

# HI-CONNECT PROGRAMME



ARE YOU READY FOR THE EXPERIENCE?

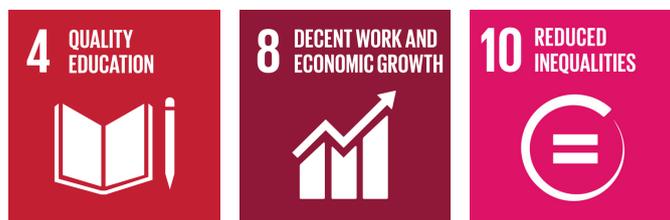
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# Welcome to the HI-Connect Programme!

Since 2014, the HI-Connect programme has been facilitating capacity building in the Hostelling International network through encouraging mobility of staff, volunteers and others.

The objective of the programme is to provide staff, and where appropriate, volunteers, and young people with the following opportunities

- To experience life and work in another country
- To enhance life skills and confidence
- To engage within our sustainability mission
- To embrace the culture and environment of the host country and develop language skills
- To create new friendships
- To promote mobility of people across international boundaries.



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So far, it's been doing great; we've surveyed some participants and here's what they had to say about their experience:

## Knowledge & Understanding

95% agreed that they will be able to share their new knowledge with others and also that they have learnt something about tourism & hospitality

## Attitudes & Values

94.7% reported higher motivation at work after their experience

## Physical activities, Behaviour and Progression

95% had the opportunity to explore the area/surroundings of the new workplace

## Cultural life

95% have experienced different cultural practices to their own and shared about their own culture

## Enjoyment, Inspiration and Creativity

95% had fun during their stay.

## Skills

100% affirmed they learnt words in another language

"It was a great experience on so many levels, professional and personal. I got back to Portugal a richer person due to the amount of knowledge I got from the experience. Also I met some wonderful people that worked with me and got new ways to work and approach the day to day challenges!"

# A short history of HI

Our history gives us authenticity and our status means you can trust us... We really have been doing this for a rather long time.

1909

- German school teacher Richard Schirrmann sees the need for overnight accommodation for school children so that they have a place to stay during class trips. Schools are then used during the holidays, with classrooms being temporarily converted to accommodate beds.

1912

- Schirrmann sets up the first youth hostel in his own school in Altena, Westphalia. Soon after this is replaced by a permanent hostel in Altena Castle.

1919

- The idea of hostelling spreads across Germany and Schirrmann founds the German Youth Hostel Association.

1932

- The youth hostel movement quickly spreads worldwide so the International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) is founded. Richard Schirrmann is appointed president.

2006

- The International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) operates as Hostelling International (HI).

We are one of the world's largest international membership organisations with more than 3.7 million members, a network of over 3,000 international youth hostels spread across 80 countries.

HI  
Iceland



# Why participate in HI-Connect?

The real question would be... Why not?!

Some take part in HI-Connect to develop language skills, cultural awareness and open-mindedness, others to learn from best practices in another workplace, and some to put themselves outside of their comfort zone and push their boundaries.

Regardless of what your personal and professional objectives are, you can rely on certain solid elements to guarantee the quality of your mobility activity, to ensure this we provide the following:



Ensuring all details are understood and that expectations are managed by both the host and participant



This person will become the point of reference should the participant have any questions or need help



We want constructive feedback on the programme so that we can continuously make improvements



Recognition of contribution, a great addition to your CV and can serve in your career development!



