

Apply for funded Young Person Exchange Visit places to Northern Ireland

To Causeway Coast and Glens and attend the Landscapes Northern Ireland 2026 Conference, Ballycastle.

Opportunity: to join a group of 12 young people from protected landscapes in England, Scotland and Wales on a funded exchange visit to the Causeway Coast and Glens and attend the Landscapes Northern Ireland 2026 Conference in Ballycastle with the Landscapes Youth NI panel.

When: Saturday 17th October – Wednesday 21st October (conference 20th October)

Purpose: Funded by UK Government's Connect fund, this Landscapes Northern Ireland and EUROPARC Atlantic Isles partnership is a programme of three exchange visits between protected landscapes in Northern Ireland and England, Scotland and Wales.

Its aim is to support the benefits of cross border networking and learning by bringing young people together who work for or are ambassadors within protected landscapes. Promoting personal development, learnings and collaborative working to create a UK wide "Youth Manifesto for Landscapes" that can be launched with all 4 environment ministers in each jurisdiction.

How to Apply and Deadline:

- 1) **Either** send a max. 3-minute .mp4 video explaining who you are, what is it about protected landscapes that inspires you and why you feel that you would benefit from attending this exchange visit and being part of a cross-border youth network.
- 2) **Or** send a creative written application (2-pages or slides or equivalent) covering the same points.
- 3) Individual applications accepted or, if you prefer, apply with someone else from your protected landscape (max. 2 people per application).
- 4) Please include a short letter of support from your line manager the person in your organisation who oversees the youth group/programme.
- 5) Send applications to deb@europarc-ai.org (please send video applications via WeTransfer).
- 6) Please contact me via email or call +44 7788 237080 if you have any questions or require any support to fully accommodate your needs.
- 7) Applications to be received by end of the day on **10 September 2026**.

Eligibility:



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- Be aged between 18 to 30-years old.
- Be employed by or connected to a protected landscapes youth programme.
- Have enthusiasm and commitment to attend future learning webinars hosted by EUROPARC Atlantic Isles and to contribute to the UK wide Youth Manifesto.
- Hold own or be covered by travel insurance to cover this exchange visit.
- Hold necessary identification for travel and be eligible to travel to Northern Ireland.

Other Information:

- This is a no-flight project, travel via ferry to Belfast or Dublin.
- The applicant's landscape (or the applicant) is asked to initially cover the travel costs to and from the ferry port. All receipts should be retained for reimbursement.
- Please note the total travel budget per person is a maximum of £250 per person (this includes return train and other associated travel costs to/from the ferry port from the participants home and the final destination in Ballycastle).
- The ferry costs and bookings will be managed by Landscapes NI separately
- Hotel accommodation (2 sharing in twin room basis) at the [Marine Hotel, Ballycastle](#)
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner and all activities related to the Exchange Visit will be covered by the funding.
- Please take own funds for anything outside of this.