



Selection of Young People for Connecting Cultures

Selecting **the right** people to participate is essential to the success of the programme, and your help is greatly appreciated. On each desert journey we take 18 young people. Groups are either male, or female, not mixed.

To make the right choice, it is important that you read the attached '***What happens on a Connecting Cultures course***' document.

What makes the ideal applicant?

The ideal applicant will be someone who;

- Has an interest in current/international affairs
- Shows the potential to lead and influence others in the future
- Is able to speak good English and preferably Arabic – **this is essential** - communication is the cornerstone of Connecting Cultures
- Is aged between 17-25 years old
- Would be a good ambassador for their country
- Is physically fit, and mentally determined

What makes an unsuitable applicant?

- People who are **not physically fit enough** to cope with the walking (approximately 8 kilometres in soft sand) each day. We have had to turn nominated applicants away in the past who were clearly not fit enough to take part in the programme.
- People who have already had several opportunities to travel outside of their own country, and who have already attended many other courses and workshops before. We want to make this a life changing inspirational experience for participants, not just another trip overseas for those who have had chances before.

Selection of participants is in three stages;

1. Countries ask applicants to complete a Connecting Cultures application form along with the bio page of their passports that must be valid until at least six months after completion of the journey.
2. Countries short list applicants **for each journey**, then email or fax the completed application forms to Oman before the deadline below.
3. Connecting Cultures will then study the applications, and contact you.

Timelines and Deadlines winter 2014/2015

Desert Journey Date	Location	Male or Female
January 21 st – 25 th 2017	Sharqiyah Desert, Oman	Female
February 4 th – 8 th 2017	Sharqiyah Desert, Oman	Male

Deadlines for your nominations

The new deadline for nominations for the above journeys is Sunday October 9th 2016 for European countries and Sunday October 30th for Middle East countries. We will then start to look at the applicants' forms and build the teams.

Application Forms should be **sent to both addresses below**;

Connecting Cultures:

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