

HI-CONNECT PROGRAMME



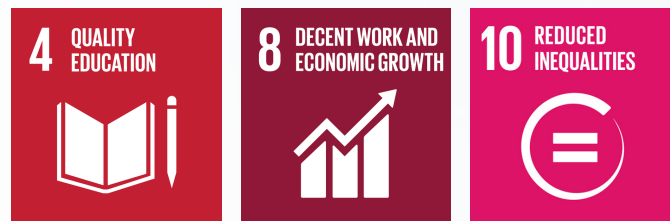
ARE YOU READY FOR THE EXPERIENCE?

#SAYHITOTHEWORLD



Welcome to the HI-Connect Programme!

The vision of this staff and volunteers mobility programme facilitated by Hostelling International is the following: To provide staff, volunteers and young people with a unique opportunity to experience life and work in another country; to enhance life skills and confidence; to engage within our sustainability mission; to embrace the culture and environment of the host country; to enhance their ability to learn another language; to create new friendships and promote mobility of people across international boundaries.



Welcome to the HI-Connect Programme!

So far, it's been doing great; we've surveyed some participants and here's what they had to say about their experience:

Knowledge & Understanding

95% agreed that they will be able to share their new knowledge with others and also that they have learnt something about tourism & hospitality

Attitudes & Values

94.7% reported higher motivation at work after their experience

Cultural life

95% have experienced different cultural practices to their own and shared about their own culture

Skills

100% affirmed they learnt words in another language

Physical activities, Behaviour and Progression

95% had the opportunity to explore the area/surroundings of the new workplace

Enjoyment, Inspiration and Creativity

95% had fun during their stay.

"I really recommend it. [...] Meeting people and visiting the country is really unique and it is so nice to see how other colleagues of yours in other countries are working. [...]"

Everywhere is the HI-Vibe."

—Participant from the Netherlands



A short history of HI

Our history gives us authenticity and our status means you can trust us... We really have been doing this for a rather long time.

1909

- German school teacher Richard Schirrmann sees the need for overnight accommodation for school children so that they have a place to stay during class trips. Schools are then used during the holidays, with classrooms being temporarily converted to accommodate beds.

1912

- Schirrmann sets up the first youth hostel in his own school in Altena, Westphalia. Soon after this is replaced by a permanent hostel in Altena Castle.

1919

- The idea of hostelling spreads across Germany and Schirrmann founds the German Youth Hostel Association.

1932

- The youth hostel movement quickly spreads worldwide so the International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) is founded. Richard Schirrmann is appointed president.

2006

- The International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) operates as Hostelling International (HI).

Today, we are one of the world's largest international membership organisations with more than 3.7 million members, a network of over 3,300 international youth hostels spread across over 89 countries.



Why participate in HI-Connect?

The real question would be... Why not to?!

Some take part in HI-Connect to develop languages skills, cultural awareness and open-mindedness, some others to learn from best practices in other workplace, some to put themselves outside of their comfort zone and push further their boundaries.

Regardless of what your personal and professional objectives are, you can rely on certain solid elements to guarantee the quality of your mobility activity:

Activity agreement

A document to make sure details are understood, and that expectations both on the host's and on your side, are managed

Evaluation survey

After your experience, we will want to capture your constructive comments through our survey to improve the programme

On-site mentor

This person will become your point of reference should you have any question or need help

Certificate of participation

This is a great addition to your CV and can serve in your career development!



Where to?



To help you decide on which destination is the best for you to reach your personal and professional objectives, have a look at what each host organisation has prepared. Click on the blue links to discover the different places where you could live your HI-Connect experience!

Canada

Croatia

Czech Republic

England & Wales

Germany

[HI International Office](#)

Iceland

Ireland

United States

[The Netherlands](#)

Northern Ireland

[Norway](#)

[Portugal](#)

Scotland

[Slovenia](#)

South Korea

[Spain](#)



Ready?

