

2027 4-H INTERNATIONAL RURAL EXCHANGE - IRELAND - PROGRAM DETAILS

Dates and Details of the Program

- **May 14-21, 2027** (*Dates of travel may be +/- a day depending on flight paths available*).
- 40 member/youth delegates will be chosen to go. **Four spots** have been given to **Manitoba**.

Member age

- Members must be between the ages of 17-21 by time of travel to attend.
- Must have been enrolled in a 4-H Manitoba Club during this 4-H year (2025-2026) and are also registering as a 4-H member for the 2026-2027 year.
- Members must be in good standing.
- 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.

Tour will include

- Balmoral Agricultural Show
- A variety of farms
- Activities such as Zip Lining, learning Irish sports
- Research farm
- A chance to meet with the Young Irish Farmers group
- Visiting Irish places of interest including castles etc

Registration Cost

- Members will be responsible for the \$2,000 registration fee
- Registration fee covers accommodations, ground transportation once in Ireland, activities, and three meals a day
- Registration will be paid directly to 4-H Canada. Payment plans available once registration is completed.

Air Travel

- Members will be responsible for their flight cost from Canada to Dublin.
- Flights will be booked with 4-H Canada's travel service provider, Corporate Traveller.
- 4-H members will also need to purchase travel insurance for their trip - or review their personal insurance policy.
- Dates of travel may be +/- a day depending on flight paths available

Selection Process

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 by August 28, 2026.
3. Delegates will be informed if they are selected or not once the application period is closed.

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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 May 14, 2027	

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 2026 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):

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 10th 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: _____