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The Centre for International Learning and Leadership (CILL) promotes international thinking, values and skills in education and employment. We believe that giving young people access to international opportunities is the most effective and inclusive way to develop the transferable skills needed by employers, as well as enhancing formal education outcomes. It also contributes to the prosperity, security and reputation of our country.

CILL is currently leading an initiative “Beyond Erasmus+” which brings together organisations and individuals from across the UK to consider options for future international education and youth activities, and thereby to inform national policy-making.



Executive Summary

"Leaving home, and your country, is really important to gain independence, meet people from other areas of the UK... but also from other parts of the world. Without going to university, there aren't many other ways to get this experience. Being able to visit other countries helps gain a sense of self and encourages growth in several areas"

This is a report on a survey of young people's opinions regarding international opportunities in education, carried out by the Centre for International Learning and Leadership (CILL) in May 2021 as part of our "Beyond Erasmus+" initiative. The aim is to underpin discussions within our networks, but also among policy-makers, with authentic voices of young people. For this reason most of our survey questions were open-ended.

In order to set the context, we asked young people to tell us what they thought "global Britain" means. The majority took a positive view, pointing towards a successful country that is outward-looking, open to the world, diverse, tolerant and collaborative. They are looking for opportunities that will make them part of this.

On the other hand, responses show that young people are apprehensive about their future opportunities, in the wake of the UK government's decision to withdraw from the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes. Most have not heard of the new Turing Scheme or consider it irrelevant to their needs, particularly if they are not in higher or further education. Whilst previously they might have considered taking part in international activities, they now cannot.

Participants were asked what obstacles prevent them from going abroad. Nearly all felt that money is the greatest limiting factor, as well as their current employment or academic background. A funding programme is needed in order to make sure international opportunities are available for all, not just those privileged enough to attend university.

There is also a serious lack of information to help young people find out about international projects and exchanges. They have doubts about where they could travel easily or what would be available to them with their current situation. Support from family, teachers and other trusted adults is also needed in order to help those with less confidence to overcome their fears about taking part in activities far from home.

International programmes have a lot to offer young people in the United Kingdom, as is made clear by the unanimous desire of survey participants to get experience abroad. In a wholly positive outlook, all participants believed that travelling makes an individual more understanding, well rounded, "helps us go beyond nationalisms and borders" and "allows us to know different countries and develop ourselves as more complex people". If there is a decrease in the internationality of our youth, then we risk decreasing the internationality and scope of our society as a whole in the future. Conversely, we have a great opportunity to create a new and vibrant path for young people, which would allow them to flourish and better themselves, to the benefit the UK as a whole.



Introduction

Following the decision of the UK government to leave the Erasmus Plus and European Solidarity Corps programmes, it is important to understand how young people both in higher or further education, and those who are not, feel about their prospects for international education mobility going forward.

This report aims to articulate the voices of those who have participated in our survey and convey how important it is for young people's views to be heard, both by those responsible for the formation of future policy and by education and youth practitioners implementing new projects and creating support networks.

The survey was conducted online via Survey Monkey to understand the thoughts and concerns of youth groups with regards to international mobility outside the United Kingdom. It was started on the 24th of March 2021 and ended on the 7th of May 2021; in total there were 85 responses. All questions were completed in full and all quotations contained in this paper are the verbatim answers of participants. There were a mixture of closed and open questions in order to gain a comprehensive impression of young people's views.

The study is small in scale, but has given some clear indications as to what opinion young people have about global movement and their future hopes to be a part of it. This report is intended to help a range of stakeholders to make informed decisions moving forward, taking due account of the views of young people.

Some notable observations are:

- All participants feel that international travel is vital to personal and societal growth.
- Most participants did not feel there was enough information or support on how to access international schemes.
- Most participants found money to be the biggest obstacle to them being internationally mobile.
- There is strong indication that the concept of a "Global Britain", whilst not comprehensive yet, has great scope for being an identifier for how young people want lead their lives and conduct themselves.
- Participants were inspired by the experience and examples before them, led by family, friends and peers.
- Most participants would feel more comfortable about travelling, with the safety and financial guarantees that professional / government institutions can provide through formal programmes.

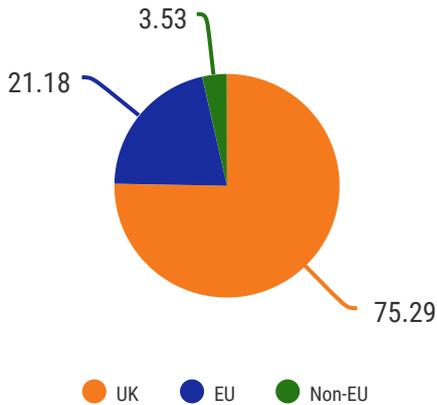
The lack of opportunities is a cause for concern with young people and action is needed. It is vital that young people choosing routes other than higher or further education are included in international schemes as they will benefit equally, if not more than any other group. A focus on leading by example and showcasing opportunities would potentially attract more young people to engage in international opportunities. That nearly half of the participants had not experienced international opportunities before, shows on a wider scale just how many young people are at risk of being left behind.

"...it's essential to realise that there's more than one way to live life. This makes people more tolerant, accepting and open-minded. It also enhances our own abilities as we can learn from others."



Participants

Location (%)

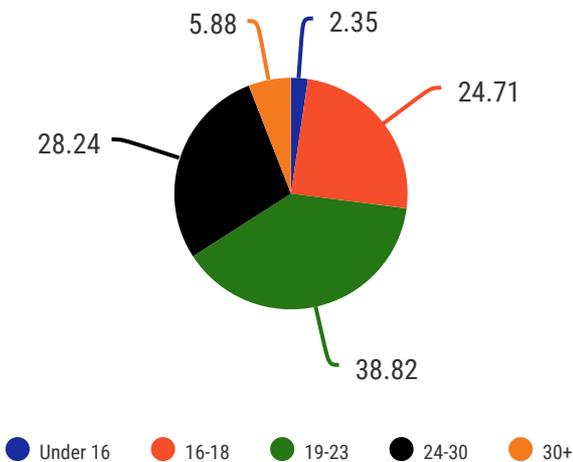


Location of Participants

The participants who have taken part are based the United Kingdom, European Union and non-European area, with the majority of participants being based in England.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------|-----------|----|
| England | 63.53% | 54 |
| Scotland | 5.88% | 5 |
| Wales | 2.35% | 2 |
| Northern Ireland | 3.53% | 3 |
| Republic of Ireland | 0.00% | 0 |
| Other EU | 21.18% | 18 |
| Other non-EU | 3.53% | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 85 |

Age (%)

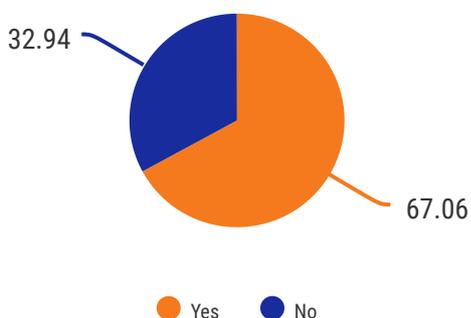


Age Demographic

The participants are aged from under 16 up to over 30, with most people answering ranging between 16-30 years of age.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Under 16 | 2.35% | 2 |
| 16-18 | 24.71% | 21 |
| 19-23 | 38.82% | 33 |
| 24-30 | 28.24% | 24 |
| 30+ | 5.88% | 5 |
| TOTAL | | 85 |

Prior Experience (%)



International Experience Prior to Survey

When asked whether they had international experience in an exchange or similar over half answered yes, with just under a third never having done so.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 67.06% | 57 |
| No | 32.94% | 28 |
| TOTAL | | 85 |



Findings

What does a Global Britain mean to young People?

When asked the question “What does ‘Global Britain’ mean to you?” there was a striking commonality of language used. Many participants identified with the idea of “open- minded, accepting” attitudes. They saw a Global Britain allowing them to work in international areas and that British people would be “active and positive contributors to global society”.

It is clear that most participants from non-UK countries were not always acquainted with the term, having a neutral opinion or simply none.

As one participant stated, a “...post-Brexit Britain where new opportunities are available...” would be a Britain that is a leader of forward-thinking, indispensable values on the world stage as well as being an active part of the international community. “The idea of mutually exchanging the benefits of this country with others” should be an exciting prospect for people of all ages, that stakeholders could invest in, shape and define to create a truly Global Britain.

