



**May 2, 2015
@ 12 pm EST**



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Language Abroad



One Day in the Life in Morocco!

NSLI-Y Interactive Virtual Event

Interested in learning about study abroad and language immersion opportunities and everyday life in Morocco? Join NSLI-Y Interactive on Saturday, May 2, 2015, as four National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) students bring the study abroad and language immersion experience to life for you or your students through sharing their experiences as NSLI-Y students in Morocco.

Learn about local life and traditions as the students share about and discuss their lives in Morocco and how they differ from life for teens in the U.S. Through photos and videos, the students will discuss such topics as what life with a host family is like, going to school, the cuisine, how they get from place to place, and their hobbies and activities in Morocco. The audience will have a chance to ask the students questions at the end. Please continue on for more details and how to participate.

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students and recent high school graduates to learn less commonly taught languages in summer and academic-year overseas immersion programs. Find out more at www.nsliforyouth.org.

How to Participate:

- If you are interested and able to commit to joining the virtual event, please register at the following link by April 29, 2015:
<http://nsliy-interactive.org/virtual-events/>
- Registered participants will receive the link and instructions for the virtual event a few days in advance.

Speakers



Zoe

Zoe, 18, is a gap year student from Cincinnati, Ohio and a recent alumna of Walnut Hills High School. Growing up with a mother who took a gap year in France, she took the first opportunity available to study abroad and studied Arabic in Jordan

in the summer of 2013 through NSLI-Y. Next year she plans to study architecture and possibly double-major in engineering at University of Southern California. She hopes to work in architecture internationally, but especially in Dubai. Her interests include trying to read the Arabic subtitles of Bollywood movies with her host sisters, trying new foods in Morocco, getting lost and finding cool out-of-the-way places, going to the beach and attempting to drag her friends to the hammam with her.



Meghan

Meghan is from Columbus, Ohio and graduated from Westerville Central High School in 2014. Prior to receiving the academic year scholarship, she participated in the 2013 NSLI-Y Arabic summer program, also in Rabat. She has taken time in Morocco to explore her

artistic interests, both through museum visits, pottery lessons, and keeping a sketchbook with her wherever she goes. She believes that bucket lists can never be entirely completed, but loves making them nonetheless. Her favorite thing about the year program has been the experience of living with a host family and having the opportunity to spend a whole eight months in Morocco; she says that "the longer time period has allowed me to settle into life here, and Morocco now truly feels like home." After her gap year, she will be attending Stanford University, where she hopes to major in environmental science and hopes to someday work internationally in sustainable development.



Fatuma

Fatuma is 18 years old and from Seattle, Washington. She first came to Morocco when she was a sophomore with a program called OneWorldNow!, and that experience sparked an interest to continue studying Arabic. Now, she is

on her gap year in Rabat studying Modern Standard Arabic. She enjoys volunteering at a local clinic, as well as assisting with teaching English. She loves spending time with her host family, running, exploring Rabat and speaking in Darija (Moroccan Arabic). In the upcoming year, she will be going to the University of Washington and plans to major in nursing and global studies.



Emily

Emily is 18 years old and from Millersville, Maryland. Her first NSLI-Y program was in Morocco in the summer of 2013. She had such a great experience the first time that she decided to do it again for a whole year! She is now spending a

gap year in Rabat and loving every minute of it. In addition to taking daily Arabic classes, spending time with her four adorable host siblings, and exploring the city with friends, she volunteers at a local organization that provides financial and social services to refugees and asylum-seekers. This experience has inspired her passion for studying migration, and she hopes to work for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) one day, Insha'Allah. For now, she plans to study political science, Arabic, and French next year at Barnard College in New York City. Her favorite Moroccan activities include eating couscous tfaya, going to the hammam (public bathhouse), and taking long bus rides through the Atlas.