

KICK-START YOUR FUTURE WITH AFS

AND MAKE YOUR MARK ON THE WORLD



WHO WE ARE. WHAT WE DO.
START YOUR INTERCULTURAL ADVENTURE

WHO ARE WE?

EXPERTS IN STUDENT AND TEACHER INTERCULTURAL TRAVEL

AFS NZ is the premier provider of student and teacher exchanges in New Zealand with over 70 years' experience, extensive networks and support before, during and after our student exchanges.

AFS study abroad and social impact programmes are designed to empower young people with skills essential to navigate today's diverse world.

As a leading non-profit international education organisation, we are experts in global competence which we believe is fundamental to building just and peaceful societies.

WHAT WE DO

AFS prepares and activates future leaders, global citizens and changemakers with essential 21st century intercultural skills to engage, lead and collaborate effectively in different cultural settings. Our international exchange, study abroad and volunteer programmes are supported by research-based intercultural learning journeys facilitated by trained AFS volunteers and staff.

WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

By linking our “learning to live together” philosophy to the defining global issues facing humanity, AFS fosters intercultural understanding as a powerful and productive tool for building a more just and peaceful world. The AFS global community embraces differences and believes our world is stronger and more interesting because of them.

AFS EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMMES

From high school study abroad, language learning, gap year opportunities, internships abroad, teacher exchanges and summer/short-term study abroad we are a pioneer in intercultural education.

HOST FAMILY PROGRAMMES

Hosting an AFS student is a rewarding and meaningful intercultural learning adventure for the entire family – sharing cultures, traditions and gaining new perspectives.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AFS local volunteers are the driving force of AFS programmes and are active at all levels – supporting students and families through their AFS intercultural journeys, participating in governance and policy development and leading social impact projects with local schools and communities.

INTERCULTURAL LEARNING AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

We help people of all ages and backgrounds develop leadership, problem-solving, language and intercultural skills needed to succeed in a local and global economy and make a positive difference in the world.

OPEN UP YOUR
WORLD TO NEW
POSSIBILITIES

AFS
INTERCULTURAL
ADVENTURES
TRANSFORM YOUR
LIFE FOREVER!

WE CALL IT THE
#AFSEFFECT



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15 OVER 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

Daring to Create Change: How the legendary WWI volunteer ambulance service transformed into a world-class international exchange program—fostering intercultural understanding to help the world learn how to live together.



STUDY ABROAD



Duration: Academic year, semester or trimester (10 months, 5 months or 12 weeks)

Age Group: 14 - 18 years

Travel durations and eligibility requirements vary depending on destination

AFS TRADITIONAL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMMES

Since 1947, AFS has prepared young people to gain the practical skills and knowledge valued by universities and employers—and needed to succeed in a global world.

Our AFS Traditional Study Abroad programmes are supported and facilitated by trained staff and volunteers, offering secondary school students' life-changing experiences in destinations all over the world.

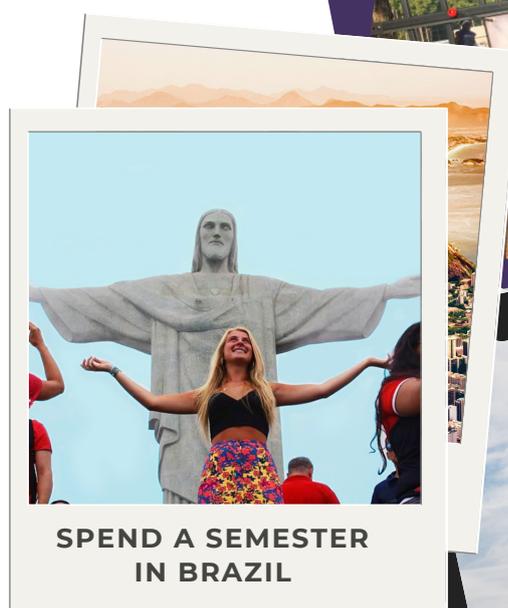
Students can attend a local secondary school in another country as a full-time student during an academic year, semester or trimester. They live with a host family which is carefully chosen, screened and prepared to welcome AFS students into their homes.