One participant viewed a Global Britain as “Global, outward looking, international [and] liberal” which represents young people's wish to be a part of Britain’s collaborative efforts to grow internationally. Most young people feel that a lack of international opportunities (due to obstacles not allowing them to take part, such as finances or occupation) would limit societal, as well as personal growth.

Do young people think it is important to learn about other cultures?

Participants were asked if they thought it was important to learn about other cultures and countries and the results were a resounding yes. In the open question, young people said it created tolerance and that it “enhances our own abilities”. In a wholly positive outlook, all participants believed that travelling makes an individual more understanding, well rounded, “helps us go beyond nationalisms and borders” and “allows us to know different countries and develop ourselves as more complex people”.

It is promising and encouraging to see a unanimously positive perception of travel and internationality, since it simplifies the issues surrounding funding youth projects. A system needs to be secured in place to make sure international opportunities are available for all, not just those in higher education. This is important since just under half of the participants had not undertaken any international schemes before and were aged 16-30: this is the age range that Erasmus Plus caters for and would have previously funded.

“...the UK is globally interconnected with thousands of cultures, languages, lifestyles and has strong links to countries internationally. Britain should be accepting and embracing cultures that we all benefit from in our lives.”



What obstacles are faced by young people?

The survey asked participants what their main obstacles for international opportunities were, as well what could be done to encourage more young people to participate in schemes. Survey answers were markedly similar. Concerns often stated were:

- Costs
- Documentation and insurance
- Lack of infrastructure to facilitate travel
- More stringent travel regulations
- Lack of purpose or reason to go
- Not enough time
- Lack of encouragement
- Work commitments and needing to focus on career
- Little confidence
- Language barriers

These obstacles can be surmised as young people of all backgrounds and ages not feeling supported. There is a lack of information that would help them consider taking on international opportunities, doubts about where they could travel easily or what would be available to them with their current situation.

What opportunities are wanted by young people?

When asked what kind of opportunities they would want to have as young people travelling, participants mostly wanted exchanges and work experience (including volunteering) opportunities. Participants were vocal about having chances “for young people who otherwise would not be able to travel”, most notably outside of university schemes and of benefit to those from lower socio-economic backgrounds. Professional work schemes were mentioned, as well as concerns about “opportunities to undertake immersive language courses in host countries and come back to your current job, rather than leave a job”. This further highlights the current gaps in provision for young people in the UK.

"For me, I don't go to university, so the opportunities that existed outside of that made me feel included and welcomed to a really vibrant network. Such included, short term (1-2 weeks) youth exchanges which are mainly fun cultural exchange projects with a loose general purpose but predominantly for cultural exchange. Training courses for professional skill development and informal learning, entrepreneur exchanges was something I was really excited to try"



What additional action could be taken to encourage, facilitate and influence international mobility?

Participants were asked what solutions they thought would be useful to encourage further travel and get information to people. Resoundingly, there was a call for lower cost or free opportunities for internships and exchanges. Answers given show how indispensable non-governmental youth organisations have been in supporting underrepresented groups, and indicate a greater need for support, funding and collaboration from all stakeholders to help facilitate access. There is a need to “create more government-backed funding systems” and make opportunities more accessible for young people.

The majority of participants mentioned a need to increase awareness and promote what is available to them, suggesting that they do not feel supported by any scheme to facilitate travel. Participants stated that it was important “to encourage the connectivity part of travel ...travel allows you to feel truly connected to this world”.

Responses from participants suggest that it is more effective to have exchange programmes that allow exposure to other nationals in the UK as well as travel abroad. This can also facilitate access to such schemes by showing young people a precedent.

Many participants demanded the creation of a funded programme, which also highlights that the majority of young people had little knowledge of the Turing Scheme or found it unusable as they had decided not to enter into further education. Whilst once they may have considered opportunities in the future, they now cannot.

What inspires young people?

When asked what is the best way to get information out to young people, social media was the main answer from the majority of participants. When asked who would motivate them, the answer “People who have done what I want to do” captures the attitude of participants. Whether it is friends, family, colleagues or a public figure, there is no doubt that young people feel encouraged and inspired to go abroad by looking to their peer-group predecessors and those who they can relate to on a personal level. An inclusive international programme will depend on such encouragement. If there is a decrease in the internationality of our youth, then we risk decreasing the internationality and scope of our society as a whole in the future.

"By showing personal examples (i.e. getting them to meet with people who have had these experiences) rather than just giving information. For me, I went abroad when I met people from different countries who were going to university in all different European countries so then I considered doing this myself. Maybe Job websites - many people who are looking for a job might be open to new international experiences."



Conclusion

The Next Steps Forward

Young people's opinions as expressed in this survey clearly show apprehension towards their future opportunities. All participants felt that finances would be a limiting factor, as well as their current employment or academic background. If the correct action is not taken, there is the risk of leaving behind bright and capable young people who could make a positive impact for themselves and the world that they live in. If it were to continue in such a way, more and more people would think it impossible to learn new skills and develop themselves internationally, as well as having a poorer understanding of the world that they live in. That being said, there is a great opportunity to create a new and vibrant path for young people, which would allow them to flourish and therefore better themselves and benefit the UK as a whole.

For this to happen, certain principles and actions will be essential:

- Funding schemes for all young people who fall into the relevant age category, regardless of their educational or employment status.
- A focus on building a Global Britain that young people identify with and personally want to see, where cultures and ideas are shared and developed. Young people are eager to take part in cultural exchanges.
- Promoting opportunities to young people clearly and reassuringly, so that they can plan their future with confidence. The participants were clear about the need for the creation of a funded programme that encompassed all groups and backgrounds.
- Leading by example as a cosmopolitan and open-minded nation that not only seeks to learn from others but also offers and promotes the means for other nations to take part in our culture. Young people want to learn from other cultures and also share British culture with the world.
- To understand and emphasise that to make young people more international is an investment that everyone profits from. Young people are thinking of their future and how they can help shape the world they want to live in.

International schemes have a lot to offer young people in the United Kingdom. That is made clear by the unanimous desire to develop international experience; it would be regrettable to limit the young people today from showcasing that.

"I think that international travel and international learning & cultural experiences offer young people the chance to develop their own skills, make friends and also develop cultural awareness and confidence in a way you cannot without international opportunities. They also allow a more developed opportunity for reflection and understanding of your own culture, which is I think important for proper discussion, development and improvement of your society and community."

Annex: All Survey Responses

What does "Global Britain" mean to you?

- A Britain that is connected and in touch with the rest of the world , accessible and informed.
- A Britain that is open-minded, accepting and tolerant of all cultures. Also, being competitive in terms of our population's skillset.
- Being more open Britain to all other people?
- A global Britain would be the ability to internationalise and work in different areas with limited restrictions. Though the term can be seen as offensive i.e the British empire
- Intellectual collaboration with other unis and diverse representation
- The many ways in which Britain is linked to other countries around the world through history, politics, economic power, language, culture, etc...
- No
- Global Britain means to me that Britain is connected to countries all over the world and in that way takes impact on Britain as well as on the other countries. But with all of that comes also responsibility.
- That what Britain does is talked about globally
- Global Britain means seeing Britain and British people as active and positive contributors to global society, through strong presences in various parts of the world and support for initiatives aimed at improving the global and local communities. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, where I studied and then volunteered, this was represented through seeing British-led and -supported initiatives improving peace, stability and living conditions for Bosnians. It also means Britain having the confidence to act and lead in these fields, rather than to simply react to what other actors do, as well as knowing when to support cooperative efforts.
- To me, it means a Britain that truly embraces all the diversity - the identities that make up a modern Britain. A Britain that strives to reflect this appreciation to the rest of the world. A post-Brexit Britain where new opportunities are available for Britain in the international ball park and Britons are capable of navigating through.
- That we collaborate ethically and equitably with the globe, making amends for our history and treating others with respect.
- Being able to easily and cheaply communicate with and travel between different countries, but also having a rich cultural diversity within the UK
- nothing. doesn't sound great tbh last time we started to go global a few million people did get enslaved
- Uh sounds kinda racist I'm not sure what it means
- A better place to live, grow up in and to be proud of
- Travelling to different countries from Britain, and others travelling to Britain. It sort of reiterates the importance of us all learning about each of our unique cultures. It is as much us learning about them as it is them learning about us.
- Nothing really, never heard it before. To be honest it sounds a bit weird to me: like if the goal was to colonise the world and make Britain global, whereas I think the appeal of travelling is to discover new things and not wanting to experience "Britain" in various places. I say that because a lot of students of travel unfortunately tend to stick with others the same nationality, kind of missing the point. However I'm sure it has great intent and goals, it's just the image that came to my mind
- Nothing
- Global Britain - a worldwide network.
- I should hope it means to be connected to all countries, to engage with and culturally exchange with others, and to allow Britain itself to be a fantastically diverse and ranging country.
- A Britain to which borders are irrelevant. One that connects to other countries in economic, social and travel-related manners as easily as it does internally. One which shows no social discrimination towards people of other race, ethnicity or nationality. One which does not maintain the pretence of being superior to other countries. It's a long way off.
- Investing in different parts of the world
- A multi-cultural Britain

