



Media Release  
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## Visit Coventry, Rhode Island, USA

Applications for Selwyn residents to visit Coventry in Rhode Island (Selwyn district's new Sister City) are still open.

Selwyn District Council's Sister City Committee have organised the trip to provide an opportunity for locals to experience America and strengthen the relationship between the two areas. The trip will take place in October this year.

A visit to Boston and two days in New York are part of the travel itinerary, as well as enjoying Rhode Island's national parks, hiking trails and the opportunity to visit the Fryeburg Agricultural Show in Maine and historical mill sites near Coventry such as the Mass and Slater Mill Museum. The trip to Boston includes visiting Harvard University. There will also be a visit to Cape Cod Marine Park and Newport, a popular holiday spot which is home to many large mansions such as 'The Breakers', owned by the Vanderbilt family and 'Beechwood' owned by the Astors.

Participants need to pay for their own travel expenses, travel insurance, visas and spending money, but some free accommodation is provided through homestays organised by Selwyn's Sister City, Coventry. The estimated cost for the trip is \$5,000 per person.

The Coventry Sister City Committee will visit Selwyn in March 2016 and residents who travel to Coventry are expected to reciprocate hospitality including homestays.

If you are an active, fit adult over the age of 18 who lives or works in Selwyn District please apply by Wednesday 25 March. Application forms are available by phoning 347 2830 or emailing [bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz)

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Photos attached:

*The Rhode Island Statehouse in Providence, is a short drive from Coventry. Photo credit: Jimmy Emerson.*

*The Breakers in Newport is a 30 minute drive from Coventry and was the summer home of the Vanderbilt family. The sea front mansion is built in Italian Renaissance style. Photo credit: Tony Kent.*

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