement ideas & fundraising

3. **Youth Work Ireland**
   - Work on planning the Westside Arts Festival & literacy programmes w/ members of the Irish Traveller community
     - Local arts fest, ethnic challenges, and LGBT issues

4. **Muintearas Teo**
   - Work in the Gaeltacht (Irish speaking region of Ireland)
   - A community education and training organization

5. **Eglinton Refugee Center**
   - Work with children and youth in a summer camp environment
   - Children may come from anywhere in the world with their families seeking to make Ireland their new home country
Program Fees & Due Dates

2018 Undergraduate Program Fee: $TBA

• The 18-20 UF Students will be registered for FYC4932: Youth Development, Irish Culture, and Service-Learning in Galway, Ireland (UFIC/FYCS will register each student).

• Students will also be registered for either FYC4932: Ireland Field Study OR FYC4941: FYCS Practicum (UFIC/FYCS will register each student).

• You will earn 6 credits of UF/FYCS credits for the 6-week session.

• Cost for the 6-weeks includes: most excursion, workshops, lectures, homestay, B & B, transportation to & from the airport, access to free wifi (in your homestay and at NUIG via Eduroam), UF international health insurance (CISI), liability coverage (via UF) and two group meals.

• Not included: airfare, personal expenses, and some meals (lunches with homestay not included, and most lunches (2/week are provided at Ionad) and all dinners not included at the B&B.

• Please apply online via www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas

• Interviews will also take place during Fall and Spring, prior to final selection of the 18-20 UF Students

• Deadline to apply: February 1st

• A $350 nonrefundable deposit is due at the time of the application, unless you are not selected for the Program.
Garda Vetting (background check)

- Due to working with vulnerable populations each student is required to pass Ireland’s Garda Vetting, which is equivalent to a level 2 background check in the United States.
- Each student participating in this study abroad program must pass the Garda Vetting (background check).

Cell Phones

- ~20 euro/month you may purchase a Sim card w. unlimited data, you may quit whenever. Your phone must be “unlocked”
- ~80 euro for a cheap smart phone
- Contact your Cellphone company prior to departure to setup your international plan (may not available with all carriers)
- We have access to free Wifi at NUIG via Eduroam
  - Eduroam is accessed via your ufl username and password
CALS Scholarships:  
http://cals.ufl.edu/global-gators/study-abroad-scholarships.php

UFIC Scholarships*:  
https://www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/ScholarshipApplication.html

UFIC SAPA:  
https://www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/ScholarshipSAPA.html

Study Abroad Scholarships:  
http://www.studyabroad.com/study-abroad-scholarships

Go Abroad Scholarships:  
http://www.goabroad.com/scholarships-abroad

Gilman Scholarship:  
http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program

*Additional information can be found at UFIC

But, How Do I Pay for This Trip??? – check each site for due dates & requirements
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