



# AUSTRIA 2011

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NFYFC Discovery  
Programme

# REPRESENTING NFYFC ENGLAND AND WALES



My name is Aimee Mahony from Leicestershire and Rutland YFC.

I was lucky enough to visit Austria for 6 weeks on the Discovery programme.

This presentation shows the highlights of my amazing trip and some of the memories I will treasure forever.



# THE NFYFC DISCOVERY PROGRAMME

- Fantastic unique opportunities
- New places, new friends and another culture
- World of destinations
- Travel in a safe and friendly environment
- Home stays, team travel or working exchanges
- Cost = airfare, participation fee, insurance and spending money
- Home stays allow you to experience life in another country and to visit places that are not possible as a typical tourist
- Learn a new language
- Ambassador for your country and YFC



# APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- Fill out the application form which is easy to follow and includes details about yourself, why you would like to travel and a personal statement
- Simply write why you believe you will be a good ambassador for your country and YFC and the reasons why the trip appeals to you and what you can offer in return
- Attend the selection day at NFU headquarters in Stratford upon Avon
- The interview panel were very friendly and asked various questions ranging from my involvement in YFC to why I wanted to travel
- The day was great fun and included:
  - Meeting new friends
  - Playing 'ice breaker' games
  - Having an interview
  - Presentations from previous travellers
  - Tutorials on how to pack etc
  - Results 😊

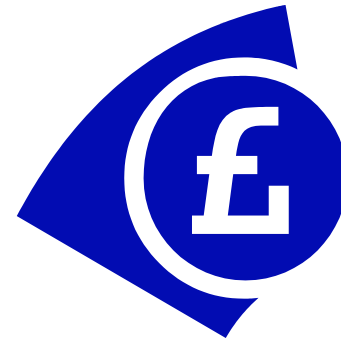


# FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP

- I received a donation towards the cost of my trip from the TGN Stops award which is a personal development award available for members in Leicestershire and Rutland YFC

**\*\*Ask your county office for any funding available for your trip - you never know unless you ask\*\***

- Many local businesses and organisations want to aid you in strengthening links between young people and agriculture around the world and therefore may be interested in sponsoring your trip



# AUSTRIA

- Central Europe
- Borders- Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Slovenia
- Population- Approx 8 million
- Land area- 83,855 km<sup>2</sup>



- Land Jugend Austria is the largest rural youth group in the country
- They have 90,000 members
- My hosts were all members/associates of the Land Jugend



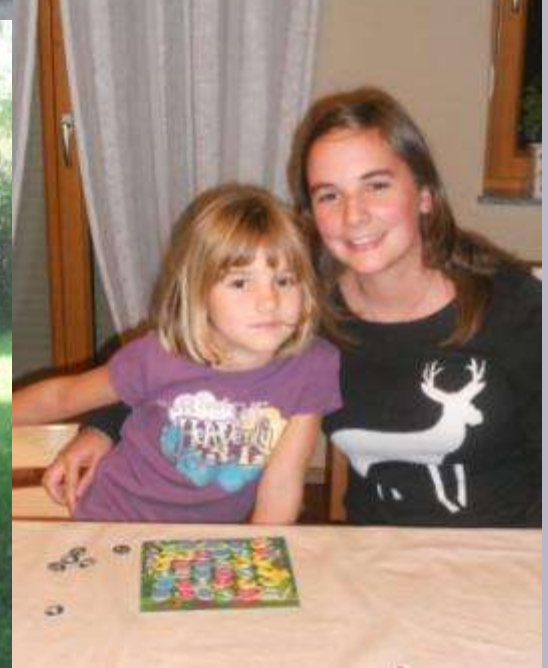
# ORIENTATION



I was met at the airport and spent the first few days with the Austrian International Co-ordinator , meeting new people and visiting a beer festival.



# HOST FAMILIES



# ACTIVITIES AND SIGHTSEEING...



Zotter Chocolate factory...The edible zoo...Picking apricots in the orchard...Visiting Herberstein zoo



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Science museums...The Sound of Music church...

Agricultural shows...Salt mine...Swimming in lakes...

Day trip to Germany...BBQ's... Art galleries...Horse and carriage city tour...Schönbrunn palace



# VIENNA



The city  
hall...Mozart  
concert hall...  
Prater  
(Permanent  
Funfair)



The  
national  
library...  
River  
Danube...  
Belvedere  
(Art  
gallery)



# TRADITIONS AND CULTURE



I was lucky enough to be invited along with my host family to an Austrian wedding.

This was a fantastic opportunity to see a traditional wedding service and reception with a marching band and choir.

I even wore the Austrian national dress: Dirndl.



# NEW FRIENDS



# RURAL AUSTRIA AND THE FANTASTIC SCENERY



# TRADITIONAL FOOD



- Gugelhupf  
(marble cake)
- Apple strudel
- Wiener Schnitzel
- Handpicked  
mushrooms



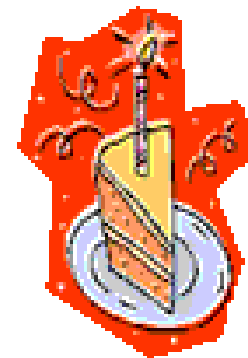
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



During my stay I celebrated my birthday.

My host family took me on a tour of their local surroundings and we had pizza for tea!

They helped me celebrate my birthday 'Austrian style' and even sang Happy Birthday in English for me 😊



# TIME TO RELAX



There is also time to sit back and relax and really enjoy the country you are visiting.



SO APPLY NOW FOR YOUR TRIP OF A  
LIFETIME...

