



# Oxford Youth on Exchange

**TOWARDS A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**



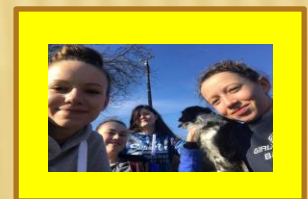
# IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY'S SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING



# WHO IS ISE?

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- ✘ International Student Exchange – Ontario is a registered not-for-profit corporation offering Ontario students reciprocal, school-board-approved exchange programs with Europe. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work with reliable exchange partner organizations and Ontario school boards to provide Ontario students and families with the best possible exchange experience.





## Past Bursary Recipients – A Sampling

1. Jessica Hatch of Zorra did a study of local, regional and high-speed rail in France; intermodal transportation; the relation between population density and high-efficiency trains and/or high speed; the carbon offsetting by favouring active transportation and rail over the gas or diesel car.
2. Ella Vries of South-West Oxford did a study of French cuisine ...



**WHAT DOES ISE ALREADY OFFER YOUTH?**

# DESTINATIONS

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✘ 9 to 12 week reciprocal exchanges with

+ France

+ Switzerland

+ Germany

+ Spain

+ Italy

during the school year, Feb. 2024 departures.



# FRANCE



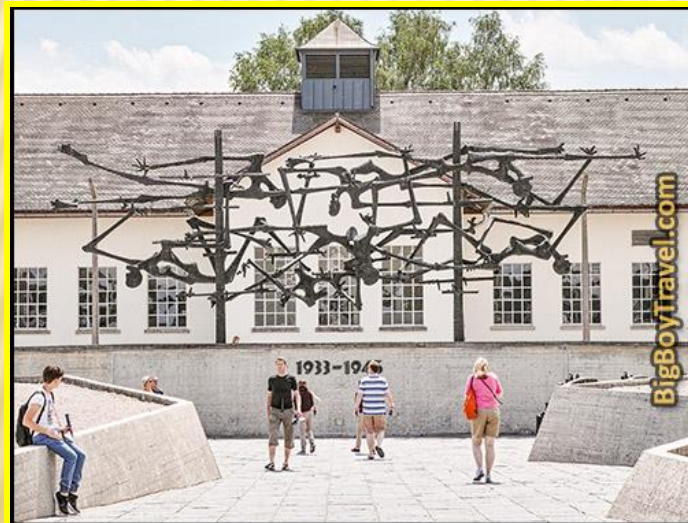


# SWITZERLAND



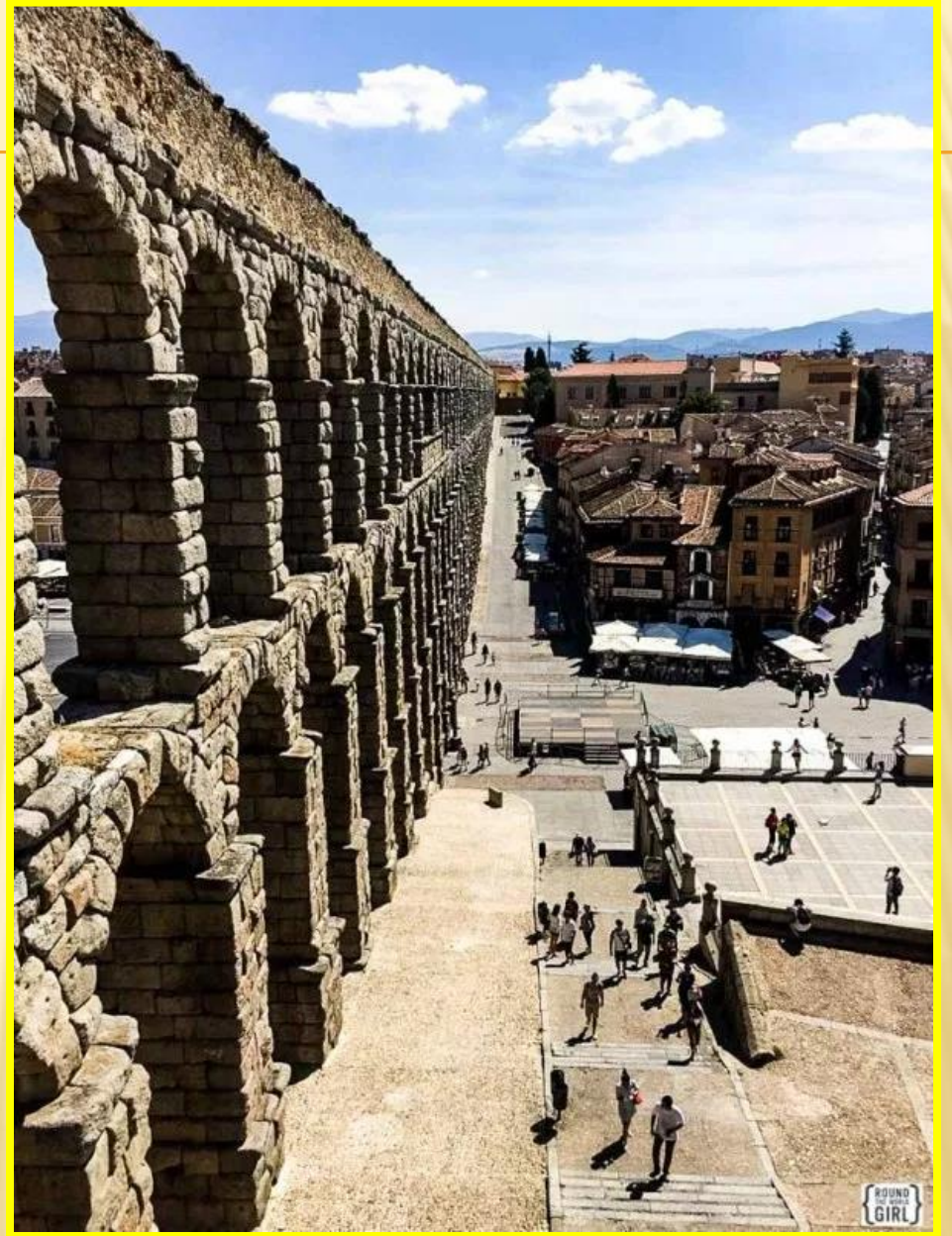


# GERMANY





# SPAIN





# ITALY





# HOW CAN WE SUSTAIN RESEARCH?

✘ Alignment with County Strategic Plan including

A **vision** of

- working together for a healthy vibrant, and sustainable future

Our **values** of

- willing acceptance of responsibility
- the confidence to embrace change
- solutions-oriented, forward-thinking, and committed to continuous improvement
