

Rural Youth Europe

European Rally 2011

Ruše, Slovenia

6th-13th August



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Slovenia

Population: 2,051,000

Capital City: Ljubljana

Facts:

- ❖ 3rd most forested country in Europe
- ❖ Part of the European Union from 2004
- ❖ 1% is covered with vineyards and Slovenia is famed for its fine wines.



Where We Stayed...

Ruše near Maribor



- ❖ Once the largest village in Slovenia
- ❖ Maribor is the second largest city in Slovenia
- ❖ Maribor has the worlds oldest vine at 400 years old



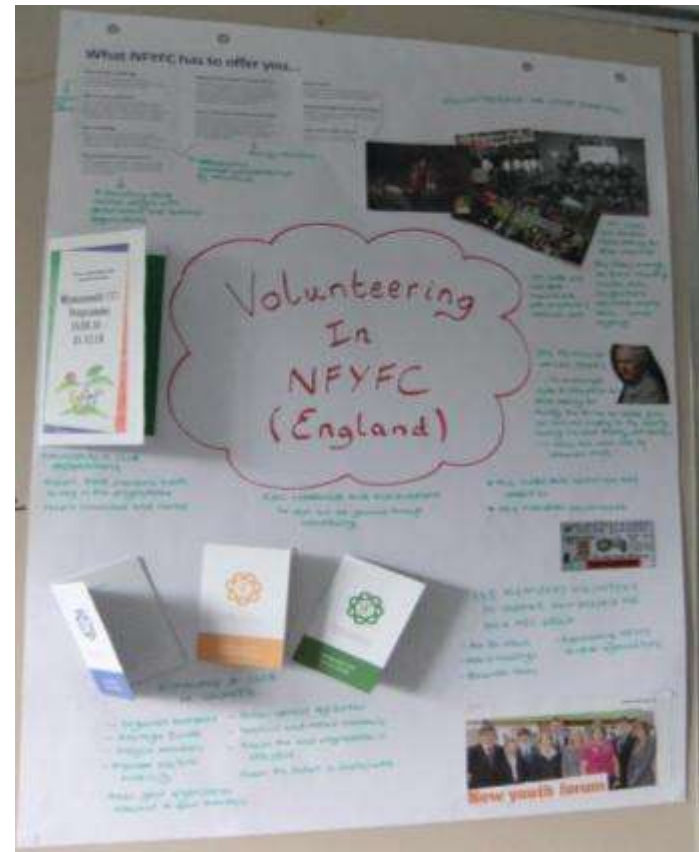
Posters

As soon as we arrived we produced 2 posters:

NFYFC in England



Volunteering within NFYFC



Ice Breaking Games



85 People, 16 Organisations
A Lot Of Names to Learn!



Opening Ceremony

This saw traditional costumes worn by countries. We decided to do a bit of a twist and go as characters out of Robin Hood.



Not to forget the traditional bell ringing and Slovenian dancing.



International Buffet Evening

“One of the best events of the week”



“We got to mingle, chat and get a taste of different cultures”

“I got to try moose sausage from Norway!”



“We gained new knowledge about European cuisines, people and culture”

“There was such a range of food and drink...beers, wines, cakes, breads, cheeses, haggis!”



Social Capital

Communication

Friendship

What is Social Capital?

Volunteering

Networking

We can use our social capital to get better opportunities in life and to help others.

This was the theme for our workshops throughout the week.

Workshops

We use our social capital in day to day life.

Our workshops highlighted this and brought forward ideas as to how we can maximise its use in our lives and organisations.

Discussion Groups



Posters



Drama Sketches



Host Families

We were split into 2 groups. Apart from Claire & James who stayed behind to attend the General Assembly.

Mark & Rich headed to the coast near the Italian border including a day trip to the capital Ljubljana



Host Families

Group 2 including Hannah & Emma travelled to Maribor for the day before staying with families in a small village called Lenart.



Closing Ceremony

The final dinner was held in a hotel in Ruše. With countries opting for either traditional dress or black tie.

Every participant received a certificate and small gift for attending and closing speeches were given along with a memorable slideshow presentation of the weeks events.



A fantastic end to a fantastic week!



Thank You