



Benefits of becoming a Local Coordinator with YFU Student Exchange

Make a difference. YFU Local Coordinators are a key support for students and host families during their exchange program. They are the link between the YFU staff (the Program Manager), and the host family/student. They play an important part in helping students and host families have the best exchange experience possible.

Meet new people. As a Local Coordinator you will meet different kinds of people, from your own community as well as from different parts of the world. You can learn about another culture; practice a language you are currently learning and share a little of your own culture.

Be a part of a community. Becoming a YFU Local Coordinator can help you feel part of something outside your friends and family, and many say that from this experience they gain new friends and often become a part of another family. As a volunteer for YFU Australia, you also become part of a large international YFU community, with like-minded people all over the world.

Learn new skills. Local Coordinators conduct a range of different tasks from support of a host family and student to airport assistance, outbound student interviews, host family interviews, assisting at orientations and facilitating information sessions. You will get training or support from YFU for all these tasks and will learn many new skills along the way!

Take on a challenge. Through the varied tasks available as a Local Coordinator you can challenge yourself to try something different, achieve personal goals, practice your skills, and discover hidden talents.

Boost your career. The skills you gain from being an active Local Coordinator not only look great on your resume but are skills that can help you get that job. You will gain experience working and mediating in intercultural environments, interpersonal communication and problem solving. In addition, employers like to see that potential employees are involved in their community, like to help others, and want to be a part of a team.

Give Back. Maybe you went on exchange, maybe your child did, or maybe you hosted students, or maybe you just want to be part of something bigger. This is a great way to give back to the next generation of students and host families and bring back those wonderful memories and experiences you had.

Have fun. Most of all, this is fun! Meeting and spending time with like-minded people are interested in the world and all there is out there to experience.

Local Coordinators are the heart and soul of our organisation!

✓ Live like a local ✓ Attend high school overseas ✓ Become part of your host family

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