- The idea of mutually exchanging the benefits of this country with others. It means that people who take part in this country are not necessarily from here, but are invested in improving it and making communities. It means being flexible about Britain's identity and being willing to change it in order to achieve new goals. It means recognising Britain's past and present place in the world, and using this as a way to have a better impact/ play a better part in global affairs. It means allowing and encouraging people who have grown up in Britain to learn about the rest of the world and bring this to this country. In a Global Britain we would definitely learn a more balanced history of the world than we currently do.
- A Britain that is open to work with other countries and open to people from abroad coming into Britain.
- Global, outward looking, international, liberal, free trade
- The different communities in Britain- ethnic diversity.
- -the UK is globally interconnected with thousands of cultures, languages, lifestyles and has strong links to countries internationally. Britain should be accepting and embracing cultures that we all benefit from in our lives.
- Freedom of movement
- Britain playing a positive role internationally, working with other countries to provide opportunities and make the world a better place (environmentally, economically, socially) and trying to undo the damage it has done historically.
- To me, Global Britain would mean people can go anywhere and discover any place they'd like. Equally people from different cultures and countries can discover ours.
- Britain being a very multicultural place
- Nothing
- A Britain that is open to exchanging ideas with other cultures, and makes it easy for its citizens to interact with people in other countries (e.g. by providing access to international exchange programmes).
- A Britain that engages in the works outside of Europe
- Idk
- Little more than an empty slogan to promote Brexit trade deals. We have always been global, the phrase will be forgotten in a few years. I do however want it to mean something that relates to improving ties with the commonwealth, but I somehow doubt it will happen
- Rejoin the EU and investing in the commonwealth
- Britain being connected to the wider world, open minded to foreign cultures and accepting of diverse people
- Idk
- Personally to me Global Britain means having the opportunity to learn about other cultures and countries and being capable of freely discovering them through travelling.
- A Britain that is connected to the world not closed off after brexit
- A Britain that is outward looking and seeks to work with countries around the globe.
- Means that Britain fully embraces the ethnic and cultural minority communities within their country
- Nothing
- The integration of all British people from Gibraltar to the Virgin Islands.
- As the phrase is used, it means a corporate way of saying that we want to trade without thinking about people or planet. Refuses to think about British colonialism
- Collaboration with other countries and a lack of barriers to experience life and work in a foreign country. Streamlined and simple bureaucratic processes when setting up home in another country (even if just for a few months).
- A Britain that represents everyone and everything for the way it should be, irrespective of race or cultural background, religious beliefs etc...
- I have no clue what that means, I look at it as inside of great Britain I guess?
- .
- A Britain that works efficiently with other nations and isn't hindered by isolationist views and policy
- I dont know
- I've never heard that before, but I'd guess its something to do with globalization and the ease of travel now
- Nothing, but it makes me think about colonisation...
- Ehm it doesn't mean anything to me actually.
- I don't really know what that is.. It sounds like some kind of project that I haven't heard of.

- Britain hosting a variety of ethnic groups and cultures. It worries me that there is expected to be a decrease in Britain's multiculturalism in the near future, to the point I am considering living anywhere else in the world in order to be immersed in a range of people other than just White British.
- Sounds a whole lot better than Brexit... I see my country as so stuck in its ways and cut off from the world (on purpose) at times that a Global Britain is hard to imagine. In my mind, it would mean a new government who are accepting and celebratory of all cultures and lifestyles and are willing to put in the work to re-establish global links and opportunities for its citizens. I imagine it may well undo some of Brexit's damage.
- Being a place where there are people from all parts of the world and people who have travelled as much as they could
- Immersion in all cultures Open society which allows immigration Ability to travel freely
- A Britain that has trade with many countries and programmes and links with other countries.
- ?
- UK open to all the world
- "Global Britain" means a strategy of self-defense and internationalization in the face of a new frontier created.
- nothing
- A Britain that is not limited in its worldview and hampered by long-standing institutional racism, but that seeks to collaborate rather than compete with our neighbours.
- People from foreign countries staying in Britain
- Nothing
- Very difficult to say.
- A part of Great Britain that lives in the 21st century, that wants to be open to the world and obtain the benefits from being interconnected.
- A Britain which is culturally and ethnically diverse and is open looking participating in cross country research and working with others abroad.
- I view this as a very Tory led term that tries to own the positive bits of Great Britain's history whilst not acknowledging or learning from the negative parts.
- I don't like the phrase at all, it reminds me of colonialism! However, the notion behind it is that not only does Britain have a wide range of people from all backgrounds, but that we have people all over the world learning new things. Global citizenship and stuff!
- A load of crap!
- An open and honest relationship with our European partner countries where opportunities can be shared and maximised
- First time I hear the term. I suppose it is about GB to be not just opened, but also involved in relevant matters beyond its borders.
- A Britain full of people that can understand and work with other cultures
- Like the empire coming back. Not good.
- Jack shit
- A country that works with other countries on a global scale
- People able to easily move to Britain and move out of Britain to other countries
- A revival of the Commonwealth and a turning away of EU
- An hegemony of Great Britain, maybe? Spreading the British culture throughout the world.

Why do you think it is important for young people to travel?

- It is so important for young people to travel because it allows them to see more of what the world has to offer, and ways to expand their life, even if only briefly. Seeing other perspectives, lifestyles and cultures is one of the best life experiences.
- To see other cultures and ways of living, which improves tolerance of different ideas and broadens horizons. To boost their employability skills and independence. To have amazing experiences, meet new friends and see great places! To expand their mindset beyond Britain - particularly post-Brexit.
- It is thing which is supporting to be more self confident, having journey to yourself while traveling teach a lot.

- Young people need to experience new cultures and backgrounds, not only for them to network on a professional level but a personal level too.
- Helps with social development and opens career opportunities especially for a 1st gen student like me
- To experience other cultures and ways of life. To see new places and to create life-long memories. Travel will help you to respect those who are from different cultures/backgrounds.
- It is important because it allows the young people to know more about Culture of other countries. It allows to understand how things are working in the world. It allows to have an open mind.
- You learn being independent, communicating in another language, getting to know loads of different people from various countries, cultures and nature.
- So that they see the world and spread their message
- I think that international travel and international learning & cultural experiences offer young people the chance to develop their own skills, make friends and also develop cultural awareness and confidence in a way you cannot without international opportunities. They also allow a more developed opportunity for reflection and understanding of your own culture, which is I think important for proper discussion, development and improvement of your society and community.
- To see/experience different cultures/societies and to become more open minded and aware people.
- It develops transferable skills like languages but also cultural awareness and respect.
- To experience new cultures, open your eyes to new things, gain new personal experiences, learn to be more independent, have fun, learn and develop language skills
- Educational, helps them expand their world view and appreciate that their experiences are not universal
- The opportunity to interact with other cultures on equal level is important to help young people understand their place in the world and see other perspectives
- It is hugely important - it creates a tolerant, culturally aware and open minded individual. I took a group of young homeless people to take part in the Social Inclusion Games in the Netherlands and every single one of them said it had opened their eyes to different opportunities, have the experience to see another country and they all said it had been life changing. Travel should not just be for those who have the resource to do so, it should be for everyone to help improve our country and relationships with other countries
- I think that travelling is so important, especially for young people, so that from an early age we can start to better understand different cultures and, in doing so, each other. Not only this, but travelling is a wonderful opportunity to learn about and celebrate different cultures, people, and countries.
- It is a unique opportunity to discover another culture, get another perspective on things (also on your own country), meet people from different countries, learn independence, about yourself, perfect another language... Really it can change your perspective of life and it is good to confront your habits, way of life etc with others
- To get out of your comfort zone and realise that elsewhere things may be done differently
- New horizons, new contacts, new culture, and most important personal development.
- It's massively important for young people to travel to gain knowledge and experiences of the rest of the world that we simply cannot replicate staying put in the UK. On a personal note, travelling has made me more open-minded, and I believe this itself is a huge benefit of travelling.
- To combat the still ever present xenophobia and British exceptionalist attitudes in the country, leading to damaging things like Brexit and a rise in racial/nationalistic hate crime, it is crucial that young generations are encouraged to travel and engage with other cultures.
- To gain communication skills and understand different cultures.
- To become well cultured and experienced individuals
- To learn about different possibilities for ways to live and see the world. To understand the other people and parts of the world that they are connected to, and how they are connected. To help understand plurality.
- I think it allows young people to see the world and know other cultures who view the world in a different way. It gives a different perspective.
- To help broaden their horizons and experiences and get to travel to experience different cultures
- So that we can become tolerant and learn about other cultures and locations :)
- It is absolutely important that young people are able to travel internationally in order to develop language comprehension skills, experience cultures and lifestyles other than your own, to volunteer abroad (to make a difference) and to work internationally.