START YOUR ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

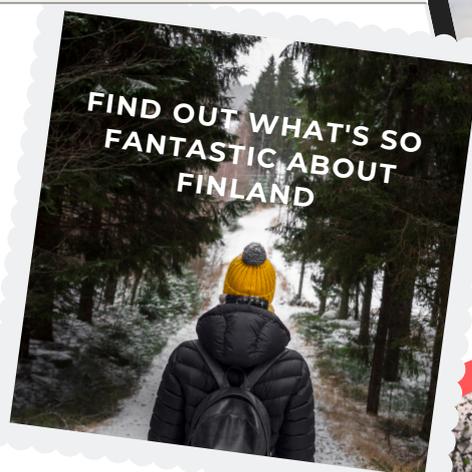
"Life-changing" is hard to describe, yet it is nearly always the first thing that AFSers say when asked about their experience abroad. "Transformed" is another one.

In fact, our alumni reviews have made AFS one of the top-rated organisations in the study abroad industry.

EXPERIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE USA



SPEND A SEMESTER IN BRAZIL



JUMP RIGHT INTO JAPANESE CULTURE



AFS offers exchange programmes in the following destinations

NORTH AMERICA

Canada
United States

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Guatemala

Haiti
Honduras
Mexico
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Uruguay

EUROPE

Austria
Belgium-Flanders
Belgium-French
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Czech Republic
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Latvia

Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom

AFRICA

Egypt
Ghana
Kenya
South Africa
Tunisia

ASIA PACIFIC

China
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Japan
Malaysia
Philippines
Thailand

OCEANIA

Australia
New Zealand



BECOME GLOBAL

Live with a new family in another country. Enjoy different traditions. Open your mind and appreciate, value and deepen your insights about other perspectives, cultures, religions and important world issues.



BECOME CHANGE

Make your mark on the word and build bridges across cultures by creating friendships that will last a lifetime.



BECOME FLUENT

Go to a new school, learn a new language and find ways to connect with people from other cultures and backgrounds – skills that you'll take back home and use for a lifetime.



BECOME YOURSELF

Discover new things about yourself and your place in the world. Learn how to turn challenging situations into valuable opportunities for personal growth.

OH THE PLACES YOU CAN GO!

BROWSE THE MANY WORLDWIDE DESTINATIONS AND PROGRAMMES ON OFFER AT AFS.ORG.NZ

GLOBAL CHOICE



Duration: Academic year, semester or trimester (10 months, 5 months or 12 weeks)

Age Group: 14 - 19 years

Travel durations and eligibility requirements vary depending on destination



STUDY YOUR WAY

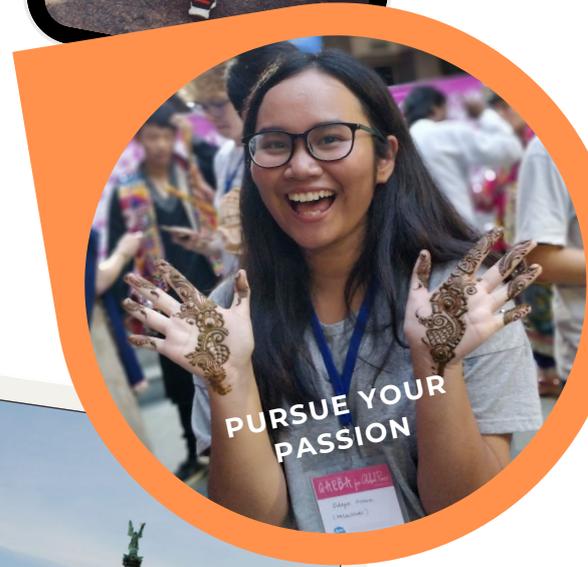
AFS Global Choice participants can advance their education on an international scale with a programme tailored to their learning needs and areas of interest, while at the same time experiencing life in a totally new culture.

Global Choice is all about choice - it allows students to choose from different areas of the country they would like to visit as well as choose from a selection of top schools in that area.

Students have the opportunity to study their way and pursue their interests in language study, cultural studies, environmental issues, technology and much more.

