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International Cadet event 2009: Gather '09

A warm hello to the international community of St John Ambulance Youth.

St John Ambulance, Priory of England and The Islands are pleased to announce the **international Cadet event, Gather '09**.

Bringing together the international family of St John Ambulance Youth, Gather '09 aims to share the cultures, experiences, ideas and beliefs that affect young people in the world today.

Gather '09 will focus on current issues facing young people, with an emphasis on environmental issues and the work that can be undertaken to tackle the problems that are faced. Other topics will range from politics to youth participation, in an all-inclusive, fun and exciting setting.

Gather '09 will be marked by open and closing ceremonies, with activities that include a London Monopoly challenge, the international youth first aid competition and a formal masquerade ball. There will also be opportunities for sight seeing, cultural exchange and a whole lot more.

The residential event takes place from **Sunday 16 August to Saturday 22 August 2009** at the University of Surrey, Guildford (30 minutes from London). Each place costs **£350 per delegate** (adults and young people), which includes accommodation, activities and most meals.

There are limited places available. Each contingent will be given an allocation that must include the appropriate number of leaders (male and female) who are over the age of 18. Young people's places are limited to those between the ages of 14 and 17 years (inclusive). Each contingent will also require a designated contingent leader who will act as the main point of contact.

We request that Pories and St John Associations submit a statement of interest to Nick O'Donohue at our National Headquarters which states the number of places they require, no later than **30th April 2008**. When these have been received, application packs will be sent to interested parties, stating place numbers and asking for deposits. Extra places will be made available when we have compiled the information from all contingents.

All enquiries should be directed to Nick O'Donohue, Adventurous Activities Advisor, National Headquarters at nick.odonohue@nhq.sja.org.uk

Kind regards,

Sarah Holmes
Chief Commissioner Youth