

## Comments from Past Conferences

Malgorzata, Poland:

Studies of the texts were especially appealing to me and I found it interesting to get to know different religious texts...Chevruta is always good, it 'globalizes' people! I would love to come to the conference again – it was a very enriching experience and I met very interesting and valuable people. I feel more responsible for building positive identity of my culture and faith in the background of the globalized world.

Ayman, Cairo, Egypt:

It gave me more indepth knowledge about others and other Religions and this makes it easier to understand them. Thus, I can convey the message to others in my home.

Gil, Tel Aviv, Israel:

The highlight of the event for me was meeting a lot of extraordinary people from different corners of the world, going to the mosque, and understanding the source of my prejudiced views.

Lori, Chicago, USA:

The conference was stimulating and interesting because of the various elements of cultural, religious, and lingual influences. Those element influenced how I thought about issues and communicated with people. It was also interesting to be in a different country while talking about faith and interfaith, which I've never done before.

## The Aims of the YLC

### Encounter

We aim to facilitate encounters that cross cultural, religious, political, generational, and socio-economic boundaries in order to expand our understanding of each other and the world. We believe that these encounters with people, ideas, and ways of living can deepen our own self-understandings and help us engage the world with deeper hope and meaning. By encountering the other, we believe that we are overcoming religious and cultural boundaries without eliminating or discouraging difference and variety.

### Equip

We want to see people's lives and communities changed. To that end, we aim to equip all our participants with tools for dialogue and self-discovery. We have resources in many organizations and are always looking for new and productive methods for increasing communication and reconciliation processes.

### Exchange

We want to see people exchanging stereotypes for relationships, fears for experience, and mistrust for compassion. We want there to be exchanges of ideas and beliefs and hopes and dreams. A participant at a YLC conference goes home changed, with experience to interact and lead in their own communities. They also have experiences of shared relationship, interfaith and intercultural community, and spiritual engagement.



## Young Leadership Council

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## What is the Young Leadership Council ?

The Young Leadership Council is the youth branch of the International Council for Christians and Jews. Currently our board includes people from various Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions from around the world. We aim to support young people (18-35 years of age) who want to engage in interfaith dialogue in their local communities by connecting them with like-minded people from around the world.

### The YLC Conference

The yearly international conference hosted by the YLC brings together a group of carefully selected participants from diverse religious backgrounds and geographical locations. The conference typically lasts just under a week. In the past, they have been held in various locations throughout Europe and the Mediterranean.

The conference aims to bring people together to learn more about the different faith traditions. We encourage this through creative activities, shared prayer times and services from each faith and daily interaction with sacred texts.

The conference typically overlaps with the ICCJ conference and holds joint sessions in order to cement relationships between the youth branch and senior members of the ICCJ.

## The Participants

Participants have come from diverse regions including the UK and Ireland, the United States, Continental Europe, Northern Africa, and the Middle East. For each conference, the YLC board is able to offer places to 30 participants. After receiving recommendations and applications, the board carefully selects participants they believe will contribute beneficially to the Interfaith Dialogue process both at the conference and at home. The board also aims to select a diverse selection of religious backgrounds from each of the Abrahamic faith traditions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.



## Registration

To apply for attendance of the conference please send a note of inquiry to [ylcboard@gmail.com](mailto:ylcboard@gmail.com)

With your email, please include the following:

1. 500-1000 words detailing:
  - a. Your experience in Interfaith Dialogue
  - b. Your interest in the conference
  - c. Skills and strengths you might bring to the conference
  - d. Your religious and faith background
2. One personal reference
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Contact Information including Name, Address, email address, country of nationality, and visa requirements for Ireland

### Financial information

The YLC aims to assist participants in its conference by attempting to provide financial support for travel and administrative costs. As far as possible, budget permitting, we will aim to provide help in the case of exceptional circumstances, but we can provide no guarantee of such help at present. Applications for financial support can be downloaded from the ICCJ Homepage.