



**VILLAGE**

**CISV'S FLAGSHIP PROGRAM**



## What is CISV?

CISV is a secular, non-government, and not-for-profit international organisation that runs programs in over 60 countries.

CISV programs are designed to develop cultural understanding and learn about the world through real life experiences.

CISV has over 60 years experience internationally and has had more than 200,000 people participate in its international programs.

## What is Village?

Village is a 28 day residential camp for 11-year-olds that brings together delegations from up to 12 different countries.

The children share and develop their understanding of themselves and their world.

Participants gain a global perspective and come to understand their part in the global community.

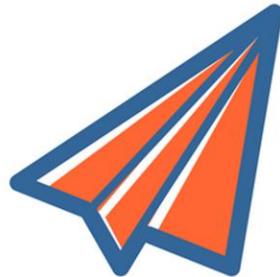


# WHY 11-YEAR-OLDS?



Psychologically stable; can adapt to climate, dietary and physical changes

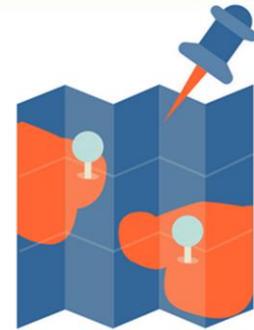
Emotionally stable; free from mood swings unlike adolescents



Able to readily accept new experiences



11 is an age of action, rather than the philosophical adolescent



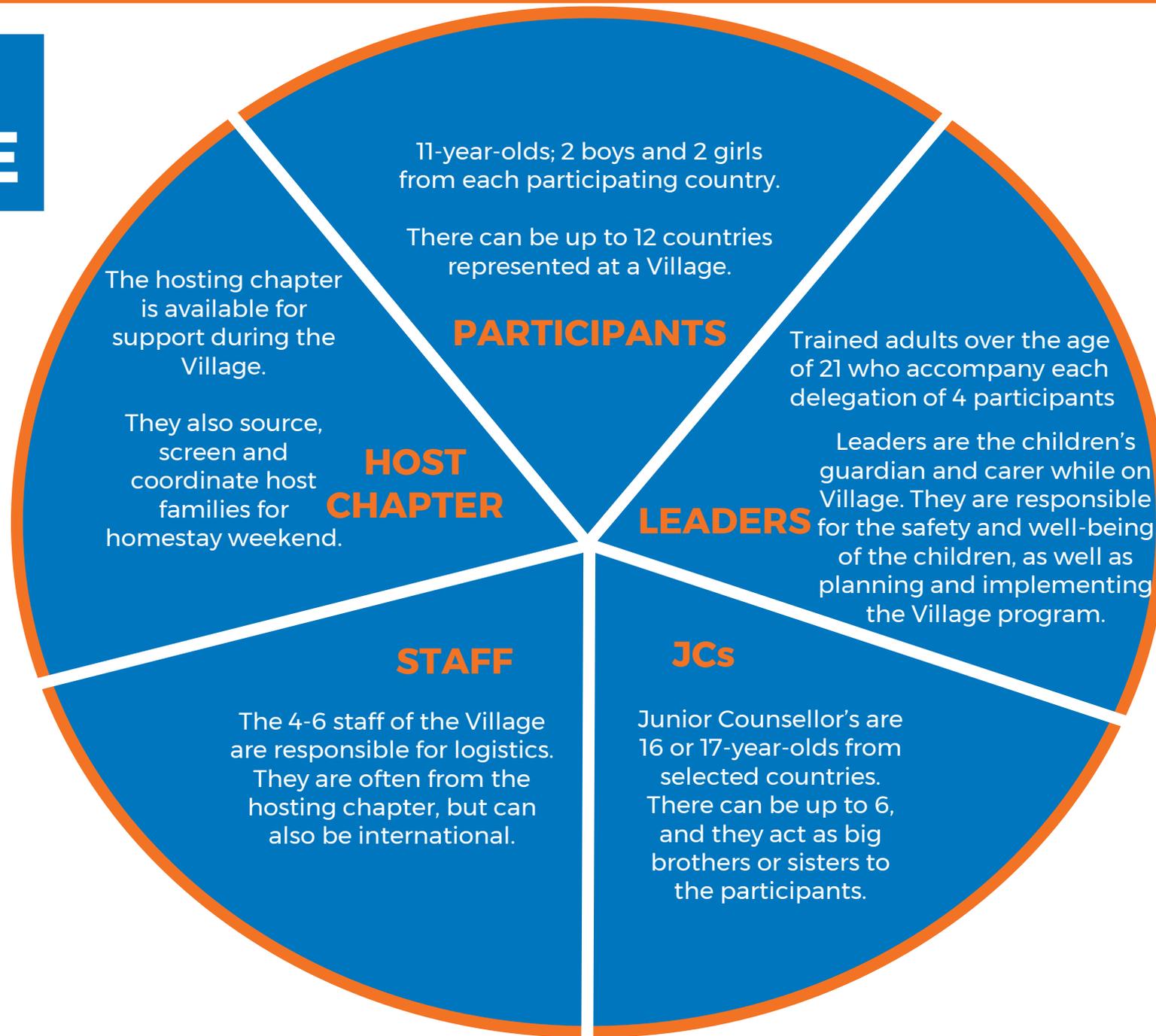
Adaptable; able to ignore language barriers and not afraid to make mistakes



Old enough to understand what it means to represent their country



# THE VILLAGE



# VILLAGE PROGRAM

## Week 1

Getting to know each other and sharing cultures

## Week 2

Developing connections through cooperative activities

## Week 3

Building trust and strong, lasting bonds

## Week 4

Interactive problem solving around the themes of human rights, diversity, conflict and resolution, and sustainable development.

+ excursions, National Nights, homestay weekend, Open Day, Gala Night



# SAFETY & SUPPORT

Leaders are selected through a rigorous application process which includes a working with children check, a police check and contacting at least 2 referees. Leaders then must attend minicamps in order to get to know CISV and their delegates, as well as to develop the necessary skills to be an effective leader during Village. They are also required to undertake CISV training in what to expect during the Village, what is required of them and how to ensure the welfare of their delegates.

During the lead up to Village, delegations meet up in order to get organised for the program and to get to know each other. Parents are also able to get to know the leader and can assess their capability. Any concerns are encouraged to be raised so they can immediately be addressed.



# CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

**CISV makes the protection of children their first priority. CISV Australia has and abides by a strict Child Protection Policy which covers all relevant Australian laws.**

**Our leaders have all read and agreed to abide by this policy both when in Australia and overseas, as well as having passed a working with children check and national police check.**

**Internationally, CISV implements a Child Protection Policy, based on UK law, which all countries must abide by.**



# COST

**Program fee: all inclusive of accommodation, food, travel insurance, tshirt and membership**

**Flight + ¼ of leader's: dependent on location**

(11-year-olds qualify for child prices)

**Visa + ¼ of leader's: dependent on location**

**Spending money: approximately \$200.00**

**INTERESTED?**

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