



The High Commission would like to invite Bahamian nationals between the ages of 18 and 30 who are resident in the United Kingdom, France or Belgium to submit an application to represent the Bahamas by participating in an international Youth Forum, organised by Liège Expo 2017. The details of the Forum are enclosed.

The theme of the youth forum is, *"Connecting the World, linking People, better living Together"* and is scheduled to take place from September 18-22, 2012 in Liège, Belgium.

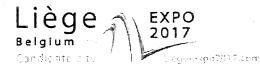
One Bahamian national would be selected to join 160 other young people from around the world to provide a unique opportunity to enjoy a programme consisting of workshops, intercultural meetings and intergenerational exchanges.

Further information on this unique opportunity is available to be seen at this website address: <http://www.liege-expo2017.com/>

Applicants are advised that all costs incurred, which includes transport, meals, accommodation costs and activities would be borne by Liège Expo 2017.

To be considered for selection, please send in a full CV and an introductory letter via email to: [information@bahamashclondon.net](mailto:information@bahamashclondon.net) or via fax on 020 7499 9937 by **5pm on Friday 29 June 2012.**

22 June 2012



## CONNECTING THE WORLD

### LINKING YOUNG PEOPLE

*In September 2012 in Liège*

*40 young Belgians will play host to 160 young people from all over the world.*

*It would be a great honour to welcome a young ambassador from your country!*

September 18–22, 2012

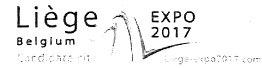
#### **Liège Expo 2017?**

In 2017, Belgium is inviting the world to Liège, where the International Expo will be taking place. There are two candidate cities remaining, one of which is Liège, and the final decision will be made in November 2012.

#### **"Connecting the World, linking People, better living Together"**

The theme of Liège Expo 2017 will be "Connectivity", defined as "*the technological phenomenon which makes it increasingly easy and fast to create links between individuals worldwide*". Since only recently, means of communication have been increasingly stepped up and dematerialised thanks to different networks.

This process is present in everyone's daily life: it increases our contacts with one another, leads to new types of relationships being formed and completely changes the way in which we access information and culture. This new reality has made us rethink the links individuals have with their environment (family, professional, cultural, etc.) at all levels: individual and community, local and international.



**How can we use these different ways of linking up the planet for the purposes of solidarity?**

This is the question posed by Liège Expo 2017 in areas affecting human life: health, transport, environment, culture and education. This theme then translates into "**Connecting the World, linking People, better living Together**".

Belgium, a country located at the heart of Europe and communications, spurred on by an enduring commitment to open up to the world, is a natural choice of host for an Expo with this theme.

With their sights set firmly on cutting-edge technology, Liège, Wallonia and Belgium intend to make their expertise in this area available to the international community so that, together with their international partners, they can offer a universal platform for exchanging know-how.

### **September 2012: a major international gathering**

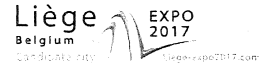
A high-level international science forum on new technologies will be held in Liège, Belgium on September 19–21, 2012. Liège 2017 has taken the opportunity to invite experts from 160 member states of the BIE (Bureau International des Expositions) to come and discuss the topic with international experts and eminent speakers who will be coming to present on the subject. Along the same lines, the subject will be tackled in five sub-chapters: culture, education, health, transport and the environment.

The subject chosen for Liège Expo 2017, "*Connecting the World, linking People, better living Together*" is ongoing. The sector is constantly changing and the immediate solutions are unknown; Liège Expo 2017 and the Youth Card/ISIC are taking a participation-based approach to involving the "Youth" in this Forum. The organisers consider it very important to extend an invitation to young people because they are the visitors of tomorrow, those who will be living through Expo 2017.

**Liège Expo 2017** and the **Youth Card/ISIC** are therefore inviting 160 young people from all over the world to participate in the Youth Forum.

### **A unique opportunity for 160 young people**

Liège 2017 is designed to respond to the constantly-shifting expectations of young people



while encouraging them to make a contribution to society and new global developments.

This Youth Forum gives young participants a unique opportunity to meet young people from all over the world in a dress rehearsal for Liège Expo 2017. It will also bring these different people together and establish links between them. Furthermore, young people taking part in this event will enjoy a programme consisting of information, trips, intercultural meetings and intergenerational exchanges. They will also get the chance to discuss their concerns about Liège Expo 2017.

This event is also an opportunity to promote the active citizenship of young people and their "global" citizenship and develop solidarity between young people, foster mutual understanding between young people from different countries and encourage "global" cooperation in the field of new technologies and connectivity.

This will also be a chance for the young people taking part to enrich their linguistic and human skills with a view to helping their job prospects, developing social skills in an intercultural context, proficiency in foreign languages and character-building.

*Youth and Liège 2017: unlimited potential!*

All costs incurred by the participants (transport, accommodation, meals and activities) will be covered by Liège Expo 2017.



## PROGRAMME

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**Dates:** from Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 September

**Who:** 160 young people from all over the world and 40 young Belgians

**Where:** Liège

**Theme:** "Connecting the World, linking People, better living Together"

### Tuesday, September 18

- Arrival of the participants
- Personal greeting of the participants at the Liège Guillemins station
- Welcome toast
- Visit to the Golden Sixties exhibition
- Liège Expo 2017 information meeting
- Meal + sampling of Belgian cheeses and beers with entertainment
- Return to accommodation

### Wednesday, September 19

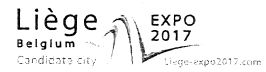
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- Noon: cold meal
- Afternoon: group visits to three places
  - o Beer and Peket Museum
  - o Guided visit to the Fort de Hollogne
  - o Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps
- Evening: Barbecue + entertainment
- Return to accommodation

### Thursday, September 20

- Morning: workshops on the same topics as Wednesday at the Cercle de Wallonie
- Noon: cold meal
- Afternoon *à la carte*: guided visit or free afternoon
  - o Tourist and historical cruiser (1 hour)
- Communal meal
- Cultural activity: theatre/opera
- Farewell evening: 2/3 concerts and DJs

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## RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE

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Please nominate a young person from your country who currently lives in Belgium. French, Dutch, German and English will be the working languages.



## CONNECTING THE WORLD

### LINKING YOUNG PEOPLE

*In 5 questions + programme*

#### **Where?**

Liège, Belgium.

#### **When?**

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#### **Why?**

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#### **How?**

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