- Broadens perspective, teaches humility, greater respect and understanding of other cultures, language skills.
- Good for personal development, makes you a more open-minded person because you're exposed to different cultures and different ways of living. Allows you to meet amazing people you wouldn't otherwise meet. Creates opportunities you otherwise wouldn't have.
- To gain knowledge of other cultures, and to explore the world for themselves, so that they can gain independence.
- Enrich cultural experiences, learn other languages, learn skills needed for life and future careers.
- To experience other cultures and have access to other opportunities
- You learn a lot about different cultures and people, and you expand your horizons, as well as enriching your own way of thinking.
- Experience and to broaden horizons
- To meet new people, to learn, to explore, to see the world
- Because the exposure to cultures of other countries broadens the mind
- It opens your mind to the point that you want to work with people cross borders. After working in Germany on an exchange, I have learnt three languages - German, French and Spanish
- Learning languages, becoming more open minded about other cultures, future work opportunities, fun
- To meet new people, to learn, to explore, to see the world
- Travelling is important for the young people as it allows them to discover new cultures and traditions which are practiced in different countries.
- Erasmus literally changed my life forever and I defend that this opportunity should be given to everyone who wants to do it in the UK
- Travel gives us a more open view and an understanding of how to work with those from other cultures. It's also great for personal development. Young people can better understand the good and the bad of their own country and systems if they experience other ways of doing things abroad.
- It allows people to see the world around them and enable them to communicate with others from different backgrounds and widen their horizons in terms of mobility and job opportunities.
- Gain confidence and greater understanding of others cultures. Greater career opportunities.
- Because we can change our biases towards other cultures or people. It's good to a broad sense of citizenship and if you know another language, it's the best opportunity to put into practice what you have learned.
- Brings you to other perspectives. You don't just have what is available in your town.
- Learn about different cultures, points of view and also to have fun.
- It allows people to find out more about their own strengths whilst being culturally enriched by the challenge of going into a place outside of their comfort zone.
- to see more of the world, open their eyes and minds, see different cultures, religions, etc.
- To experience other cultures. To see that your hometown isn't the only place in this world. There's more exciting places to see. People to meet. Chances to take that can change your life
- I want to study modern foreign languages and not being able to travel would really hinder the development of young people's linguistic ability
- To explore the open world and develop skills they may need in life. Also to learn other cultures and meet new people.
- Just really widens what you think about other people, how you can empathize and understand people from other countries. So so educational.
- Because it expands understanding
- You can learn so much about yourself and the world!! It will broaden your vision.
- To experience different locations and cultures.
- Experiencing other cultures is vital to gain a better perspective on the world and ourselves.
- Experiencing and appreciating other cultures is essential for personal growth but more importantly so that we understand and have the utmost respect for those with a different lifestyle to our own. Especially as a UK citizen I feel very fortunate for but often biased by my wholly English upbringing - English family, food, media, books, films, music. I am trying to branch out more now but travelling has been the catalyst and now motivator for me to learn more about this beautiful world!
- Because it is an experience that can never be matched

- It helps people experience different ways of life which helps them become more accepting and understanding. It diversifies society and helps people make valuable connections. It's also a new way of learning and meeting new people.
- I think it is important for young people to travel so that they can learn new cultures/languages and gain new experiences that they wouldn't be able to at home. It can help a person to learn how to look after themselves, especially if they live at home, as well as being able to work/study, an opportunity they may never be able to have again.
- Leaving home, and your country, is really important to gain independence, meet people from other areas of the UK on a program like Erasmus, but also from other parts of the world. Without going to university, there aren't many other ways to get this experience. Being able to visit other countries helps gain a sense of self and encourage growth in several areas
- To open their minds, see other cultures, and eradicate stereotypes.
- It is very important that young people have the opportunity to travel to: - improve their skills in different areas - promote interculturality - discover different cultures and lifestyles - develop an open mind - encourage participatory learning
- It is important in order to open their minds about the world around us, so they can see different regions in the world, meet different populations etc
- To understand, respect and learn from different ways of living.
- Open our perspectives for the future, learning from doing not just talking.
- Because it helps to build the person you are and the ideas and opinion you have about something. It also helps to appreciate more your country in some aspect.
- It feels strange that in one of the wealthiest nations young people should have to travel abroad in order to gain experience that can further enhance their employability. The Erasmus scheme has offered so much that fills the gap in UK based opportunities that there is no wonder so many people object so strongly to the UK's withdrawal of participation in the scheme. employability opportunities > travel
- It opens your eyes to the world, to different realities you wouldn't experience if you stayed in your country. Also, the network opportunities are amazing, you can make friends in many different places and then have an excuse to visit them!
- In order to experience other cultures and gain an understanding and respect for these cultures. As well as all the friends made in the process and the chance to think about one's own culture and see how it interrelates with others
- Broaden their horizons, experience other cultures, meet new people, be better citizens
- To gain new perspectives on the world and to gain new language skills
- I think it broadens the mind, encourages independence and helps with cultural intelligence
- Broadens their horizons, educational, allows new skills to be learned, greater cultural understanding,
- It contributes immensely to personal growth as well as to brain development and general psychological wellbeing.
- To experience other cultures, the ability to understand and connect with other people and for development
- If we don't go beyond our borders how will we ever build bridges of international cooperation, it creates language skills, cultural sensitivity and awareness, and also the opportunity to be independent
- To experience different opportunities to grow, to allow personal growth and exploration. Connection to others. But also some need safety
- To experience other cultures and see places that you otherwise wouldn't be able to
- To meet new people, learn a foreign language, experience a new culture and broaden their horizons.
- To break down cultural barriers, to form long lasting friendships and relationships that can evolve into adulthood and into business, innovative and collaborative initiatives
- Because it helps to mature and have a more open-minded way of thinking. It helps to develop better as a person in terms of empathy, inter-cultural skills, etc.

Do you think it is important to learn about other countries and cultures? If so, why?

- Absolutely, because we are so much more than just one thing, one of the best ways to realise this is to immerse ourselves into other ways of life through countries and culture.

