

AFS-Roeland Intercultural Summer Camps in the UK

This document paints a picture of the camp. There is more detail online: [Click Here](#).
(Please note, this is an example and may be subject to change depending on the camp).

Theme days	Friday	Participants arrive	Daily timetable	8.00 – 9.00	Breakfast	
	Saturday	Team-building day		9:00 – 10.00	Lesson 1	
	Sunday	International day		10.00 – 12.00	Sports, showers & tuck shop	
	Monday	Inspiration Nation		12.00 - 1	Lesson 2	
	Tuesday	Trip to Brighton		1 – 2	Lunch	
	Wednesday	We Love Arctic		2 - 2:45	Siesta	
	Thursday	Fair Trade Day		2:45 - 3:45	Lesson 3	
	Friday	Sutton Valence Festival		3:45 – 5	Afternoon activity	Intercultural learning workshops
	Saturday	Fright night!		5:15 – 6	Free activity	
	Sunday	Trip to London		6 – 7	Lesson 4	
	Monday	Staff vs Students sports		7 – 7:15	SV song	
	Tuesday	Concert evening Disco		7:15 – 8	Dinner	
	Wednesday	Participants leave		8 – 10	Workshops & tuckshop	Intercultural learning reflection



AFS & Roeland since 2012

Participants, instructors and volunteers have come to Sutton Valence to start their intercultural journeys. This board paints a picture of SV life. The collaboration between Roeland and AFS continues in 2015.

<http://www.roeland.be/en>



Intercultural learning

During the camp, knowledge of interculturalism quickly develops and opens participants' eyes. AFS Qualified Trainers plan workshops, train other volunteers and facilitate sessions. This works to centre intercultural learning throughout the camp.



English lessons

Teachers are there every step of the way to support the immersion process. They use communicative and experiential ways to teach English. English is the lingua franca of the camp so it is strictly spoken at all times. Immersion comes naturally and the improvement is huge!



Theme days

On 'We Love Arctic' day, the environmental theme is the core of activities in the classroom and throughout the day. Participants learn new vocabulary, practise creative writing, and develop language for campaigning, debates and discussions. This encourages participants to commit and contribute to a peaceful and fairer world. This kind of group work begins to develop skills for taking action as a global citizen.



Sports

There's football, hockey, tennis, athletics, baseball, basketball, cricket, yoga, aerobics and more! One theme day also looks at sports from around the world. This includes a Staff versus Students competition - the kids always win!



International Day

One of the activities for International Day is a 'Showcase'. This is Maria, a Russian participant, and volunteer Stijn. Maria was explaining Russian traditions.



Siesta time

It's important participants have time to relax before a busy afternoon of activities. Hopefully, it'll be sunny!



Tuck Shop

This is some time to relax with friends, chat and play some games before bed. There's the opportunity to send postcards, and buy some snacks.



Volunteers: Roeland & AFS

The people who make it happen! Volunteers with youth work and/or teaching experience are selected. They work closely together to make the camp happen. There is a ratio of 4 participants to 1 volunteer at the camp, and they're always actively present to support activities.



Food & accommodation

Tea time at Sutton Valence School is a special occasion. The camp has full board, and single or 2/3 person rooms: www.svs.org.uk/



Workshops

There is a range of varied and inspiring workshops that participants choose to do. This is one of the ways that participants form close bonds with others from around the world. For example, self-defence (above) takes a strong body and mind, and also sensitivity to those around you.



Life-long skills & inspiration

The camp is always fun and entertaining, but there are also opportunities to develop skills or pursue a passion. This is a photo of the architecture workshop run by a volunteer, Kath, who is also a professional designer. They explored design and architecture from around the world in six evening workshops.



Team-building day

Team work is a vital skill to develop at the camp, and for a future AFS-er. Intercultural workshops draw on these kinds of activities during reflection time.



Find your passion

This is Sutton Valence at the debating table. Participants can develop skills in critical thinking and global issues. Theme days help with topics such as Fair Trade, Arctic (environmental) and Inspiration Nation. Inspiration Nation is a game to create the perfect nation. It always provokes lots of debate.



Nurturing talents

The camp gives young people a safe and happy environment to be themselves and try something new. Here is a photo of the 'Sutton Valence Festival'. The participants spent the day preparing performances. There was poetry, comical raps, dances and even football skills to music.



Explore & discover

Sutton Valence is a very mysterious place. If you like history, exploring and a spooky story you'll enjoy an intercultural camp in this English village. There are also day-trips out of the village.



Brighton day-trip

One of the day-trips is to a small city, e.g. Brighton. This is a beautiful seaside town with a long bohemian history.



London day-trip

Everyone visits London for the day. Participants are supervised by volunteers and visit cultural and historical sites. They also have time to enjoy exploring, shopping and eating together.



Memories at SV

Everyone on the camp comes together to make a video. This is a brilliant souvenir of time at Sutton Valence! Check out the music video we made here: youtu.be/wcPZryn49fE



Start the AFS journey in the UK

Participants make friendships for life by starting the AFS journey in the UK.

Links to raw material

2014

Sutton Valence 2 (13-16 years) [\[photos\]](#)

Sutton Valence 3 (15-17 years) [\[photos\]](#)

2013

Sutton Valence (13-16 years) [\[photos\]](#)

There are also some videos made by participants and instructors to get a feel for the camp, what it looks like and what to expect: [Music video](#) ('Best day of my life' by American Authors) [Sports](#) (Warm ups and games) [Sutton Valence](#) (General)