



37TH WORLD YOUTH DAY

Lisbon, 01 – 06 August 2023

INFORMATION ABOUT CITY OF JOY – VOCATIONAL FAIR

“City of Joy” is the name of the WYD Lisbon 2023 initiative that embraces both Vocational Fair and Reconciliation Park, up to now presented as two distinct proposals for the WYD participants.

The Vocational Fair is a space where WYD participants can experience the synodal and fraternal encounter with different movements, associations, communities, religious orders, and Church initiatives. Its aim is to facilitate discovering a variety of ways in which young people can discern and follow their personal vocation and contribute to the growth of the “beautiful garden of the Church”.

The main objective is that it will be a place for real encounters with Christ. With this in mind, we have defined the 8 spiritual pillars were defined:

1. Christ as the center
2. The encounter with God and with others
3. Saying “yes” to God
4. Mary's hurry (“she got up and left in a hurry.” (Lk 1, 39))
5. Evangelization
6. The protagonism of young people
7. The silence
8. The experience of joy

IMPORTANT DATES

It will take place in Lisbon from the **1st to the 4th** of August 2023, except for the times dedicated to Central Events.

More information at: <https://www.lisboa2023.org>.



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APPLICATIONS

All applications must be submitted **online**.

The deadline for registration is **March 31, 2023**. After that, a first selection will be made by the Vocational Fair team of the Lisbon Organising Committee.

Applications submitted by groups not registered at WYD Lisbon, if accepted, will not be entitled to insurance, food, accommodation, and transport.

More information about the registration packages available for WYD pilgrims in <https://www.lisboa2023.org>.

SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS (CRITERIA)

It is **mandatory** the submission of a **letter of recommendation** (template available on the website).

Transmission of Christian values and language, consistent with the Catholic Church.

Criteria for application selection:

- Ecclesiastical approval of the Catholic Church and activities dedicated to young people and/or involving them.
- Institutions with international action (preferential, not mandatory).
- Presence in national territory.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE STANDS

The Vocational Fair will be composed of houses (= stands) where movements/congregations can make themselves known to the pilgrims.

The total number of houses will be **150**.

Each movement/congregation can decorate the house as you like, in view of your needs and the way you communicate with pilgrims.

Prices for rental (it is possible to rent from a range of 1 to 3 houses):

1 house: 600€

2 houses: 2 x 550€ (total: 1100€)



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3 houses: 3 x 500€ (total: 1500€)

Costs for renting the stands should not be a criterion for entering the City of Joy. If you need support to pay the costs, contact the responsible team at: feiravocacional@lisboa2023.org.