AFS NZ will assist with:

- School selection by assessing students' future career needs and helping with enrollment
- Arranging comprehensive insurance
- Extensive preparation for students pre-arrival, on arrival and post-departure. This ensures students are more likely to understand the cultural challenges and adapt to school and family life faster
- Authentic experiences and participation in any local AFS trips and functions taking place in the area
- Providing 24 hour support for students and families. AFS provides regular student check-ups and works with schools to provide the most effective and high quality support for students
- Special Letter of Recommendation and certificate from AFS on successful completion of the Global Choice Programme



VISIT [AFS.ORG.NZ/GLOBAL-CHOICE-PROGRAMMES/](https://www.afs.org.nz/global-choice-programmes/) TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GLOBAL CHOICE AND THE PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

GLOBAL PREP



Duration: 1 - 4 weeks

Age Group: 14 - 18 years

Travel durations and eligibility requirements vary depending on destination

SHORT-TERM CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

AFS Global Prep programmes offer short-term, theme-based, group experiences that address issues of importance to young people while facilitating their growth as global citizens.

The Global Prep programmes available have been developed for those with limited time, wanting to fulfill their desire to study or travel abroad. They offer a content-rich itinerary and an immersive cultural experience for a duration of just one to four weeks.

Language study, volunteer opportunities and single topic courses (such as investigating environmental issues, studying new technology or human rights issues) are some of the educational opportunities on offer as well as a structured intercultural learning component, ensuring increased global competence of the participants.



BITES OF CULTURE IN CHINA

SUSTAINABILITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA

ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE IN COSTA RICA

A GREEN SUMMER IN GERMANY

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GLOBAL PREP AND ALL OF THE PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE VISIT AFS.ORG.NZ/GLOBAL-PREP-PROGRAMMES/



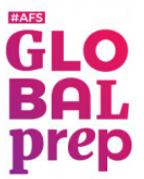
experience +



learning +



impact =



Thrive in an incredible new place, unlike anything you've experienced so far, and create authentic connections that will last a lifetime!

Pursue your interests, while becoming a real global citizen through an AFS structured intercultural learning programme.

Leave your mark on the communities you visit and work to create a positive impact for yourself, your local community and the world.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGE

TEACHER EXCHANGES

AFS Educational Advantage welcomes teachers from around the world to New Zealand who want to bring their own culture and language to share with families, students and teachers.

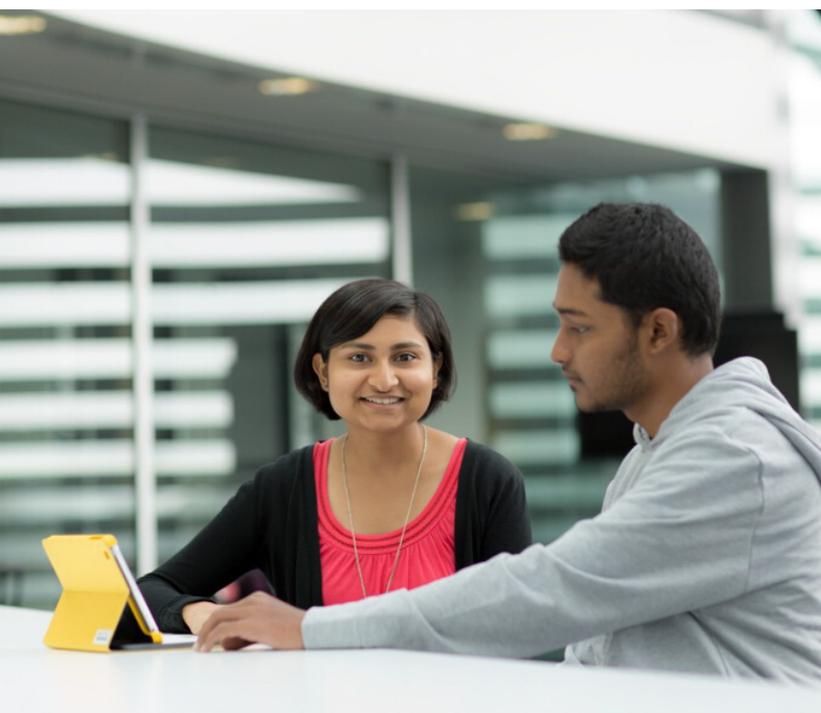
Visiting teachers live with a local family and bring an extra resource to the classroom while they truly get to know about our unique culture, develop their language and then use what they learn back in their lives and classrooms in their home country.

For both schools and families, there are many advantages of hosting a visiting teacher including learning about a new culture, encouraging diversity and understanding, learning about the values of global citizenship and developing a life-long international connection and friendship.