- Yes for reasons stated above - it's essential to realise that there's more than one way to live life. This makes people more tolerant, accepting and open-minded. It also enhances our own abilities as we can learn from others.
- Sure, because we are part of small communities that mean we have small perspective from beginning. When u discover other options having more different perspectives than u already have, learning other cultures, it is pushing you to broke your borders and getting more open minded. Then your journey starts to your side! After all of them you probably having opportunity to being change-maker in your community. Affecting others, having more chance to being 'human from world'
- Learning new cultures are an integral part in business and networking
- Yes! Very much so After going to Malaysia my cultural competence has increased.
- Yes, if you want a more socially cohesive society than your people need to have a better understanding of different social groups and their cultures.
- Yes. It allows to understand each other and love one another
- By learning about other countries and culture and by actually travelling or living abroad you become more cosmopolitically. In my point of view that's the base for international understanding, relation and facing global issues which begins with oneself.
- Yes it is and because it develops young peoples knowledge of the world
- I do. I think it is important so as to improve your skills and confidence, but also to remove some of the stereotypes and mystery which can divide communities in the UK. It also I think allows you to reflect better and with more nuance on your own culture and society, and come closer to seeing it from a new perspective, which can open your eyes to the strengths of your culture and society, which maybe you weren't aware of, but also make you more aware of and more capable at reacting to the weaknesses and problems of your own country and culture.
- Incredibly important! I think that it makes for an ignorant and close minded population if most have not had ample opportunity to travel and experience others' cultures and way of lives. I think there is so much that an individual can learn from other countries (and vice versa) through an understanding of international cultures, customs, mindsets and ways of life.
- Yes - it curbs ignorance and allows us to work and build relationships with all people better
- Yes definitely! In my own experience, it has really opened my eyes to so much and helped my language speaking ability massively. It is always good to be aware of different cultures so that you can better understand people and their believes- it's like a mutual respect for each other and where you come from and your traditions
- Very important both for your own development of identity, empathy and politics but also to get a wider understanding of why things are happening on a global scale. Also learning things is just neat.
- Yeah because it helps us understand how other people live, exposes to other ideas, encourages understanding and compassion for international issues
- Yes, for all of the above reasons
- By having a deeper understanding of the different cultures in the world, we become more aware of our differences. By being more educated, we are more likely to realise that these differences and similarities are things to celebrate, and not to be ashamed of.
- It is SO important, more than that it is essential and also it can be really fun. Check out the 5 and 8.
- Because it helps you act effectively in a multicultural world, it teaches you to be humble and to show compassion
- Definitely yes. Learning about the others, you are become a world citizenship. You grow personally as much as you can not imagine. We are all so different, but we common needs for making friendship.
- Absolutely! It keeps your mind open and encourages tolerance and acceptance. It allows you to have a better understanding of this world that we live in.
- Incredibly. For the same reasons as I listed in question 5.
- Yes, because other cultures exist and it teaches people about tolerance and also would help people become less ignorant. And this was there might be less racist people. It's also important for people to understand how some countries were exploited by colonisation and how it wasn't something that benefitted them
- Yes 100%, because it helps with respect and reduces discrimination
- Definitely. Because we are already connected to the rest of the world through the history of mutual international influence (including colonialism), current interdependency from trade, information exchange, migration, etc. Not understanding others means not knowing why and how others are

different, which may lead to exclusion and feelings of confusion or feeling threatened when people understand things in a different way and want to do things differently. On the other side, understanding and accepting differences leads to understanding of the benefits of other cultures, better ways of negotiating with others, and ideally, I guess, a more 'Global Britain' that can find better ways of uniting interests across the world on global issues.

- It is very important, because it allows you to see the world from other perspectives. It is also an advantage when travelling, as you have some knowledge about the place you are visiting.
- Yes, helps us improve our knowledge of different cultures and countries. Help improve languages and enable us to combat the challenges on the global world and problems
- Yes, to build knowledge and tolerance.
- We live in a globalised world and miseducation as well as lack of experience or exposure leads directly to ignorance and conflict. The only way to combat this is to educate people on other cultures, languages, and ways of life, especially since the UK has such an impactful role in international relations.
- Fosters humility, respect and appreciation for those different from ourselves, gains skills for the workplace and for personal life.
- Yes because it combats prejudices. Learning about other countries makes you less ignorant and therefore more accepting of others. It also allows you to reflect on your own country and think about it more objectively.
- Definitely! It can help you start your career, and can eliminate the stereotypes people have with countries. It can also be good for your CV.
- Yes - this helps enhance appreciation of the world around us and is an amazing thing to experience.
- Yes
- Yes, because it enriches your own way of thinking, and of viewing the world in general. People are stronger together than apart.
- Yes- it increases tolerance towards others
- Yes, there is so much out there
- Yes, add knowing other languages to that too. There is a sense of superiority that a lot of us have over other cultures and in my opinion Brits can be disproportionately more ignorant with geographical knowledge
- Yes, you find new ideas and ways of thinking which can help you become more efficient and hard working.
- Yes, to understand other people and dismantle stereotypes or prejudices and make friendships
- Yes, there is so much out there
- I definitely believe it is very important to learn about other countries and cultures as it allows people to grasp the idea that there is more out there to explore and it makes people more inclusive of other cultures and stops discrimination and prejudice.
- Yes so much it gives you opening on your thoughts and believes
- It's important to understand who we are working with in the world, to best communicate with them. It also teaches a lot about ourselves.
- Yes as it allows people to widen their global perspective of the world around them and be able to understand others viewpoints to issues
- Greater understanding of others cultures.
- For people to know the importance of taking into account not just its way of viewing life but others' people as well.
- It brings new perspectives to your life and work. You can do things more effectively when you can work with a wide group of people
- Understand different points of view and also understand your own culture. It is hard to really understand the culture you live in if you have never experienced anything else.
- It is definitely important. The world is increasingly becoming one big melting pot and borders are no longer just borders. Geographic mobility is very important and if we want to have an understanding of each other, it is important to see how one another lives.
- Yes, to open people's minds by seeing different things. They'll see something different for a change
- Very important! So you have a broader mind and can help understand others problems and grievances. To bring culture to your own life. To understand your country isn't the most important and other places deserve to be seen

- Definitely. I think it's the only way to grow as individuals and as a society and learning foreign languages and customs would really benefit our own citizens who currently feel marginalised
- To create understanding and to expand your horizon. The world is not just one country but has a wide variety of people, food, things to see etc.
- Yes absolutley. Promotes tolerance, which is this time of crazy societal polarization is especially important
- Yes because it expands people's understanding of eachother and themselves
- Yes you can learn a lot of it, like I said you will broaden your vision.
- Yes, you need to create your own culture and style. It's important to see the differences and the similarities between different cultures so you can form your own opinion about the selected culture.
- Absolutely. Learning about the world beyond Britain offers a wider view on life. So many children are going to grow up following Brexit, influenced to believe that the UK is the only place that matters; I've already seen this in my school whereby lots of students are no longer interested in learning languages. There used to be 20 people studying Spanish A-level in 2018, and now in my class there is only 5! Immersing yourself in different cultures impacts you personally, while also giving you the chance to have a personal impact on the people you meet or the places you visit. From learning another language alone, it has made me very interested in Latin America culture, and I am going to be studying urban development in order to improve the quality of life there in the future. Therefore, with more people interested in more multiculturalism in the future, we can strive better as societies in order to reduce world inequality and social divide.
- YES!!!! Speaking from personal experience, growing up in the UK especially in a White British family makes for a very blinkered upbringing! I'm not ungrateful for my happy and safe childhood but I would have appreciated being exposed to or just told about different cultures from a much younger age. My area wasn't too white but not super diverse by any means and lots of things just seemed to be avoided. For example, we only learned British history. We always learned about Christianity in RE but rarely about any other religions and certainly not in the same depth. English was mandatory but learning a foreign language was not encouraged as it should have been. If these things were reversed, perhaps I would have had a better foundation to support the personal research I am just now carrying out online.
- Yes because we share this world with many countries and culture and so you need to try and learn about as many as you can to better integrate yourself to the global society
- Yes, it broadens horizons and helps understand other people's situations. I particularly think it is important to learn about societies that have been colonised or through war to understand the difficulties they face as a result of our violence
- It is very important to tackle issues such as ignorance, xenophobia and racism as people will learn other people's differences, so that we can understand each other better and drive out hate.
- Yes. Often people in the uk are very narrow minded and ignorant about the rest of the world. Spending time away through different countries /cultures really puts our country and the world in perspective but helps to develop young people
- Yes. To open minds, see other cultures, and eradicate stereotypes. Also, to hopefully UK can return to EU and, at the same time, avoid future Brexits from other EU countries.
- It is very important to learn about other countries and cultures, since it is the only way to get to live in an inclusive and intercultural society with values such as tolerance, respect and equality. It is necessary to make known the richness of diversity.
- of course, answers question 5 and 6
- Understanding and tolerance of others reduces racism and other kinds of cultural discrimination, and to be honest, Britain has a lot to learn!
- Yes, we are nothing without knowing about the others, we are not alone in this world.
- Yes is really important, because you have to know that you can move if you don't feel to live good in your country and learn that can help to understand better and is interesting in general
- It promotes integration which I believe is a prevalent problem here in the UK. We live in one of the most diverse and multicultural countries but do not groups do not integrate with one another.
- It is of extremely importance. In that way, you can have a broader vision of how life works, how the labour world works, how different cultures deal with situations and problems, and it gives you a more solid way of confronting things yourself.
- Yes see answer to question 5

- YES. It improves mutual understanding, tolerance and supports peace, broadens knowledge and understanding, shares global learning and opens up opportunities
- Yes - it breaks stigmas and makes us more compassionate
- Yes, it helps to break down stereotypes and reduces bias. I spent a lot of time in Europe as a child and can honestly say it was the best experience as it teaches you how to interact appropriately with other cultures and be open to learning more and respecting opinions which differ from your own. It also removes the feeling of "otherness"
- There are lots of ways of doing things and when you experience this from other European partners it makes you question is my way the right way? Learning can be fun and socialising even more fun. This is why it is important but it's also a real leveller.
- Yes. For the same reason as travel - It contributes immensely to personal growth as well as to brain development and general psychological well being.
- Yes, an understanding of other cultures is paramount for global interaction.
- Yes! If we don't learn in a constructive and positive way, people will learn from negative sources and create more xenophobia
- Yes because people in the uk and other "first world countries" are so sheltered
- Yes as learning and being part of more diverse cultures often leads to increased tolerance
- Yes, to better understand why people make the decisions they do, to learn better ways of living, to understand different ways of life.
- Yes, definitely, because we need to get together to save our planet.
- Yes, I believe it is very important. It helps us go beyond nationalisms and borders. That allows us to know different countries and develop ourselves as more complex people.

