

renewal exploration meaning in the field of youth work

International Youth Worker Exchange

What is the International Youth Worker Exchange?

The International Youth Worker Exchange is a chance for Indiana youth workers to connect globally with youth workers in other countries to learn from each other about best practices with young people, to increase understanding of different cultures, to learn about academic preparation of youth workers; and to build long lasting relationships with youth workers from around the world.

International Youth Worker Exchanges

- 2005 United Kingdom, Community and Youth Worker Union
- 2007 Oololaimutia School in Massai Marra & Kariua School in Nairobi, Kenya
- 2009 Calnali, Mexico, Friends of Hidalgo
- 2012 Calgary - Canmore, Canada, YMCA & International Child and Youth Care Conference
- 2014 Auckland and Christchurch, New Zealand & Melbourne and Sydney, Australia

How does the Exchange work?

A host organization is identified in a country selected by Indiana Youth Workers. The host organization helps establish the experience of the trip and is invited to Indiana for the same type of experience the following year:

- Home stays with youth workers
- Job shadowing youth workers while on the job
- Attending and presenting trainings, workshops or conferences
- Assisting with youth serving programs
- Assisting with service projects that directly impact young people

What is the Journey Fellowship?

The Journey Fellowship is a 12-month program funded by The Lilly Endowment and directed by AYS Inc. Journey that brings current and prospective youth workers together for unique and challenging experiences of personal and collective reflection, renewal, discovery and creation. The diverse retreat settings, activities, resource people, individual, and group learning processes are designed to help participants envision themselves and the vocation of youth work in new ways.

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