Educational Advantage seeks to open learning and communication channels among teachers across the world and promotes global competence in education, empowering learners to:

- Understand and appreciate the perspectives and world views of others
- Engage in open, appropriate and effective interactions with people from different cultures
- Ultimately become proactive contributors to a more just, peaceful, tolerant, inclusive, secure and sustainable world



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT AFS
EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGE AND
HOSTING A TEACHER AT YOUR
SCHOOL OR HOME VISIT
[AFS.ORG.NZ](https://www.afs.org.nz)

AFS HOST FAMILIES

WELCOME THE WORLD INTO YOUR HOME BY HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Hosting an AFS international student is an exciting opportunity to experience a new culture in your own home. AFS friendships last a lifetime and expand your horizons.

Children often enjoy being cultural ambassadors, introducing their new brother, sister and parents to local customs, traditions and national holidays. Everything from preparing meals to sightseeing are opportunities to discover and appreciate cultural and other differences.

Host families are volunteers, (AFS is a charity), inviting a student into their home, and making them part of the the family. Students are expected to do dishes, make their beds, everything a member of the household is expected to do! AFS offers support through the entire process.

Additionally, AFS students are not international students, once in New Zealand they are domestic students.

All types of families are encouraged to apply; there is no "typical" AFS host family.

HOST A TEACHER AT YOUR SCHOOL OR HOME

Teachers are at the forefront of educating young people, but it's also important that they keep educating themselves.

AFS runs a programme called Educational Advantage, where we bring teachers from other countries into New Zealand and immerse them in our culture and classrooms, adding an extra resource into the classroom as well as teaching host families a new culture from their own home.



IT CAN'T BE DESCRIBED. IT HAS TO BE EXPERIENCED.

"Not only does the student become part of our family, but their family becomes part of ours and ours part of theirs. We've met our host son Edison's parents and sister. It makes the events that happen in their part of the world more real. It makes the world a smaller place." - Lucy Brown, AFS host mum, Greymouth

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOSTING A STUDENT OR TEACHER AT YOUR HOME VISIT [AFS.ORG.NZ](https://www.afs.org.nz)



INTERCULTURAL LEARNING FOR SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES

AFS PROVIDES A RANGE OF USEFUL INTERCULTURAL LEARNING RESOURCES FOR ALL KINDS OF EDUCATORS AND ORGANISATIONS

Intercultural learning is a process that leads to deeper awareness and understanding of one's own cultural identity (norms, behaviours, relationships and visions), those of other cultures and how to interact mindfully and authentically across the difference between these.

WHY SHOULD INTERCULTURAL LEARNING BE INCORPORATED INTO EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE?

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- Broaden perspectives
 - Learn and respect differences
 - Communicate and collaborate across cultures
 - Appreciate other cultures
 - Build critical thinking and problem-solving skills

