

## 2026 4-H INTERNATIONAL RURAL EXCHANGE - IRELAND - PROGRAM DETAILS

### *Eligibility Criteria*

- Must have been enrolled in a 4-H Manitoba Club during this 4-H year (2024-2025) and are also registering as a 4-H member for the 2025-2026 year.
- Members must be in good standing.
- Must be 17 -21 years of age as of July 1, 2025.
- NOTE: Members who have previously travelled on 4-H awarded trips **ARE** eligible for this travel and eligibility for future National and International 4-H travel will not be affected.

### *Dates and Details of the Program*

- May 13-20, 2026 (You will fly to Ireland on the 12<sup>th</sup> and leave for home on the 21<sup>st</sup>).
- 30 member/youth delegates and three chaperones will be chosen to go. **Four spots** have been given to **Manitoba**.
- The program includes touring agriculture businesses and festivals in Ireland. Delegates will be staying at a host Hotel and will be following a guide developed by the International Rural Exchange.

### *Costs*

- **Delegates will be responsible for covering their flight costs to and from Ireland. Delegates will be required to fly to Dublin Airport. Manitoba 4-H Council will assist with booking flights and invoice you for the flight cost.** Additionally, there will be a **registration fee of \$1750 CAD.** Delegates should also be bringing some spending money in the local currency to purchase souvenirs or snacks while in Ireland.
- **The registration fee will cover the following costs:**
  - Ground transportation for the week once delegates arrive at the airport in Dublin.
  - Three meals a day.
  - Shared Hotel accommodations.

### *Selection Process*

If you meet the eligibility criteria and want to apply:

1. Fill out the attached application form. **\*\*Please note** that it is evaluated and counts as part of the selection criteria.
2. Submit the application form to Linda at [lmcrae-walker@4h.mb.ca](mailto:lmcrae-walker@4h.mb.ca) by August 31, 2025. Delegates will be informed if they are selected or not once the application period is closed.

**4-H INTERNATIONAL RURAL EXCHANGE – IRELAND 2026**

Please submit the following on plain white paper.

1) General Information:

Name	
Pronouns	Address
Postal Code	Gender
Email	Phone #
Date of birth	4-H Club/Association
Age as of January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	

2) Number of years in 4-H?

4) List 4-H projects you have taken and the year each was taken. Which project did you find the most worthwhile and explain why?

5) List 4-H activities/positions in which you have participated at the club, area, provincial or national level.

6) List all 4-H trips, conferences, and training events that you have attended (be specific).

7) List other interests, hobbies, activities, skills, and other organizations involved with.

8) What do you see as the value gained by 4-H members when travelling to and experiencing a different culture?

9) How would these skills help you as you return home?

10) How would you promote 4-H travel opportunities when you return?

I give permission for my child to apply to the 4-H International Rural Exchange – Ireland 2024 trip. I understand that if selected, my child will have costs/obligations to fulfill both before and potentially after the trip.

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature (if under 18):

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide two evaluation forms completed by a 4-H leader and a community member of your choice.

## 4-H EVALUATION OF MEMBER

Please give your appreciation of this member's overall 4-H record in answering the following questions. Please be as complete as possible. Use additional sheets if needed. Return evaluation to:

**Manitoba 4-H Council Office  
658 Unit A 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brandon MB  
R7A 4G5  
Attention: Linda McRae-Walker  
lmcrae-walker@4h.mb.ca**

You may send the evaluation separately from the member's application.

1. Describe the member's effort and initiative over the years in 4-H or in their community. Is the member eager to help?
2. What leadership ability has the member shown? Have they followed through with what they started?
3. Does the member take an interest in their work? Are they willing to try new things and complete all the exercises?
4. How do you think the member would do on a Travel Opportunity? Are they mature enough to travel on their own if something happens and they must deal with a travel delay?
5. **For 4-H Leader only:** How has their attendance been? Do they actively participate?
6. Final Comments:

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Internal use:**

**DELEGATE'S SCORE (out of 50 based on overall self-presentation):** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_