Sister Cities Youth Exchange Programme 2027

Parental Consent Form

1) My child has my permission to apply for and participate in the Sister Cities Youth Exchange programme 2027.

2) I have read and signed the Participant Responsibility Agreement.

3) Should my child be accepted to take part in the Youth Exchange Programme, I consent to my child's host family to act on my behalf in case of emergency, accident or illness on the basis that I am informed at the earliest opportunity.

4) I understand that should my child fail to act within the rules of responsible conduct (as outlined in the Participant Responsibility Agreement), they will be sent home, and I will incur all associated expenses.

5) I confirm that my family and I understand that this programme involves hosting a youth ambassador from Gilbert, Arizona for up to 3 weeks in our family home. I confirm that I/we have the means and the space available for this to happen comfortably and safely and can commit the time required to facilitate a youth ambassador accordingly.

6) I will ensure that my child will have an adequate amount of spending money available to take part in the programme.

7) I agree to not leave my child and the visiting youth ambassador alone overnight.

8) I agree to accompany my child and the visiting youth ambassador for any travel outside Northern Ireland.

9) I consent to photographs, videos and content of my child taken as part of this programme to be released on social media, online, used in promotional materials, publications, presentations, press releases and other associated communications.

10) I agree to my personal information and that of my household being shared with other programme participants from both Antrim and Newtownabbey and Gilbert, Arizona. This may include names, address, dates of birth and contact details.

11) I will ensure my household acts responsibly in the use of social media in relation to the programme, and only post appropriate content that would not be deemed offensive or crude and will adhere to the programme's Social Media Guidance. I will ensure I have the express consent of other parties if posting content online, where relevant.

12) I consent to background checks being undertaken for myself and all members of the household who are aged 16 or over. Participation in the exchange is subject to satisfactory outcome of these checks.

13) I am aware that even if successful at interview stage, taking part in the programme is subject to workable timings and requirements of participants and there being a suitable exchange partner match with a participant from Gilbert, Arizona. The decision of the interview panel is final, and travel is subject to logistical considerations.

14) I agree that all members of our household aged 16 or over will provide photographic identification in person to Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Human Resources staff at an agreed date and time to allow background checks to be undertaken.

15) I agree to attend any meetings, information sessions, events or volunteering relating to participation in the programme and the associated roles and responsibilities.

I have read and understood this document and sign below to state that I consent to the above.

Signed: ……

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