GLOBAL COMPETENCE CERTIFICATE

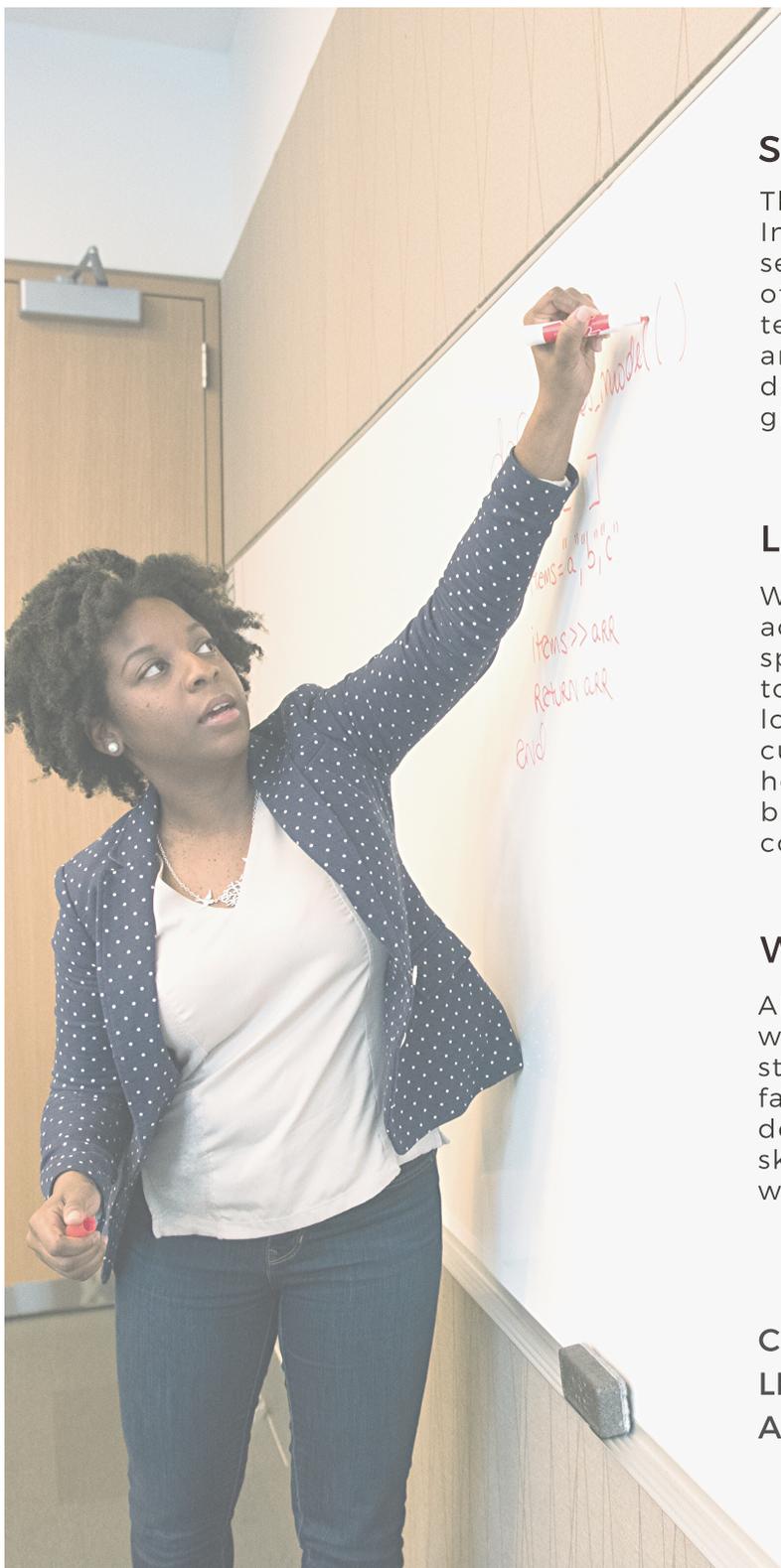
The AFS Global Competence Certificate helps learners develop intercultural competence and deal with cultural adjustment - skills essential to successfully navigate today's diverse world.

With the Global Competence Certificate students embarking on an international exchange can enjoy a more meaningful intercultural experience. Equipped with the knowledge, skills and understanding to appreciate and interact with different cultures, students can travel with confidence, develop strong connections and come home with a broadened perspective about themselves and the world around them.

Being Globally Competent has also become increasingly important to all those entering or moving within the workforce. Many employers now recognise the importance of diversity and cultural intelligence in the workplace.

The Global Competence Certificate is an 18 module video-based digital learning programme with the following key educational goals:

- Self-awareness
- Awareness about others
- Emotional intelligence
- Bridges across difference



SCHOOL READINESS INDEX

The AFS Global Competence Readiness Index for Schools and Institutions is a self-assessment tool that helps schools of any kind identify their position in terms of fostering global competence and supporting educators to further develop teaching practices that create global competence.

LESSON PLANS

Whether you want to incorporate activities into the classroom, hold special lessons or seminars that relate to intercultural learning, or if you are looking for inspiration for a whole curriculum, our lesson resources will help educators engage students to broaden their understanding of global competence and diversity.

WORKSHOPS

AFS offers a range of interactive workshops for teachers, businesses, staff, volunteers, students and host families aiming at helping them develop intercultural communication skills to be able to navigate a diverse world.

**CHECK OUT THE INTERCULTURAL
LEARNING RESOURCES AVAILABLE
AT [AFS.ORG.NZ](https://www.afs.org.nz)**

To be globally competent a person will have reached an understanding of other cultures beyond their own experience and upbringing. A person who can understand the complexities of other peoples and ways of living and working and the world at large.

