



Isle of Man & St Vincent and the Grenadines EDUCATION PROGRAMME (ISEP)

INVITATION TO APPLY TO ISEP 2022

Students are invited to apply to participate in the inaugural Isle of Man & St Vincent and the Grenadines Education Programme (ISEP) to take place from **August 1st – 23rd 2022**.

ISEP offers a unique diverse experience which will benefit young persons in their personal, educational and social development at a pivotal transitional stage of their lives. The programme is dedicated to supporting the overall educational growth and development of the youth in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, through benefiting from partnership with educational and other entities in the Isle of Man. The Programme **is fully funded** and embodies the theme of the “**Art of the Possible**” which propounds that the possibilities are endless for young people, no matter what their personal circumstances may be.

ISEP has three connected elements:

- *A one-off “inspirational” programme that will bring twelve school leavers (six boys and six girls) plus two chaperones to the Isle of Man for three weeks for classroom and multiple other experiences of another small island nation but outside of the Caribbean region. This first programme will be held in the summer of 2022 and, following the stay in the Isle of Man, will include one-two days in London.*
- *One annual two-year scholarship (entire sixth form leading to the International Baccalaureate diploma – an internationally recognised school leaving qualification) per year at King William’s College (KWC), starting in 2023.*
- *An annual study tour of several weeks to St Vincent as an award for one high performing KWC student or a student from another Isle of Man school.*

THE 2022 PROGRAMME

The 2022 Programme launches the first educational link between the two countries with an **exceptional and exciting one-off opportunity** for six girls and six boys of school-leaving age (plus

two chaperones), to spend three weeks in the Isle of Man. The Programme targets candidates with a combination of academic excellence and all-round good citizenship and will include students who have been evacuated from the volcano zone, as well as students from other parts of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The three-week Programme will be based at KWC, with full board and lodging provided to participants. The Programme offers a blended educational experience, consisting of conventional teaching on varied subjects of historical, cultural, and global significance, as well as “life skills” subjects, by presenters of the highest calibre. Life skills subjects will include a negotiation course and presentation skills. Recreational activities and field trips will also form part of the three-week curriculum. Field trips will be relevant to many of the subjects taught in classroom sessions, and these, along with purely recreational activities, include:

- The Manx Museum and House of Manannan; Castle Rushen and Peel Castle
- The Steam Railway, Horse Trams, and Manx Electric Railway
- Visits to churches to see Manx Crosses
- A bird watching trip to the Calf of Man
- A boat trip to see basking sharks
- An afternoon with Beach Buddies, clearing plastic off beaches
- Sailing and kayaking
- Other activities of interest to young persons (rather than purely educational, such as football or music).

For the field trips, young members of the United Nations Association of the Isle of Man will accompany the SVG visitors, so that the visiting students will come into contact with a broader cross-section of Isle of Man society.

As the SVG students will fly in and out of Heathrow, a one-two day programme in London at the conclusion of the main Isle of Man stay will be arranged. Time would be spent at major sites, including but not restricted to, Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, and a cruise on the Thames to Greenwich.

Overall, the programme is intended to be aspirational, so a recurrent theme will be the art of the possible. In other words, no matter what cards people are dealt in life they can aspire to achieve great things. In the context of the Isle of Man, this is particularly significant, so discussions on how the Isle of Man faced adversity during its recent history and how it met those challenges, will serve to demonstrate this theme. Inspirational persons who have been able to overcome their own challenges will reinforce this theme, to show that challenges which at first appear insurmountable, can be overcome with the right approach, diligence and perseverance.

For more information on ISEP and the ISEP 2022, visit the ISEP page on the svgcc.vc website.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR STUDENTS

- Vincentian citizen 17 years of age or over (desirable upper limit age 21)
- From (i) volcano eruption orange or red zone, or (ii) an indigenous community, and (iii) the Grenadines
- Selection from SVG Community Colleges - Divisions of Arts & Sciences, Technical & Vocational & Teachers Colleges
- Notable Academic achievement
- Involvement in Extracurricular activities i.e., sport, dance, drama, art, music, etc.
- Involvement in Community activities

Other Requirements:

- Copy of last transcript
- Two written references
- Short essay on expectations and benefits of attending ISEP for self, family, community, country
- Fully vaccinated plus booster prior to travel
- Parental/guardian consent

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested Applicants may apply by filling out and submitting an online application form (svgcc.vc – go to ISEP – ISEP Application Form) OR collecting an application form from the Office of the Director of the Community College and completing and submitting it in a sealed envelope addressed to ISEP, Director's Office, Community College, Villa.

All required supporting documentation must be provided at the time of submission of the application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted by **May 16th, 2022**.

Short-listed Applicants will be contacted.