

FFWPU UK: Crane's Nest Initiative - Bonds that matter - Young people aged 18+

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Crane's Nest Initiative

Young people aged 18+ are invited to 'Crane's Nest Armenia: Bonds that matter' from May 8th-12th.

Dear brothers and sisters! Warm greetings to you all from Crane's Nest Initiative team!

We are excited about True Mother's vision and heart that we all become a Heavenly Parents Holy Community (HPHC)!

Particular we are considering how to develop an Youth HPHC in our vast EUME region!

To help all younger generations of our community to become "pure water", not excluding anyone!

For this reason we ask your attention and invite young people 18+ of any nation in our region to join «Crane's Nest Armenia: Bonds that matter» from May 8-12th craneni.org/

As you well know Armenia is a first nation that welcomed Christianity on a national level and has a great family culture and we are so happy that the first Youth program will be held there.

Besides, we would like to share with you the hearts of young people of Moldova, Belarus and Russia who really miss and look forward to seeing their brothers and sisters from our EUME region!

As we are all preparing for the great month of April 2025, we believe it will be a great step forward when we stay on Heaven's victory and let our Young people join together as a community of our Heavenly Parent!

Could you please study 2 pages of the website: craneni.org/ and share it with those who could be interested!

Sincerely, Alexei Saveliev, representing Crane's Nest Initiative.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!



Welcome to the Crane's Nest Initiative!

Are you part of the Unification Movement's young generation 18+?

Do you want to explore Armenia and experience a new culture?

Are you looking for a circle of people who share your values?

Are you thinking about the matching and Blessing?

Join us in Armenia from May 8 to 12, 2025! This is your chance to meet like-minded people, find support, and dive into Armenian culture. Here you can strengthen your connections, build confidence, and gain useful experience, skills and acquaintances.

Don't miss the chance! Be part of "Crane's Nest Armenia: Bonds That Matter"!

For more details, please [click here](#).



News

17/02/2025 Crane's participants have been asking about entry regulations in Armenia. **Citizens of the Commonwealth of Independent States and citizens of all Eurasian Economic Union and European Union member states may enter Armenia without a visa.**

27/03/2025 20 participants have already registered for the event. They come from Armenia, Russia, Moldova, Belarus,

First European Youth Retreat «Crane's Nest Armenia: Bonds that matter» (registration till April 20)

You will enjoy **lots of communication, encounters with the cultural treasures of Armenia, engaging discussions, and the experience** of a true Heavenly community! You will also hear **two presentations** by Mr. **Andrei Eșanu**, Director of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace, psychotherapist, Consultant at United Nations in Moldova on coaching for families, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Medical Psychology, State University of Medicine.

PARTICIPANTS

REGISTRATION

Dates: May 8–12, 2025
Location: Yerevan, Armenia, [village Bardzrashen](#)



Price: 160 euros (all the expenses during the retreat are included)

Program Schedule

Day 1: Thursday, May 8, 2025 (arrival)

19:00 – 20:00 – Welcome dinner
21:00 – 23:00 – Campfire evening, getting to know each other

Lithuania. We are expecting their inspiring videos on the website!

27/03/2025 The retreat site is getting ready for the event step by step. See the latest video of it.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/GruxYLmnl2g?feature=share>

Day 2: Friday, May 9, 2025

10:00 – 10:15 – Official program opening

10:15 – 11:00 – Presentation by Andrei Eșanu: “Community as a Platform for Development and Sharing Experiences”

11:00 – 12:00 – Practical session

13:00 – 17:00 – **Visit to the ancient Armenian monastery Khor Virap**

17:30 – 20:30 – **Armenian cooking night** and group dinner

21:00 – 23:00 – Evening by the campfire

Day 3: Saturday, May 10, 2025

10:00 – 18:00 – **Visit to the “Symphony of the Stones” in Garni**

18:00 – 19:00 – Free time

19:00 – 20:00 – Dinner

21:00 – 23:00 – Evening by the campfire

Day 4: Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:00 – 11:00 – Presentation by Andrei Eșanu: “Tools for Building and Sustaining a Cultural Community”