Q&A

WHY GO WITH AFS?

AFS IS THE PREMIER PROVIDER OF EXCHANGES IN NZ WITH OVER 70 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, EXTENSIVE NETWORKS AND SUPPORT BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER STUDYING ABROAD.

WE HAVE A TEAM TO SUPPORT YOU WHEREVER YOU TRAVEL



With over 50,000 volunteers worldwide, there is always help at hand should you need us - anywhere you go!

We provide 24-hour support for all AFS students and families, with proven risk management and emergency procedures. We know these are of paramount importance when operating in the student exchange market.

OUR MISSION MATTERS

AFS is a not-for-profit, volunteer based organisation with a vision of creating a more just and peaceful world through intercultural understanding. Our mission is 'peace through friendship and cultural understanding'. We do not operate to obtain commercial gain from students.



WE HELP TO PREPARE FUTURE LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS



Over 10,000 New Zealanders have studied abroad with AFS including Sam Morgan (Trade Me), Peter Williams (broadcasting), Nick Smith (politics), Dame Anne Salmond (education) and Tungia Baker (actress). More than 10,000 AFS students have also been hosted in New Zealand since 1947.

WE ARE EXPERTS IN INTERCULTURAL LEARNING AND GLOBAL COMPETENCE



Intercultural learning is at the heart of the education of exchange students, and AFS has a body of educational knowledge for students to tap into.

Globally, AFS is the only student exchange organisation to have received a special citation from the United Nations for services to the youth of the world! So we know our stuff!

THERE ARE NO APPLICATION FEES

Just apply! AFS NZ guarantees that the price quoted at the time your exchange is confirmed won't change.



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost to go on an AFS adventure will depend on where you want to go and how long you want to go for.

A short-term programme (1-3 months) costs from approximately \$7,500, and a long-term programme (10-11 months) costs from approximately \$15,000.

Let's break it down. As an example:

- 10 month (year) programme
- Cost: \$15,000
- Days away: 300
- Cost per day: \$50

Costs include:

- Round trip international travel from Auckland to your destination country
- Placement with a carefully selected volunteer host family who will provide you room, board and guidance. Your host family will arrange a way for you to get to and from your school each day.
- School placement
- Orientations before, during and after you travel
- 24/7 assistance and support from AFS, both in New Zealand and in your destination country.
- And more!

To help you get you there, AFS has some great fundraising ideas as well as scholarship information.

To find out more contact us on 0800 600 300 or info-newzealand@afs.org

WHAT ARE THE MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS?

For Kiwis, countries across Latin America and Europe are popular choices.



However, countries in South East Asia such as India and Thailand are increasing in popularity.



Scandinavia and Hungary are also becoming popular destinations to visit.



WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
BROWSE ALL DESTINATIONS
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WHAT ABOUT NCEA?

