



## Selection of Young People for Connecting Cultures

Selecting **the right** people to participate is essential to the success of the programme, and your help is greatly appreciated. On each desert journey we take 18 young people. Groups are either male, or female, not mixed.

To make the right choice, it is important that you read the attached '***What happens on a Connecting Cultures course***' document.

### What makes the ideal applicant?

The ideal applicant will be someone who;

- Has an interest in current/international affairs
- Shows the potential to lead and influence others in the future
- Is able to speak good English and preferably Arabic – **this is essential** - communication is the cornerstone of Connecting Cultures
- Is aged between 17-25 years old
- Would be a good ambassador for their country
- Is physically fit, and mentally determined

### What makes an unsuitable applicant?

- People who are **not physically fit enough** to cope with the walking (approximately 8 kilometres in soft sand) each day. We have had to turn nominated applicants away in the past who were clearly not fit enough to take part in the programme.
- People who have already had several opportunities to travel outside of their own country, and who have already attended many other courses and workshops before. We want to make this a life changing inspirational experience for participants, not just another trip overseas for those who have had chances before.

**If you are motivated to apply, and fit the criteria, then;**

1. Complete a Connecting Cultures application form, and email it, along with a bio page of your passport that must be valid until at least six months after completion of the journey, to the address below.
2. The deadline for applications is **Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018**
3. Connecting Cultures will then study the applications, and contact successful applicants by the end of October 2018.

### **Course Dates for winter 2018/2019**

<b>Desert Journey Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Male or Female</b>
December 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Sharqiyah Desert, Oman	Male
January 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2019	Sharqiyah Desert, Oman	Female
January 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Sharqiyah Desert, Oman	Male

Application Forms should be **sent to**;

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