

Common Ground 2022:

Guidance for Delegations requiring a UK visa

Standard Visitor Visa

- See in Annex A if you need a visa to enter the UK.
- The type of visa is called a Standard Visitor Visa.
- Applications must be made **online** and can only be made **up to 3 months ahead of entry to the UK** (so from 30 April 2022 for arrival on 29 July for Common Ground).
- Everyone in your Delegation will need to apply for this: adults and children too.
- The visa allows you to enter the UK for tourism, which is what the camp is.
- Please do not apply for another type of visa.
- You DO NOT need to book your travel to the UK before you receive a visa.
- Agree with your hosting Woodcraft District how, when and by whom the cost of visas, translations and the travel to consulate will be covered.

What to do

Steps to take	Details
<p>1. Obtain a valid travel document for every member of your delegation.</p>	<p>The words "valid travel document" usually means a national passport. Please start this process as soon as possible. Your passport should be valid for the whole of your stay in the UK. And you need a blank page in your passport for the visa.</p> <p>Be extra clear with your group members: do they hold a full, valid passport or a Refugee Travel Document. Refugee travel document is not the same as a full passport in the UK. This MAY mean applying for a Standard Visitor Visa even if your other group members are visa-free.</p> <p>Please ask your nearest consulate or visa centre for personalised advice.</p>
<p>2. Collect the supporting visa documents.</p>	<p>See Annex B. This can be time-consuming. <u>Please start this as soon as possible.</u></p>
<p>3. Get translations of your</p>	<p>Official, certified translations are needed for any</p>

<p>supporting documents.</p>	<p>documents which are not in English or Welsh.</p>
<p>4. Send the participant names and passport numbers to Common Ground team and your hosting Woodcraft Folk District.</p>	<p>Scanning the photo page of the passport can be helpful to make sure the name is written exactly as per passport. Please consider how you want to send this sensitive information. You can, for example, protect the scanned image with a password, and send the password using a different method.</p> <p>Common Ground Team will send the Camp Invitation letters for you by late April 2022.</p>
<p>5. Apply online on or around 30th April 2022.</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa. Your answers must be in English.</p> <p>The address in the UK should be:</p> <p>KELMARSH HALL AND GARDENS, KELMARSH, NORTHAMPTON, NORTHANTS NN6 9LY</p> <p>If you are staying with the hosting Woodcraft Folk District before or after Common Ground 2022, then please also give the address stated in their letter of invitation.</p> <p>Purpose of visit: "To participate in an IFM-SEI international youth camp for children and young people hosted by the Woodcraft Folk."</p>
<p>6. Pay £95 online.</p>	<p>You can use a debit/credit card or PayPal. Discuss with your hosting Woodcraft Folk District about how the cost is covered, when and by whom.</p>
<p>7. Attend an appointment with a UK government appointed agent.</p>	<p>The agent will take your photograph and fingerprints, and will check your documents.</p> <p>Check here where your nearest agent is based. The agent might charge you £55. The system may offer you to pay for a Package of Assistance. This is completely optional.</p>

**8. Email
info@commonground.camp and
your hosting Woodcraft Folk
district immediately when you
have had a visa decision.**

This should take about 3 weeks but can take longer.

In case of a rejection, a decision needs to be made between all parties whether a) we try to appeal the decision or b) someone else will apply or c) your group will attend with fewer members.

Further information

Common Ground team is happy to answer your questions. Please email info@commonground.camp and copy in your hosting Woodcraft Folk district. However please note we are not qualified to give advice on UK immigration.

ANNEX A: List of IFM-SEI member countries and visas needed to enter the UK

Passports holders of the countries listed below will require a Standard Visitor Visa to attend Common Ground 2022. We have listed the members of IFM-SEI, and this list is not exhaustive.

Check carefully: are all your group members holding the same type of passport? If you have a participant from a country not listed below, further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/apply>

Country	Visa required? (Yes/No)
Algeria	Yes
Armenia	Yes
Belarus	Yes
Bhutan	Yes
Bolivia	Yes
Brazil	No
Cameroon	Yes
Chile	No
Egypt	Yes
Georgia	Yes
Ghana	Yes
India	Yes
Indonesia	Yes
Israel	No if holding a full passport. Yes if holding a Travel Document / Provisional Passport
Mali	Yes
Nicaragua	No
Palestine	Yes
Peru	Yes
Senegal	Yes
Turkey	Yes
Western Sahara	Yes
Zimbabwe	Yes

ANNEX B: Supporting documents for a Standard Visitor Visa

These documents can be useful for your application

- A letter of invitation from Common Ground or your hosting Woodcraft Folk District.
- Expired travel documents/passports, which show previous travel dates.
- Financial evidence that you have sufficient funds for your stay, without having to work or rely on UK public funds. This could be a bank statement, proof of earnings like a letter from employer (start date, salary, role, company contact details).
- If a Woodcraft Folk District is providing financial support, documents to show the District has funds to contribute towards your return travel and to support you for the time in the UK.
- **If you are studying or in employment:** A letter from your employer or educational institution to show details of current employment or study.
- **If you are self-employed:** business registration documents with the business owner's name and the date the business started trading.
- **IMPORTANT:** If someone in your Delegation is not a national of the country where you are applying, they will also need a confirmation of legal residence.
- Full guidance is available [here](#).

Under 18s

Anyone aged under 18 is classed as a child by UK law. Under-18s will need extra evidence if travelling without a parent or a guardian. This includes:

- Consent from the parent(s) or guardian(s) to travel to the UK and details of the adult accompanying the child. The letter also needs to detail the care and accommodation arranged in the UK (the details of Common Ground).
- Names on the visa application of one or two adults (over 18) who the child will travel with. Their name will appear on the child's visa. If the child then arrives in the UK without one or both of those adults, they will not be allowed to enter. Plan this carefully if your group is not all on the same flight.
- The named adult must complete a separate visa application.
- A Birth Certificate or legal document (such as adoption papers) showing the relationship between the child and the parent or guardian.
- A copy of the parent's or legal guardian's passport photo page. This must include their signature and passport number. Or if the parent(s) do not have a passport, use another official document which has their signature.
- See full guidance regarding under-18's [here](#).

IMPORTANT:

We have only described UK entry requirements here. Different countries can have local requirements for a child to exit a country without one or both parents. This can mean additional documents, especially if you are transferring flights in a third country.