What are the main obstacles, for you and other young people you know, that may stop you from travelling (give three examples)?

Answers given by participants can be surmised into these categories:

- Costs: **89%** of participants mentioned this.
- Travel restrictions/ visa issues and concerns: **51%** of participants mentioned this.
- Work commitments/ time restrictions and concerns: **19%** of participants mentioned this.
- Language barriers and confidence: **25%** of participants mentioned this.
- Safety concerns: **10%** of participants mentioned this.

What kind of international opportunities do you want yourself?

- Pretty much everything that was included within Erasmus+. For me, I don't go to university, so the opportunities that existed outside of that made me feel included and welcomed to a really vibrant network. Such included, short term (1-2 weeks) youth exchanges which are mainly fun cultural exchange projects with a loose general purpose but predominantly for cultural exchange. Training courses for professional skill development and informal learning, entrepreneur exchanges was something I was really excited to try (its where you are matched to a person/ company to learn and develop entrepreneurship skills and your idea). And finally, long term exchange (1year) so, ESC, EVS type thing where you can really get a chance to actually live and immerse into another culture, society and language.
- Work placements such as English teaching. Work placements with NGOs or voluntary organisations.
- I really like to be part of weekly projects in different places with different subjects and in an international people. Also I wanna be part of European Parliament this is such a cool experience for me. Being part of EYE :O
- Opportunities to work outside of the UK and the EU, opportunities to learn such as Erasmus funded University exchanges and the opportunity for training and development outside the UK
- Funded exchanges even if its for a term

- The ability to travel and work freely in Europe (unfortunately stopped as a result of Brexit). Some sort of young persons travel scheme, such as a one year work abroad scheme for young professionals, e.g. 21-25.
- I would like to work with International citizen services, to join the team of Ics.
- I'd like the opportunities of studying abroad for a couple of semesters, gaining experience as an employee through internships and helping out in short term volunteering projects after and in addition to the ESC voluntary service.
- To spread my message of positive change across the world
- Having benefitted from international study and volunteering experiences, I am keenly interested in work experience overseas, and further opportunity to develop career-boosting skills in international environments.
- I would love to go to medical school abroad/or spend a year abroad during university. After university I'd like to work internationally whether for an NGO or in other positions.
- Education, volunteering and work
- Study abroad at uni, international internships, I'd eventually like to live and work abroad as I speak 2 languages other than English
- I would like to visit historic places abroad
- International study and work placements, maybe summer internships
- I would just like to see opportunities for young people who otherwise would not be able to travel
- I am hoping to have a year during my university studies to travel to America and study. This would be such an amazing experience, as it would be great to gain experience and hopefully meet a range of new people.
- Now that I finished my studies, I want professional opportunities to spend some time abroad like as a part of a PHD project.
- I want to work for an international organisation
- Free travel, visa liberation, equal opportunities for work for young people from South-east Europe, etc.
- I would love to work abroad and live abroad, and I would also love to be able to travel extensively after graduating from university.
- I would like the freedom to move abroad for work or to embed myself in cultures which more closely align with my social or political values.
- To be able to help people in need in different countries.
- Conservation work
- To work with other young people in different places on making social change (like the Solidarity Projects). To learn other languages and share my skills/ knowledge with other people.
- I would love to study or work abroad in countries that may not be as common for exchanges (that are not the US or Canada, for example).
- Ability to love, live and travel and work abroad.
- To meet people who can make a change
- I'm hoping to travel internationally for work this year and in 2022. Furthermore, I am hoping to complete a year abroad at uni via my course.
- Year abroad schemes subsidised by the government, help with visa process, funding for international degrees.
- Anything allowing me to meet and work with people from around the world. E. G. Opportunities to study, work, or volunteer
- To be able to travel to Japan, China, North America (Canada & the United States) and to experience totally different cultures and understand people's ways of life.
- Volunteering abroad, living in other countries in Europe in order to develop my language skills and gain fluency.
- Opportunities to experience working in different places
- The opportunity to study, live, and do internships abroad.
- Opportunity to study abroad
- To meet new people, to learn new things
- I want to be able to travel to countries such as India, Vietnam, New Zealand and Romania, as well as eventually work in International development in Latin America
- Working and studying abroad

- A year abroad at university and a chance to explore other parts of the world and improve the languages I'm learning
- To meet new people, to learn new things
- I personally want to do a study abroad as I want to experience different teaching methods across the globe.
- Be able to travel around the EU without any issues and in an easy way
- I want to be able to take part in international projects, cultural events and have access to funding.
- To be able to travel to different countries with a group of others around the UK and complete leadership programme alongside it. Additionally, having a chance to talk to international employers.
- Volunteer work abroad.
- I would like to do an abroad term at university.
- I would like to do a masters or other scientific research abroad Would like to do a language course to improve my foreign language skills
- Being able to work abroad without huge bureaucratic hurdles which may stop employers considering you for positions, particularly when you are an entry level graduate without specific experience that might make employers more willing to go through the bureaucracy to hire you.
- I want to be able to live and work in Europe and the Americas after I have graduated.
- To have exchanges all over the world
- To teach and learn in other countries
- I would like to study at a university abroad and do at least a year of full work in Spain.
- I would like to take part in a programme where I can volunteer for over a year in another country and help the regional organisation there.
- Would love for Erasmus years to be a thing again, and more opportunities for international exchange that aren't with America, Australia (countries that are so similar to the UK)
- I just want to be able to go to projects again and guide young people on them because I think it was really good for them!
- Working and backpacking, camping, exploring in other country's
- More experience in communicating with people from other countries. I want to find out if there are people in foreign countries with a comparable mindset compared to mine. I'm looking for people that have value, business wise for the both of us. My English isn't that good so I'm motivated to speak and write as much English as I can.
- I would love to be able to study at other universities for a term or two, particularly in Spain as I study Spanish.
- I would love to be a self-employed digital nomad one day, travelling and working from new countries regularly. However this won't happen overnight! I now worry that I won't be able to get jobs overseas especially since Brexit, and this has crushed my biggest dream of moving outside of the UK and staying out. Maybe I will settle elsewhere for enough years to get citizenship and regain an EU passport so I feel connected to the accessibility and possibilities that mainland Europe offers!
- Graduate schemes abroad
- Year abroad at university Ability to inter rail Be able to reside in other countries for work
- Personally, I would like to spend a year working in another country, especially Spain as I have been learning Spanish for around 5 years.
- Work /extended travel abroad through Europe (particularly Spain)
- educational and labour opportunities.
- - Youth worker mobility - Good practices' exchanges
- the kind of travel that can help me discover things I ever even imagine
- The opportunity to work abroad.
- Erasmus, volunteering, Batchelor abroad
- Every opportunity is welcome
- Opportunities in schools that are not only limited to language students (although the UK's attitudes towards and methods regarding the teaching of languages need to change too) International opportunities that are supported by large, recognized business and companies
- I'd like to work abroad for a short/medium period of time to gain more experience and improve my English/French. I'm also interested in any kind of volunteering activities.
- Volunteering abroad gutted VSO is being cut. Language exchanges with other universities

- International job secondment opportunities and opportunities to undertake immersive language courses in host countries and come back to your current job rather than leave a job for this.
- Summer schools/semesters abroad Work placements abroad Ethical volunteering
- I'd love to work internationally or even complete further studies
- Youth exchanges, international training for professionals, volunteering projects.
- Youth exchanges, training courses and volunteering opportunities.
- To be able to have subsidised exchange programs at university, as I can't afford it by myself
- I'd like to study abroad within Europe at uni and possibly beyond after uni for work
- I want to go to Australia to study because I'm a victim of child abuse and I don't feel safe working here where my abuser is constantly around. I want to feel connected to others and not scared
- Be able to live and work internationally if opportunity arose
- Internships abroad, study abroad, volunteering abroad.
- Youth Exchanges, Strategic Partnership projects, school exchanges.
- International internships, work opportunities, summer trips...

