

Dear New Zealand IPA and Section two.

Firstly, Thank you for supporting me in my travels to the 2018 IPA IYG. Also a huge thank you to my section, section 2 who financially supported me on my trip. I had a great time, made life long friends and will most definitely in the future go and visit my new friends.

Recently I traveled over to the UK with Caitlyn McGill (from Wellington) for the 2018 international Youth Gathering. It was over 27 hours in transit, so a long time. When we arrived in Manchester, we were picked up by a lovely IPA host family who hosted us for the weekend before the Gathering. In this time they showed us around their home town of Chester and neighbouring Liverpool city. Their daughter Lucy, then drove us to Walesby Forest, where we were located for the two weeks. Lucy was also a leader on the gathering. We meet the participants that were already on site, and more came throughout the day. The activities we did whilst on the gathering included, CSI, theme parks, rifle shooting, archery, tomahawk throwing, water parks, museums, historical sites, and of course

some shopping!! That's not all the activities we did but the ones listed above are only a few of the many we did! So as you can see we had a very busy time!!

On the last night of the gathering we had an awards presentation. Each participant was awarded an award, by the organiser Sean, and by the UK IPA president Clive Wood. At the end of the ceremony they awarded an best girl and guy award. The awards for this went to two very deserving participants, the best girl being Caitlyn McGill! They then surprised us with a best overall participant award. When my name was called I was very surprised. It could have gone to any of the other lovely participants. As a result I was awarded the IYG 2018 banner which was to be presented to my country's IPA headquarters. There was two of these made, one in my possession and one that is back at the UK IPA HQ. If easier, am happy to courier this to where ever it needs to go if you let me know where you want me to send it to. Overall a very successful gathering for team NZ!

Once again thank you very much for supporting

me in my travels.

Kind regards,

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