



## We can't wait to tell you about...

Our many programs that are happening this summer, some new and some familiar. Inside this newsletter, you'll read about exciting new programs like our Credit-Bearing Programs, where 40 New Hampshire high school students will earn credits towards

their graduation requirements! Our first-ever Global Immersion Program, where ten youth from nine different countries will come together at our campus in Northern Ireland. You'll also read about this summer's Nationwide Program, which is a team of eight young women from across the United States as well as our Republic of Ireland/Northern Ireland program,



where ten young people from around the island of Ireland will learn how to be leaders.

We hope you are as excited as we are, as it all happens because of you!

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2023 PROGRAMS!



## Join the Journey: FFI's Credit-Bearing Program

We are thrilled to announce an exciting development at Friends Forever International; the launch of our Credit-Bearing program under the NHDOE Learn Everywhere Initiative. This initiative allows us to provide students with unique and immersive educational experiences while earning academic credits. Today, we want to introduce you to three of our summer courses that offer a glimpse into the transformative power of this program.

**Science-focused Program** (July 1st - 8th): Participants will delve into the wonders of the NH Coastal Biome and earn a credit in Biological Sciences. Students from diverse backgrounds will form two teams, learning about the flora and fauna of this beautiful region while honing their communication and public speaking skills.

**Adventure Education-focused Program** (July 9th - 16th): Participants will embark on an adrenaline-filled journey that combines outdoor activities like climbing, bouldering, and hiking. Throughout this course, participants will develop essential skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience.



**Holistic & Mindful Living Program** (August 5th - 12th): Participants will dive into the world of holistic well-being and mindfulness while earning credits in Health, English, and Team Building. This course will introduce students to the power of expressive arts therapy and teach valuable team-building skills.



The knowledge gained during each of their programs can be transferred as 2 credits to their high school transcript.

**FFI can now deliver over 40 credits to New Hampshire high school students, making us the largest in-person out-of-school provider in the nation.**

We believe that education extends beyond the classroom, and our credit-bearing program is a testament to that belief. By participating in these courses, students not only gain valuable academic credits but also develop crucial life skills such as resilience, empathy, communication, and impact. We are committed to providing innovative and impactful educational experiences that prepare students for success in an ever-changing world.

Together, let's pave the way for a generation of empowered and resilient learners.



## Get Inspired by the Summer Nationwide Team: Join Us in Making a Difference!

We are excited to introduce you to the incredible young individuals who make up our Summer Nationwide Team! From July 20th to August 1st, these eight passionate and driven teenagers will come together from different states across the U.S. and share a common goal of developing their communication, self-reflection, and empathetic leadership skills at our home in New Castle.

Let us introduce you to some members of the team:

### Carina (Oklahoma)

Carina's passions lie in addressing educational inequality in schools and combating nationwide obesity. She finds joy in painting with watercolors, playing the piano, and even solving challenging math problems.



### JaLisiah (Alabama)

With talents in drawing, singing, and making music, JaLisiah is a creative force. She is committed to addressing the lack of tutors and study groups in her community, as well as promoting healthier food options.



### Marisol (Arizona)

A talented artist and problem solver, Marisol combines her passion for drawing, math, and crafting to bring about positive change. She is determined to address the lack of recycling in her city.



### Reva (New Jersey)

With a love for running, strength training, and creative writing, Reva seeks to raise awareness about underage drug abuse and mental health issues.



These remarkable young people inspire us all to take action and make a difference. Their dedication, creativity, and empathy

are the driving forces behind their desire to create positive change in their communities.

## See Real Impact: Meet the Republic of Ireland/ Northern Ireland Team

From July 19th to July 31st, these ten inspiring young people from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland will gather in Durham, New Hampshire. Together, they will work on their personal growth, developing their communication, self-reflection, and empathic leadership skills.

Notably, this program is one of the few island-wide Ireland youth programs operating in the world today, bringing together young individuals from different regions and backgrounds. It provides a unique opportunity for youth from both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to connect, learn, and collaborate in fostering positive change.

Allow us to introduce you to some of the inspiring members of the Ireland/Northern Ireland Team:

**Aoibhin** (Dublin, Republic of Ireland)  
She is deeply committed to addressing discrimination and promoting empathy in schools.

**Cian** (Galway, Republic of Ireland)  
He is an advocate for LGBTQ+ awareness and is determined to also combat littering.

**Ellen** (Down, Northern Ireland)  
She is passionate about providing tutoring and educational support, as well as promoting self-expression in schools.