How Could We Encourage More Young People to Travel?

- Promotion of opportunities that appeal to specific interests .
- Promote opportunities with reliable organisations to reassure people that they'll be safe and looked after. Share grants/funding to help with finances.
- Separating good affection of those projects via social media more. Being acceptable for youngsters, they should feel they can contact with u anytime.
- Limit Visa restrictions- similar to the EU Reduce costs i.e through scholarship's or grants Advertise the same opportunities to all Be more diverse- have a diverse body in control etc Allow young people to have they say in making necessary changes
- Make us aware about the benefits and tell us why its worth going
- Promote travel opportunities, provide travel schemes e.g. foreign exchange, erasmus, year-abroad, etc...
- Assure them that there's security . By giving some witnesses of some who already travelled .
- By showing the benefits of traveling
- Low cost
- Aside from financial support, which for many young people I'd say is the primary obstacle, raising awareness of international opportunities is key, and I think particularly stressing opportunities to develop skills and understanding in a way which tourism does not, as well as promoting the variety of opportunities and skills that can be developed (e.g. beyond humanitarian efforts in far-off destinations, for example.)
- Create more government-backed funding systems. Urge UK universities to collaborate with international universities more (exchanges, year abroad etc).
- Offer free opportunities and fund internships/exchanges
- Make it easier and cheaper for young people to travel
- cheap accessible package holidays/trips aimed at students and young adults.
- If it was more financially accessible
- Provide bursaries and programmes that support YP to travel
- It would be amazing to have more opportunities to open up for young people. Promoting study abroad or volunteering schemes could be some ways to encourage young people to travel more, as they may feel like they are gaining experience, and ultimately getting something positive out of travelling.
- By accentuating the huge opportunity it is to live abroad for some time with a project like that and with a scholarship, good communication (social medias, maybe interviews from people who did travel, international students...), and one essential point is: make the foreign language education better (dare I say especially in English speaking countries), raise awareness that the country/language we know is not the center of the world and that it is very cool to experience others
- Engage them with exchange students coming to their locality as early as possible
- By increasing awareness of the benefits of traveling and learning new cultures.

- I think it's important to encourage the connectivity part of travel, that travel allows you to feel truly connected to this world. I think it's also important to stress that travel makes you a much more well-rounded person, having seen and experience different things in different countries that we may not see or experience here in the UK.
- Revoke the effects of Brexit and rejoin the EU. Provide more discounted/subsidised travel for young people. Provide services to assist young people in more permanent relocation.
- By providing them opportunities and perhaps giving them an incentive to do so.
- Ask young people what they want and make it more affordable
- Create infrastructure for people to connect. Actively reach out to people that do not currently have or take up these opportunities and tell them about the experiences of others. Create chains of mentorship, and clear funding routes.
- Making it financially easier and more accessible. Many young people believe that travelling is a lot more difficult than what it actually is.
- Offering what options and bringing in people to talk about their experiences
- Explaining the benefits and maybe providing a bit of support.
- -government policy allowing young people to travel easier -more language learning opportunities in the education system -exchange/ partnership programmes that allow young people to work/live/ study abroad
- Funded programs for study abroad/exchanges
- Fund their travels, or make volunteering opportunities more apparent to them.
- Encourage young people to travel by holding conferences, fairs, and talk to them about it in education too.
- Make it easier to gain working/study visas and offer more job and study opportunities abroad.
- Make it accessible ie providing paid work experience in different places
- Advertise funding opportunities, different accessible programmes and opportunities, and make it accessible and doable for everyone.
- Offering financial support and by increasing awareness
- Get a job and save, go see the world. Let them see whats out there
- Schemes to reduce costs for young people, similar to the free Interrail pass scheme for 18 year olds
- Rejoining Erasmus and the EU
- Offering scholarships, building exchange programs
- Get a job and save, go see the world. Let them see whats out there
- Give them discount codes, advertise the benefits of travelling and teach them about other cultures.
- To tell them that is it possible that funds are there for them and to give them a social support and help in this process
- Young people need funding to be able to go abroad. Once there, they need clarity. I lived in two EU countries between the Brexit referendum and Brexit happening, and there was so much chaos and lack of clarity that it made working and studying during this time really hard.
- Offer them opportunities to travel via travelling schemes and target an older demographic
- Make opportunities better known. Possibly engage more with schools and colleges.
- Creating funded programs
- Laying out the information in an easy to understand way
- Access to safe and reasonably priced accommodation, access to interesting experiences that are affordable.
- Subsidies or grants. Promoting the outcome of studying abroad. Show students that people like themselves go abroad, not just people with ample money.
- Tell them the positive things about going to a certain place
- Talk about it more in schools. Give them choices early on. Teach them about different charities and opportunities they have
- Make it easy to get work and travel visas, reduce costs and encourage universities to do exchange programmes
- To tell more about it and make it easier for them to go.
- More grants and bursaries. More education about how travelling isn't that scary, and the right ways to go about it
- with more erasmus projects
- Letting them know wat is all out there, to explore maybe?

- Almost everyone wants to travel. The biggest problem is not having enough money to do so. And money means time. You need to work for money and you need the money to live your life.
- There needs to be more known opportunities available that are at fair prices. I think more investments for schools to be able to plan school exchanges is a good start. If the government has taken away our right to be able to freely move throughout Europe in the future, there should be better schemes for us to experience other cultures, as a compromise.
- Show them affordable ways to do so! I have found apps like Skyscanner, Airbnb, Expedia etc to be very helpful for planning inexpensive trips (although covid stopped them going ahead!)
- Give more guidance on how it could be done and give some financial aid
- Offer more incentives Make sure young people can spend more time abroad Allow young people to live in places for a year
- Give information on how it can be more cost efficient, funding to help those who may not be able to have travelled otherwise.
- Present clear information on what requirements there are for visas, working, length of stay and insurance etc. It isn't obvious, but isn't often difficult however finding this new information can be daunting so having it detailed coherently could help people understand and actually commit to going
- To know other young people that have already benefited of international opportunities and know more about their experience.
- We could motivate more young people to travel: - working your confidence in your abilities - offering more information on travel opportunities from the European Union - promoting language learning
- give them the opportunity with university exchanges, money, greet them with the experience aspect
- Links with destinations providing discounted and trustworthy accommodation for young, single-party travellers. Financial support.
- More partnerships between schools and universities and communication (sometimes we don't know that certain things exist)
- Just show them truly what it means and what it is mostly true story of people
- Greater accessibility. The lack of project centralization regarding Erasmus projects in the UK is understood but this results in lack of organisation and difficulties regarding how the program is ran and understood. Also, whilst still in the EU I felt as though the Government did not do enough to explain the benefits of being in the EU and what EU funding was being spent on. For example: whilst in Europe you see numerous signs saying 'partly funded by the European Union' but even small recognitions like these are hardly evident in the UK.
- By exposing them to real stories that changed the life, or at least the perspective, of other young people who travelled abroad.
- Free inter-rail passes like in the EU on peoples 18th birthday. More affordable ways to volunteer abroad. Free language lessons. Freedom of movement around countries.
- Employment based opportunities eg job exchanges/secondments or encouraging employers to recognise the benefits of allowing staff to do an immersive language course - similar to a salary sacrifice for a train season ticket, they could assist with the funding but it's more important they assist with time off from a job/job security when returning with new skills
- Decrease the cost of travelling and encourage paid leave for educational/work travel
- Provide information in one single location on what they need to enter every country and advice on how to plan it
- Programmes like EuroPeers are an excellent way of doing this already they need resourcing and funding properly.
- Visibility of DiscoverEU, host local workshops, implement activities to "open eyes".
- Subsidise it
- Help with visa process/passports, make it cheaper, teach more travel safe skills in schools, teach more languages
- Money
- More affordable travel (cheaper trains fares) and a more eco friendly travel options
- Financial incentives, normalise travel abroad.
- Speak to the governments and start national campaigns with specific initiatives which young people can do.
- Creating more opportunities like places to stay, cheaper things...

What's the best way of getting information to young people?

