



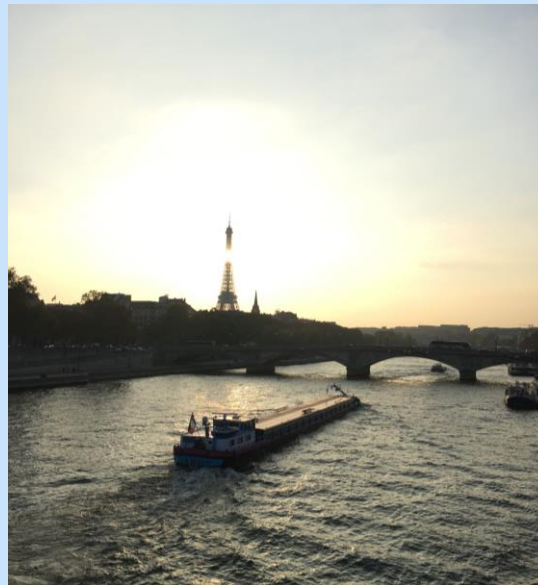
# The Year Abroad Podcast

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# Why go abroad?

- ▶ Improve your language skills
- ▶ Immerse yourself in a foreign culture
- ▶ Try something you have never done before:
  - ▶ Internships - full-time work
  - ▶ Studying in a foreign language
  - ▶ Teaching
  - ▶ Volunteering



# Integrating into French culture

- ▶ Do your hobby abroad!
  - ▶ James: I played football abroad and attended sports events
  - ▶ Euan: Staying after work for an *apéro*
- ▶ Attend events if you're based in a French city
  - ▶ We attended the British Embassy's Outreach Event in Paris
- ▶ Cultural visits
  - ▶ U26s free into museums in France



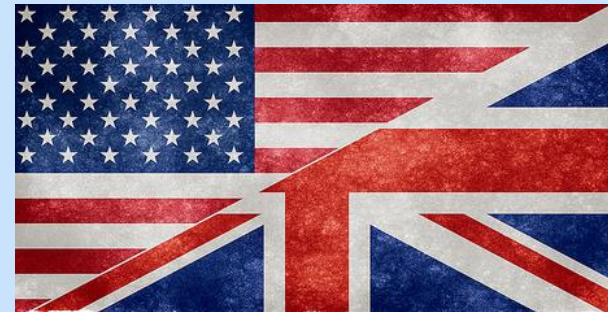
# Finding a placement in France

- ▶ Anglo-Saxon companies based abroad - speculative applications
  - ▶ Lengthy process - can take several months
  - ▶ Demonstrates real interest
- ▶ Year Abroad specific websites - job boards to source the internship
  - ▶ Ask your university for recommended websites
  - ▶ Great advantage as they are already designed for YA students
- ▶ English speakers are wanted across Europe!



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# The 3 Year Abroad options



Language assistant -  
possibly in a rural  
area of France

Lots of free time to  
explore France



Or doing an  
independently  
sourced internship...

Studying at universities  
such as Paris Sorbonne

A great option of  
splitting the Year Abroad  
between two countries





# How to improve the Year Abroad?

- ▶ Euan: Language Schools
  - ▶ Intensive courses designed to improve your language
  - ▶ Hard training rapidly accelerates your linguistic ability
  - ▶ Gives students the confidence to spend significant time abroad
- ▶ James: More students in work
  - ▶ Language learning is best in spontaneous situations
  - ▶ Work provides the pressure and dynamism that you need to become fluent
  - ▶ Internships are hugely beneficial for your CV