

## FFWPU UK HARP and Youth Leaders Retreat In Poland Report And Video

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Last weekend, from the 6th to 8th of October, the HARP and Youth Leaders Retreat was held in Poland. 3 representatives took part from the United Kingdom, Aryan R., Alma G. and Sophia N.

Young leaders from all around Europe arrived on Friday night to the peaceful workshop centre in Glanow, Poland, to take part in a busy weekend retreat. The weekend was packed with useful talks on requested topics, discussion groups to share triumphs, struggles and new ideas as well as plenty of time for reflection, forming and deepening bonds with others and being able to productively share each other's talents through mini sessions.



Everyone who took part was very grateful for the opportunity and were sad to have to say goodbye so quickly on Sunday, but there was a lot of hope in the air for the future. Some leaders are going back to their countries to continue developing their current activities whilst others have big plans to start new initiatives. We wish everyone luck in their endeavours!

Here are some short testimonies from 2 of our British representatives who attended.

### **Alma G., HARP UK Co-Leader:**

"This past weekend was an incredible opportunity to meet with other youth and HARP leaders to discuss important topics, support each other, give advice and connect with each other. As youth leaders, it is important we are able to meet in a safe space where we can deeply and honestly share and brainstorm to be able to improve and move forward together. That makes us stronger and better equipped to guide, nurture and support our younger brothers and sisters. I am very grateful to the organisers and for the initiative. During the weekend I was also able to realise how lucky we are as a community, here in the UK, to have such amazing buildings that can be used for workshops, retreats and/or events. Something

which many countries don't have and we may often take for granted. I'm grateful to all the brothers and sisters who have cared for our beautiful buildings over the many years. I also look forward to see all the good collaborations, partnerships and projects that can be born out of this weekend retreat."



**Sophia N., YSP UK London Lead and HARP UK helper:**

"Being able to attend this retreat was a really great experience for me. I am so grateful for all the new people I was able to meet and the connections I was able to deepen. I was able to learn more about myself and my leadership style through personality tests and advice. I could also start to brainstorm new ways to help support the youth back home here in the UK. Coming back home now from the retreat I am more excited that ever to really try to make a difference and help create opportunities and a strong sense of community for our youth! All the youth leaders present were so genuine in their love for God and responsibility towards the blessed children in their own countries, it was a very inspiring energy for everyone to get to be a part of."

Please feel free to watch video from the retreat here:



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