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Young Ambassadors Exchange Program (YAP) (An action of the 41 International)

The « YAP » seeks to promote exchange visits between children/youngsters of 41 Club members in India with children /youngsters of 41 Club members from different European countries whose National Associations are members of 41 International. Somme possible extension of this program to South Africa and others overseas countries is foreseen for the years to come.

Objectives :

Objectives of these visits are :

- 1- Expose children to different cultures, lifestyles and histories ;
- 2- Build close bonds of friendship and relationship across continents ;
- 3- Develop confidence, trust and International understanding.

Qualification of Young Ambassadors :

The children selected as « Young Ambassadors »should :

- 1- be between 18 and 26 years of age;
- 2- have a working knowledge of English and be able to express themselves in the language of the host-country ;
- 3- be prepared to travel alone wherever required.

Selection :

Selection of candidates should be based on the following criteria. The candidate must :

- 1- be progeny of 41 Club members or Ex –Round Tablers ;
- 2- have a good academic record ;
- 3- be able to pay their fares to and from the country of visit;
- 4- be physically and mentally fit;
- 5- understand their responsabilities as representative not only of their club and city, but their country also.

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Modus operandi :

Interested friends may first contact their National IRO (International Councillor) for more detailed information. Each candidate must include with his/her application :

- 1 photograph ;
- relevant form (application and renunciation);
- copy of passport ;
- a short letter in English, with some information about interests and hobbies.

This request should be submitted to the National IRO. It is the responsibility of the National IRO's of sending countries to review the candidates'applications and to send by end of December of each year the approved request with all relevant data to the respective Zone Coordinator or to :

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The National Convenor will dispatch the applications to his collague in the other country and will disseminate the respective replies and additionnal informations to the IROs of applicants countries.

Hosting :

The Young Ambassadors will be hosted in the homes of 41 Club Members to ensure that the objectives of the program are achieved. It is preferable, but not compulsory that the guests stay with hosts who have children in similar age groups as the visitors. The children of 41 Club hosts should be encouraged to spend time with visitors, involve them into their day-to day activities and as far possible take charge of their guest during their visit.

The children/youngsters should, as far as possible, travel in the host country in a group (the maximal number of Young Ambassadors will be defined with the host country but it will not more 15 for one group); a stay of 5 days in each town would be the ideal duration, if possible, the Young Ambassadors should be hosted singly in each home.

All candidates must be covered under a medical (health) insurance policy for the duration of their stay abroad.

On their return, the participants are requested to submit to the National IRO a written report with one or two photos for the National 41 magazine of the host country and for the International magazine « The Hinges ».