11:00 – 12:00 – Interactive session

13:00 – 16:00 – **Walk around Yerevan**

16:00 – 17:30 – Free time, outdoor activities, board games

17:30 – 20:30 – **Armenian cultural evening**, Armenian dance practice, and closing group dinner

21:00 – 23:00 – Evening by the campfire, closing program, reflection

Day 5: Monday, May 12, 2025 (departure)



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Regulations

Welcome to the Crane's Nest Initiative

The retreat "Crane's Nest Armenia: Bonds that Matter" is a special event for young people from the Unification Movement! To ensure a comfortable and productive experience for all participants, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the values and goals of the Crane Nest Initiative, as well as with the guidelines for our upcoming gathering in Yerevan.

Crane's Nest Initiative Values

Growth: Through collaboration, we grow and help each other develop emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.

Mutual respect: We respect each other as individuals with different viewpoints, worldviews, and feelings. We all hold equal value in the eyes of God.

Relationships: We believe in the importance of emotional and moral preparation for starting a family, the purity of relationships between men and women, and the possibility of finding a partner who shares similar values, interests, and life goals, which creates a strong foundation for long-term and happy relationships.

The freedom to be yourself: We can interact honestly and openly with one another without fear of judgment, fostering an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect.

Care for the world around us: We strive to improve

Goals of the Retreat in Yerevan

Broadening horizons and cultural enrichment — To deepen the understanding of the history and cultural traditions of different countries, exposing participants to the diversity of world heritage.

Building new connections and friendships — To facilitate introductions, live communication, and strengthen friendships among young members of the Unification Movement.

Enhancing intercultural communication — To develop skills for intercultural dialogue and understanding, uniting participants of our community's events.

Sharing experience and preparing for the future — To form knowledge and skills for deep and sincere communication between young people aiming to create families and receive the Blessing in the future.

Program Features in Yerevan

Mutual trust, flexibility, openness, and mutual support in the relationships between organizers and participants.

The program does not include lectures or other religious education activities. Prayers and the reading of spiritual literature are personal matters for each individual.

The program includes visits to cultural landmarks in Armenia and an exploration of the country's cultural features.

Participants' parents are welcome to join the program, but they will need to arrange their own accommodations. Yerevan is a large city with many hotels to suit all tastes.

The primary language of the event is English.

ourselves and the world around us.

Participant Rules for the Event

To ensure everything goes smoothly, we kindly ask you to follow the rules outlined below:

Respect the rights of all participants, regardless of gender, cultural background, or beliefs.

Conditions for Participation

Participants must be part of the Unification Movement.

Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Mandatory Requirements

Participation fee: 160 EUR, to be paid before the event begins.

Health insurance for the duration of the event.

Participants must bring the following:

Sleeping bag

Personal hygiene items

Clothing and footwear for 4 days, including active wear

Personal medications, if necessary

Behavior During the Event

Participants are not allowed to consume alcohol, smoke, or engage in other similar activities. Harassment in relationships with the opposite sex is strictly prohibited.

Please avoid any behavior that may endanger or harm other participants.

Additional Conditions

Health: Please inform us in advance about any health conditions that may require special attention.

Contact Us

For any inquiries, you can reach out to us through our **[contact form](#)**.



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Registration Form

We recommend registering by April 20, 2025

Name *

First

Last

Age *

On the moment of the retreat (8-12 May 2025)

Your country and locality

Occupation

Email *

Telephone number with your country code (to get in touch with you via Telegram or WhatsApp) *

Links (optional)

I want to post my video, photo, or text on the Participants page to introduce myself to other retreat participants. (Attention! There shouldn't be any copyright-restricted content in your video)

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Meet our team

The Crane's Nest Initiative was launched in the summer of 2024, bringing together first- and second-generation individuals who value building the Unification Movement into a community of like-minded people, united by shared values and mutual trust. We noticed that warm and friendly connections among brothers and sisters are sometimes lacking, both within and between countries, making it harder for some to feel confident in their decision to commit to a Blessing.

Our goal is to create a space where everyone can find friends, gain confidence, and experience support. We will grow together with those seeking connection, mutual understanding, and the joy of genuine, strong bonds that benefit each person, their future family, and their place in the wider community.



Alexey and Olga Savelievs

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