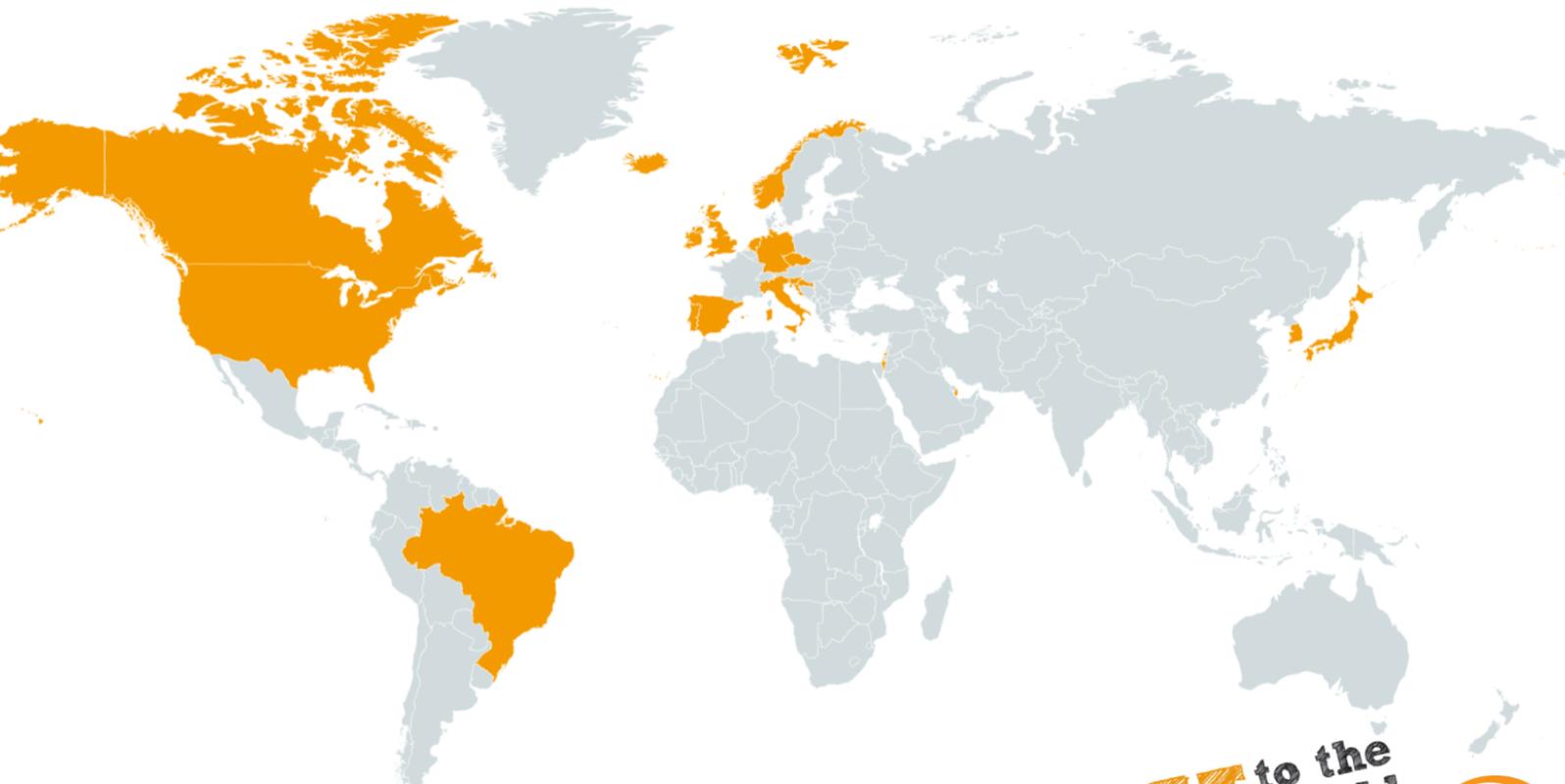
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# Where to?



To help you decide on which destination is the best for you to reach your personal and professional objectives, have a look at what each host organisation has prepared. Click on the blue links to discover the different places where you could live your HI-Connect experience!

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|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Brazil                                  | Ireland                         | <a href="#">Portugal</a> |
| Canada                                  | Israel                          | Qatar                    |
| Croatia                                 | <a href="#">Italy</a>           | Scotland                 |
| Czech Republic                          | Japan                           | <a href="#">Slovenia</a> |
| <a href="#">England &amp; Wales</a>     | <a href="#">The Netherlands</a> | South Korea              |
| Germany                                 | Northern Ireland                | <a href="#">Spain</a>    |
| <a href="#">HI International Office</a> | <a href="#">Norway</a>          | United States            |
| Iceland                                 |                                 |                          |



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