

SCI PRACTICAL TRAINEE EXCHANGE PILOT PROJECT

U.S. CITY: Lexington, KY

SISTER CITY: County Kildare, Ireland
and Deauville, France

TYPE OF EXCHANGE: Practical Trainee Exchange

LENGTH OF EXCHANGE: 8 weeks

AGE OF PARTICIPANTS: 18 - 25 NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 6 INBOUND: 3 OUTBOUND: 3

OVERVIEW OF EXCHANGE

Lexington's first practical trainee exchange took place with two of its sister cities, Deauville, France and County Kildare, Ireland. The exchange with Deauville included an inbound trainee who worked in a Lexington bank and an outbound trainee who taught English as a second language at a local public school in Deauville. The exchange between County Kildare and Lexington included the exchange of two physical education trainees, one giving basketball clinics at local youth centers in County Kildare and the other providing summer soccer clinics in Lexington through one of the universities summer sports youth programs.

The remaining two trainees were an inbound young adult from Ireland who worked for the former Mayor of Lexington learning restaurant management and an outbound trainee who worked for a County Kildare horse farm, one of the major industries in both Lexington and County Kildare.

UNANTICIPATED RESULTS

Because of the uniqueness of the Practical Trainee Exchange and the support of the Mayor's office in Lexington, the project received substantial publicity locally. The Mayor called a press conference to announce the project and introduce one of the trainees. All three of the local networks picked up the story and it also got space in the local papers as well. The public relations from this project were therefore quite substantial and positive for the local sister cities program.

BUDGET

Estimated: \$15239
Actual: \$23,149
Ratio: 1 to 10.2

Per head cost: \$7716

AMOUNT OF SCI GRANT: \$2250