



Elizabeth Does, 23, Youth President of Douzelage (Europe), from Sherborne, England, will be representing the United Kingdom in the World Festival of Youth and Students, organised by the World Federation of Democratic Youth, international student organisations, the United Nations and Russia.

19th World Festival of Youth and Students / #WFYS2017 is to be held on October 14-22, 2017 in Sochi, Russia. Approximately 100 participants from the UK were selected, with two delegates (Ms Does from UK and Miss McBride from Scotland) being selected to participate in the official 8km carnival parade in Moscow welcoming the foreign participants to Russia. It will feature professional teams of up to 45,000 university students from Moscow Universities.

The Festival aims to consolidate international youth community, strengthen international ties, as well as promote international and intercultural cooperation. One of the main goals of the upcoming Festival is shaping a common vision of the future by the young leaders from different countries, trying to articulate responses to the most pressing challenges of the generation. The main agenda of the discussion program is to encompass the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the United Nations.

This year it will unite more than 20 000 young leaders from 150 countries. The platform is to bring together young leaders aged 18-35 from various fields: youth NPOs representatives, young journalists, creative and sports youth, young workers, young IT-specialists, and

engineers, leaders of political parties' youth organizations, young faculty members, young leaders of student governments, young scientists, young entrepreneurs, as well as compatriots and foreigners learning Russian language and interested in Russian culture.

In Sochi, participants will stay in the accommodation made for the winter Olympics; with the opening ceremony being in the Bolshoy Ice Dome, with One Republic headlining the event.

The slogan of the festival is 'For peace, solidarity and social justice, we struggle against imperialism, honoring our past, we build the future'.

There will be a discussion program, a cultural program, a sporting program, a scientific and educational program, and a regional program.

All costs (accommodation, meals, participation in cultural and sports events) during the Festival will be covered by the event organisers, and Elizabeth's flights, normally covered by participants, will be covered by the Douzelage.

Participants will also receive visa free entry, a unique educational and discussion program with world class professionals, master classes and creative workshops.

Also a complexity of Russian Culture: ballet, ice show, a film festival, jazz festival, circus program. Life-style program: street dance, healthy lifestyle, jogging, musical subcultures, and access to all the educational, cultural and sports fields.