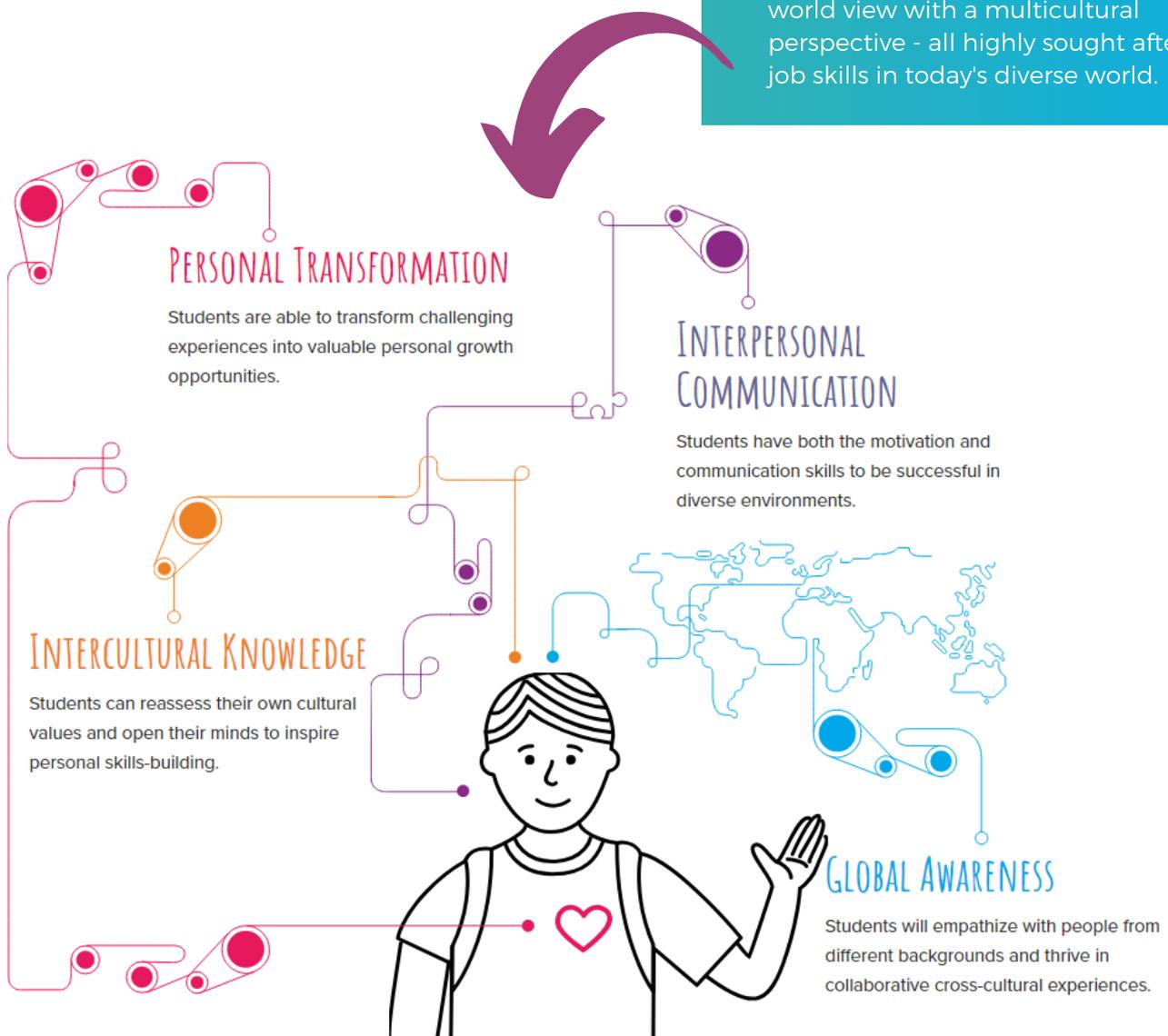
You might be wondering how doing an exchange will affect your NCEA...Well it doesn't have to.

Doing an exchange does NOT mean you won't be able to get into university. In fact, it actually opens doors for you.

AFS can help you do both - go on an exchange and do NCEA. Visit our website or email us for a copy of our 'Guide to getting NCEA' which provides you with some options as well as helps you to figure out what might work best for you.

GAIN SOUGHT AFTER GLOBAL EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Students who participate in an AFS intercultural experience gain invaluable skills such as creative thinking, problem solving, flexibility, adaptability, motivation and leadership, teamwork, communication and an expanded world view with a multicultural perspective - all highly sought after job skills in today's diverse world.



ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

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OVER 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