**Katelyn** (Wexford, Republic of Ireland)  
She advocates for better access to period products and aims to raise awareness about mental health.

The Republic of Ireland/Northern Ireland Team's passion and dedication to positive change is truly inspiring.



If you would like to get involved, host a meal, or facilitate an activity, please contact [programs@ff.international](mailto:programs@ff.international). If you would like to sponsor an activity, or contribute to their journey, visit [www.ff.international/donate](http://www.ff.international/donate).

We invite you to join us on this transformative journey. By sponsoring an activity, meeting the teams, or supporting full scholarships for youth, you can make a meaningful difference in the lives of these young learners. Your involvement will empower them to unlock their full potential and become compassionate, resilient leaders in their communities.

## Connecting Young Leaders Worldwide: Meet the Global Team

We are also eager to introduce you to our inspiring Global Team, a group of ten young people from nine different countries who are participating in our first-ever Global Immersion Program taking place at our campus in Northern Ireland from August 8th-20th. This groundbreaking initiative brings together youth from around the world to learn, grow, and become effective leaders in their communities. There is no other program that offers such a diverse and inclusive experience where young leaders from nine countries can come together and collaborate.

We invite you to support these remarkable individuals whose FFI journey will empower them to develop essential skills such as communication, self-reflection, and empathic leadership.

**Caio** (Brazil)  
Caio is deeply committed to addressing inequality in education and creating more opportunities for people with disabilities. His hobbies include cooking, baking, and engaging in artistic projects.

**Holly** (New Zealand)  
Holly actively addresses issues of misogyny, violence among youth, and social and systemic racism. Her hobbies include crocheting, reading, and playing the guitar.

**Kayracan** (Turkey)  
Kayracan appreciates diversity and is dedicated to promoting respect for the LGBTQI+ community. His hobbies include exploring forests, writing poems, and dancing.

**Khaliun** (Mongolia)  
Khaliun is passionate about combating pollution and promoting respect for one another. Her hobbies include solving Rubik's cubes, making crafts out of cardboard, and listening to music.

**Sofia** (Canada)  
Sofia is passionate about empowering youth and addressing issues such as consent education and homelessness. Her hobbies include playing sports, baking, and biking.

**Sonia** (India)  
Sonia actively combats gender bias and violent crimes. Her hobbies include listening to music, writing her thoughts, cooking, and playing sports.

These exceptional young leaders will have a transformative experience where they will engage in activities that focus on empathetic leadership, communication, public speaking, and self-reflection. Together, the Global Team is poised to inspire positive change.



## Our Credit-Bearing Programs so far in 2023...

"I learned so much during this program, I don't think I could put it all into writing. Some of the most impactful and beneficial things I learned were about the importance of implementing empathy in everyday life, especially in debate and conflict, and about different kinds of communities and the struggles that they face."

**- Julia  
(February 2023)**

"The FFI program was just more than book lessons; it was lessons about you through educational experiences. Also, I was more motivated to push myself because I felt that all the lessons I was learning were going to be important/useful for my future. This is not to throw shade at teachers and their lessons of course!"

**- Francie  
(April 2023)**

"I truly got to know these people in a way that school's time constraints never would allow; I also got to discuss issues and topics that some schools shy away from or avoid altogether. The open, comfortable environment was a really refreshing place to be in."

**- Eleanor  
(February 2023)**

### Annual Community Yard Sale

The inaugural FFI Annual Community Yard Sale on Memorial Day Weekend was a tremendous success! We were incredibly grateful for the generous support of our donors, who contributed a wide variety of items for resale. The event garnered significant attendance, allowing us to raise funds that sponsored a pair of deserving students. It was a meaningful and impactful way to engage the community while providing much-needed financial assistance for these students to pursue their education. We will start collecting materials in March so keep us in mind for next year!



### 2023 FFI Golf Fore Peace Tournament

The FFI Golf Tournament on June 12th, 2023, held at Wentworth By the Sea Country Club was a blast! Thanks to our individual and corporate sponsors, we were able to provide ten full scholarships to deserving youth, with 100% of the tournament's revenue going towards our programs. Attendees also had the chance to hear inspiring stories from Friends Forever International alumni, highlighting the profound impact of our initiatives on their lives and communities, all while enjoying cocktails and camaraderie. Your support truly made a difference in making the 2023 Golf Fore Peace Tournament a memorable event! Next year's tournament is June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, so save the date!

