

Club Exchange Programme

Do the members of your club/district want a chance to see more of Scotland, meet lots of new friends and have great fun at the same time? If so, then arrange a Club Exchange.

Club exchanges have been running for as long as Young Farmers has been and are a great opportunity for members of clubs to share their expertise, ideas and enthusiasm with other clubs. In recent years the number of clubs involved in Club Exchanges has dwindled and The Club Exchange Programme has been set up to re-kindle this long-standing tradition.

We are aware that many of you may not have been involved in organising club exchanges before and this may seem like a daunting process, however the guidelines should help answer the queries you may have.

If you would like to discuss the Club Exchange Programme further, please contact the National Office or your Regional Organiser.

Club Exchange Guide

For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of being involved in organising a club exchange, here are a few suggestions to help you, your family and your guest benefit to the full.

1. Arrange the dates to suit as many people in the club/district as possible. It may be an idea to tie exchanges into annual or pre-organised events.
2. Share the hosting throughout the club/district and treat your guests/host as you would like to be treated yourself.
3. If you are visiting local attractions, restaurants etc. it may be a good idea to phone in advance to let them know you are going, and you may even be able to get a group discount.
4. There are a variety of funds available for clubs/districts participating in exchanges and for information on these or other fundraising ideas contact the International Coordinator on 0131 333 2445.
5. Club Exchanges are a great opportunity to share ideas, best practice and discuss problems that occur within clubs/districts.
6. It is at the club's discretion whether they chose to incorporate under 18's into the club exchange.
7. If under 18's are incorporated into the club exchange the visiting club will be responsible for those members and require signed parental consent.
8. When you are on club exchange you are representing your club, your district and The Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs so please do not bring them into disrepute.

All exchangees and clubs should gain great benefits from the visit, which should prove a memorable one and help to foster good relations between clubs within SAYFC.