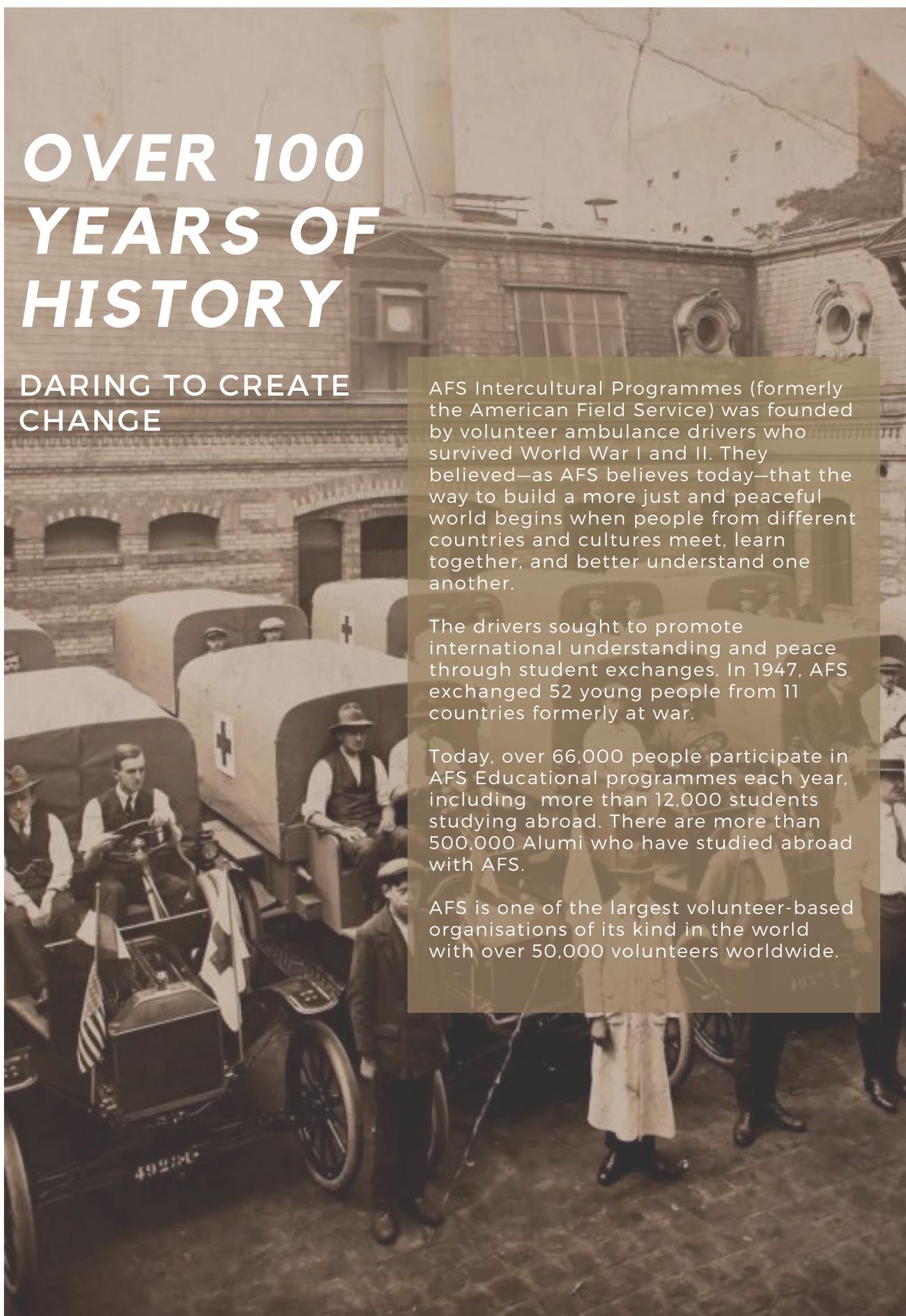
DARING TO CREATE CHANGE

AFS Intercultural Programmes (formerly the American Field Service) was founded by volunteer ambulance drivers who survived World War I and II. They believed—as AFS believes today—that the way to build a more just and peaceful world begins when people from different countries and cultures meet, learn together, and better understand one another.

The drivers sought to promote international understanding and peace through student exchanges. In 1947, AFS exchanged 52 young people from 11 countries formerly at war.

Today, over 66,000 people participate in AFS Educational programmes each year, including more than 12,000 students studying abroad. There are more than 500,000 Alumni who have studied abroad with AFS.

AFS is one of the largest volunteer-based organisations of its kind in the world with over 50,000 volunteers worldwide.



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I am so thankful for the help of AFS and especially the AFS board of trustees for helping me to have this opportunity to live my dreams. Being an exchange student is something that everyone tells you will change your life. I can tell you that everyone is right.

Annalise, scholarship winner, from New Zealand to France

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It's a pretty special feeling to be able to converse in an entirely different language, and to see my grasp of the language improve from very basic sentences and words, to the ability to have full in-depth conversations as I've progressed. I've also made some great friends over here, and had some amazing new experiences that never would have been possible had I forgone this opportunity. I really can't express how valuable that is, the vast range of things I've done, seen, or tried, things that, to me, are different in ways I never conceived of.

Callum, exchange student, from New Zealand to Uruguay

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