

FFWPU UK: Empower - Experiential Faith Development Program for Young Adults

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Fee: The program fee is € 2000.

We encourage prospective participants to fundraise or work as internal and external preparation. We also invite families, communities, and nations to consider financially supporting their interested young members as a valuable investment.

Please find more details in our [invitation letter](#).

The application deadline is September 15th.

Please contact us at empower.hj@gmail.com for any additional questions.



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Experiential Faith Development Program

OCTOBER 2023 - JUNE 2024
TUITION: €2,000

-  **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
Connect with God's heart through witnessing and taking care of others through studying and teaching the Divine Principle as well as fundraising training.
-  **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**
Learn to experience the Divine Principle in daily life and become supportive pillars for your communities.
-  **UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE**
Travel, meet new people, and serve others as a way to have meaningful experiences that will last a lifetime.



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Winter Break	→ Dec 23 - Jan 05
Witnessing Course (with workshops in between)	→ Jan 06 - Mar
Family Workshop	→ TBD (probably in Apr)
Korea Pilgrimage	→ TBD (probably in May)
Project Phase/ 2nd Year Training	→ Jun
Graduation Workshop	→ Jun 23 - 30
Departure	→ Jul 01

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Thank you for your support, we look forward to supporting the education of our youth in coming closer to our Heavenly Parents and True Parents.

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Andreas & Karen Pock
Director
EMPOWER Program

Bogdan & Yoshiko Pammer
Vice President
FFWPU - EUME

Testimonials

"I remember before going into EMP that I was a bit nervous about the amount of time I would be spending away from home, with a very new group of people and very different circumstances. At the same time I had such a strong feeling that I had to do this and I'm so grateful I did. [...]"

*EMP really deepened my connection to our movement, the core of it and my love for true parents. [...]
In Korea I could really find my answers and my peace. My connection to prayer has improved tremendously in Lebanon but when we did vigil prayer here for the first time and we started chanting "abeoji" and "eomeoni" it made me so emotional because for a split second I felt the desperate hearts of everyone and the reaching hand of true parents towards us as their children. From that moment on I felt like I could be truly one with my prayer every time I prayed.*

I can sincerely say that the Shinae starting EMP and now standing here at the end are not the same people and I'm so happy to say that. [...]"

Shinae M. (Netherlands)

"I also learnt how to expand my heart to try to love anyone. I feel like it is easy to say that you love everyone when you barely have to see the people that you struggle with. But with EMP we were a small team so we couldn't just avoid people that we had struggles with. I really struggled at times with certain members, not because they were necessarily doing anything wrong, but we just had such different personalities and ways of going about things. But we had an emphasis to invest and love the people that we struggled with. [...]"

Being in Lebanon also really helped me to develop my faith. This was thanks to the influence of so many things such as: getting to witness; teaching the Divine Principle; experiencing the heart of our central figures in Lebanon and taking part in Vigil Prayer every week. I am now at the most stable point I have ever felt in my life of faith, even though, of course, there is still a lot to work on. [...] All these things helped me to think about how I want to prepare for the Matching and Blessing. I also feel like I am ,internally, in a much better place to go to university than I was at this time last year, when I wasn't planning to take a gap year."

Sophia N. (United Kingdom)

Being a team leader made me feel God's heart more in different moments. It was not always easy for me to relate to or reach everyone, but still always trying to do so and praying for them and watching them and how much they were investing in different situations, and trying to encourage them and sometimes having a glimpse of how God sees them was a very precious and moving experience, now that I look back on it. I remember many moments when I was very moved by each member of the team and could realize that really everyone has such a precious core, and that God loves everyone so much. I'm very grateful for my team and their efforts and heart.

Talia P. (Germany)



Registration for EMPOWER 2023/24

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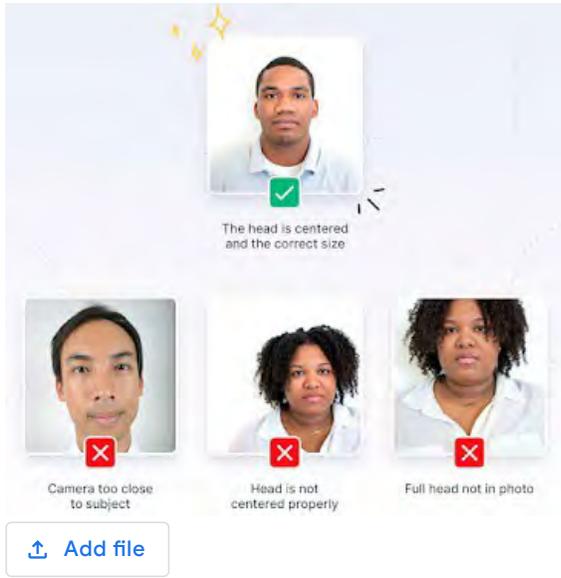
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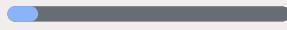
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