- Social media
- Social media and email. Possibly working with schools/colleges.
- Expressing experience by who had that chance. Hearing via exact person with interesting stories.
- Engaging with them and do not speak for all youths unless you have gained their insight. The political idea that young people do not vote because they don't care is wrong. Sessions which allow direct communication with youths i.e in colleges and university would help the government understand what young people want
- Social media
- Probably social media, but also through institutions associated with young people, e.g. schools, universities.
- Through social network like Facebook , messenger and so on
- promote projects, advertisement on tv, youtube, social media platforms, school, word-of-mouth advertising.
- Social media
- I think that social media of course reaches many people, but all the international opportunities I found out about and took part in were first relayed to me by school/university, followed by subsequently knowing someone from a previous experience (for example: Uni told me about a summer school, someone from the summer school told me about a Masters programme, and someone from the MA programme told me about ESC opportunities). I think that this word of mouth/reliable source thing is key, and so would think sixth forms, colleges and similar institutions would be good places (things like Erasmus+ and ESC weren't discussed at my high school/sixth form, beyond the academic context)
- Though social media, google and school.
- Social media and talks through schools, employers and universities
- Short videos, social media campaigns etc
- social media- twitter, facebook, instagram, tiktok seem to be the most effective. Advertisement in schools and universities mention on local news
- Emails & twitter
- Through their youth centre/ college
- Social media. Most young people have Instagram and Twitter, so I think these are the best sites to promote travel for young people.
- Not sure. I think finding ways so that the ones who did go on the experience can share it to other young people, so that the students feel closer to it
- Via teachers at school
- By promotion with campaigns and lots of free seminars where the youth can take part in different topics and foremost make new contacts and friendships with people from different countries.
- Twitter and Facebook are likely the best bets for information. TikTok is also a big platform nowadays and it's fun and not too serious! Making information too serious usually means it goes over people's heads. TikTok is an interesting and fun platform to get the message out and to engage others in a fun way.
- Social media.
- Social Media
- Schools/ colleges and social media
- By showing personal examples (i.e. getting them to meet with people who have had these experiences) rather than just giving information. For me, I went abroad when I met people from different countries who were going to university in all different European countries so then I considered doing this myself. Maybe Job websites - many people who are looking for a job might be open to new international experiences.
- Mainly social media, but with a good strategy that will grab their attention.
- Social media
- Via social media.
- -social media -press releases -advertisement
- Through schools and unis, and website.
- Social media, visit universities, visit schools

- Send it to them directly if possible. Letters, emails, through school/uni/college, and of course advertising it on social media would help also.
- Social media and schools
- Through social media such as instagram
- Online advertisements, and providing information through university/secondary school seminars.
- Through schools/colleges/universities
- Social media
- Social media
- Internet
- Social media or communicating with schools and colleges
- Social media
- I believe the best method for getting information to younger people is through advertisement for example social media or banners.
- Insta tiktok etc
- Social media, university partnerships
- Via social media e.g. youtube, Instagram, etc. However can be hard to navigate as there's so much information.
- Schools and colleges
- Through organisations such as college, university, etc.
- Social media, search engine optimisation, posters and leaflets in educational institutions,
- The internet or through educational establishments.
- Through social media e.g. Instagram and Twitter or by having ambassadors.
- Explaining to them?
- Social media or word of mouth
- Social media or a government announcement on the news
- Social media, public transportation, youth centres.
- Through social media, and using colleges and universities.
- social media, e-mail
- Social media
- Only give the information to the people that are really interested in the subject. Social media is a great way to show your information to a lot of people. Then they can decide if they. Want to know more or not.
- Definitely through targeted social media. Clear, stylish & informative posts attract young people to understand the topic more.
- Social media for sure! Stuff gets 1million+ views on TikTok very often so that could be the best bet. Can't forget Instagram too! Any image based/visual platform is ideal. Some of my favourite pages on Instagram right now are travel ones! YouTube is also great. Travel vloggers have been the source of lots of my favourite travel tips.
- Through Social media
- Social Media Schools and Universities
- In institutions like schools, colleges and universities, in addition to that on social media as many young people use it.
- Internet/social media probably
- social media and peer-learning activities,
- - Through social networks - Through local activities
- with social media
- Twitter and Instagram
- Social media, schools, universities.
- Social media and meeting in school/university
- Social media channels and direct marketing
- Social media
- Facebook twitter Instagram social media
- Social media and dedicated place where all information is available
- Social media and consultations (advising young people 1-1 on the best course of action to take)
- Instagram or social media in general. But Instagram with links to pages where you can get more information.

- Social media, email, videos and podcasts
- Social media/Whatsapp, direct personal contact as well.
- News, social media
- Through educational institutions and adverts in social media
- Money
- Social media outlets
- Social media
- National campaigns
- Instagram.

Who is most likely to influence and motivate you?

- People who have done what I want to do
- Professional role models such as managers/colleagues.
- Myself! :D Then, my mentor
- Family, friends, other young people, if the University or workplace advertised a international scheme
- Personal tutor and friends
- Family and friends
- My father
- family and friends
- Disability rights campaigners
- I think friends and family, and in terms of international activities, recommendations and suggestions by these people, but also colleagues, teachers and uni staff, goes a long way to influence my decisions regarding international opportunities, for example.
- Other young people, who I can look up to. People who have achieved goals that are similar/the same as my own. People who look like me (who I can see myself in)whether it be through age, gender, ethnicity etc.
- My peers
- Somebody who has experienced something themselves and had first-hand knowledge of it
- advertisements on twitter
- Opportunities that are financially accessible
- My colleagues and family
- Travel YouTubers, or people who make videos about their travel experiences, could be a good way to influence and motivate young people. I think it helps to visualise what travelling has to offer, and also the different experiences they could gain if they travelled.
- People close to me : close friends that went through the experience, also friends in general and acquaintances, family... Then, work opportunities with a good communication, clear objectives and conditions
- My brother and sisters
- Myself and the environment.
- Certainly my friends and peers - people my age who I can relate to. My parents are fantastic but often have slightly out-dated views.
- My friends and family.
- Not sure
- External companies
- People close to my age, or who understand my environment and experiences. People who listen to me/ try to understand me. People who I admire because of their values or their achievements (e.g. people of my age, teachers, figures in the media).
- Influencers, peers, family.
- Celebrities
- My family.
- -opportunities directly from educational institutes and governments
- Peers or teachers
- Other young people
- YouTubers.

- Other people my age or similar age to me
- Influencers
- My peers, and other young people who have taken part in an international exchange programme.
- Peers
- My sister and bestfriends
- Attenborough
- People I work alongside
- Other young people and their achievements
- My sister and bestfriends
- Teachers and peers.
- Peers like ambassadors of my age
- Opportunities
- Myself
- Other people who have experienced travelling/living abroad
- My peers at university, people around me.
- Not sure
- My peers.
- I influence and motivate myself.
- If I try something out and if I like the experience I'll be motivated the next times
- Role models i.e., influencers, class mates, youth club leaders.
- My teachers
- Travelers whom already travelled.
- My friends probably?
- People who are honestly enthusiastic
- Friends, some family.
- Yourself and people with a comparable mindset.
- It is honestly the people I have met online and via school exchanges from around the world. I love learning about other lifestyles, and the fact I can easily connect with people from Argentina, Switzerland, Spain, Thailand etc., it motivates me to be more understanding, empathetic, and have a greater perspective on the world.
- I follow a lot of digital nomads/travellers online who motivate me SO MUCH to be innovative and seek affordable options because they are literally living my dream life and most of them weren't loaded before they made this happen for themselves! If they can do it, why not me?
- Friends and family
- Teachers/ Lecturers People that are taking the same career path Peers
- Information from educational institutions and the government as it seems the most secure and trustworthy as thoroughly tested. It helps that my university has home students do a placement year which can be used to get good work placements, to better help secure a graduate job, as well as study/work abroad.
- Friends?
- youth referents, close friends and eu institutions
- Young people who have already lived the experience of traveling.
- my pairs, family, friends, influencers
- Actors, musicians and personalities I follow on social media, as well as my friends.
- Other young people who did the mobility. (Never famous people or actors) Real people, with fears, passions and different personalities.
- Older people that changed completely their life
- I am not sure what this question means but I feel as though formal and legitimate channels (e.g. universities, schools, local councils) would be most likely to influence me.
- My partner, my family and my friends, in that order.
- Friends and family
- Other young people that inspire me eg Malala, Greta
- Friends and colleagues
- Respected travel writers or friends
- Some of my inspirational colleagues and friends I've known over the years who I've worked and eaten with from across the world.

- Influence - more experienced people in my line of work. Motivation - My young people in the organization, family
- The news
- School and friends
- Money
- Friends
- People with a large influence
- My government
- Influencers on social media.