

Global Youth Leaders Development Programme 2014

This is an official programme hosted by the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan. The Cabinet Office is now recruiting young British nationals who would like to take part in it. For further information on this scheme, please click below:

[General information on the Global Youth Leaders Development Programme 2014](#)

Ship for World Youth Program

Welcome!

The Ship for World Youth (SWY) Program, operated by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan, is a scheme that involves youths from Japan and other countries around the world. The participants board the Ship for World Youth, live together and, while on board, study and discuss common issues from a global perspective and take part in various other activities that involve multicultural and multinational exchange opportunities.

This program, which began in 1988, marked its 25th voyage in 2013 (FY2012). For 2014 (FY2013), the scheme was superseded by the Global Leaders Development Program, and for 2015 ((FY2014) it will take the form of the Global Youth Leaders Development Program 2014, “The Ship for World Youth Leaders”.

The Ship for World Youth (SWY) Program began in 1988. Its purpose is to promote mutual understanding among young people from a number of countries. More specifically, it is about young people from various countries meeting in Japan to share, learn and develop international youth leadership skills.

It is hoped that, once people have participated in the scheme, they will go on to make use of the valuable experience gained through it to engage in international exchange activities in their communities, workplaces and schools. It is particularly desirable that the participants should build bridges of friendship between Japan and their respective countries.

The programme comprises a number of cultural activities mainly on board an ocean liner either in the Indian Ocean or the Pacific Ocean. It is sponsored by the Cabinet Office so there is a particular focus on mutual cultural understanding between the participating countries and Japan.

<http://www.shipforworldyouth.org/>

The itinerary of the Global Youth Leaders Development Programme 2014, “The Ship for World Youth Leaders”, is as follows:

21 January – 1 February 2015 – Arrival of the overseas participants, local programme and onshore training programme

2 – 13 February 2013 – Six days' sailing and six days' travel and port-of-call activities in Naha and Ofunato cities

Participating countries:

- Kingdom of Bahrain
- Federative Republic of Brazil
- India
- Japan
- Republic of Kenya
- New Zealand
- Sultanate of Oman
- Republic of Peru
- Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
- Republic of Turkey
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The Ship for World Youth Leaders 2014

21 January – 13 February 2015

Application Deadline: Sunday 3 August 2014

Criteria for regular participants: For the 9 places available, each applicant must:

- be a UK national
- be 18-30 years of age
- have a good command of English and good communication skills (so as to be able to communicate with people from other nationalities)
- be able to participate for the entire duration of the programme
- be able to play an active part in the programme – which will be on board an ocean liner (and may involve some mobility restrictions)
- be able to engage with the aims and objectives of the programme and participate with others, while displaying a suitable level of diplomacy and sensitivity
- be able to contribute substantially to the various activities for promoting the sound development of young people as well as to play an active role in international exchange locally, professionally or through schools or youth organisations and the like
- have a sufficiently good command of English to be able to participate in activities such as university-level discussions
- be able to demonstrate an interest in the culture and the people of Japan
- not have participated in international youth exchange programmes sponsored by the Cabinet Office of Japan
- show willingness to get involved in the Alumni Association after participation in the programme
- be politically sensitive (i.e. aware that some issues can be very challenging for people from certain cultures to discuss even if they are not controversial in one's own culture)

Criteria for national leaders: For the 1 available position, each applicant must:

- meet all of the above criteria
- (preferably) be in his/her 30s
- be able to lead the British delegation in participating in the programme, including the preparation and debriefing periods in the UK, in Tokyo and on board the ship
- be able to facilitate discussions and activities involving his/her delegation, being mindful of the multinational nature of the programme
- be able to perform the role of a member of the National Delegation Leaders meeting, thereby shaping the activities on board the ship
- (ideally) have participated previously in the Ship for World Youth Program
- (preferably) belong to a youth organisation as an officer or in a governmental/non-governmental organisation involved in youth affairs

FAQs

Where are we going and why?

- Naha (Okinawa prefecture), to see the diverse culture of Japan
- Ofunato (Iwate prefecture), to see the progress of the reconstruction efforts in the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami
(There will be a detailed explanation at the National Leaders meeting.)

What are the probable costs for the participants?

- Just personal expense (snacks, laundry, phone calls, internet, etc)

What are the participants' organisational responsibilities?

- These will be explained at the National Leaders meeting.

Do all participants have medical cover?

- The Japanese Government will cover the cost of travel (including medical) insurance.
(The details will be provided at the National Leaders meeting.)

For information on how to apply, please send an email to: markfsyed@gmail.com.