- conscious and proactive effort to ensure long-term viability of [...] a great place to live

# WHICH STUDENTS?

## One per municipality ...

Blandford-Blenheim

East-Zorra Tavistock

Ingersoll

Norwich

South-West Oxford

Tillsonburg

Woodstock

Zorra

With flexibility should multiple applicants from one municipality offer benefits to all when there are not equal or superior applicants in another.



# WHO DOES WHAT?

## OXFORD COUNTY

- provides incentive to qualifying students
- publicizes sustainable exchanges

## STUDENTS

- apply to ISE for exchange matching
- apply for the bursary
- locate audiences for presentations
- present sustainability ideas to local businesses, clubs, associations, etc.

## ISE ONTARIO

- provides information, matching, travel and accompaniment arrangements
- insures students for travel, etc.
- partners with European agencies

## ISE- OXFORD

- selects students among applications who qualify for incentive
- suggests forums if requested for presentations by students
- verifies completion of presentations
- finds means to share with all residents

# TIME-LINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✘ Winter 2024 – Renewal of Agreement; information to students and families about goals and continuance of the bursary and exchange options
- ✘ Planning for departures by students and ISE
- ✘ Winter 2024 – travel and research by students
- ✘ Spring, Summer, Fall 2024 – students' presentations to community groups; applications continue...



# REQUESTS OF COUNCIL

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- ✘ Approve an additional year's funding of up to \$1200 dollars for 8 exchange participants through ISE i.e., \$9600 total
- ✘ Authorize the CAO to renew the agreement with ISE for the delivery of the exchanges
- ✘ Support the exchanges through publicizing them on municipal webpages and/or other communications

# NEXT STEPS

- ✘ Questions
- ✘ Comments
- ✘ Bon voyage

