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Best of Euro youth on way

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HUNDREDS of international delegates arrive in Liverpool this week as the city hosts the European Youth Parliament (EYP) for the first time.

Nearly 300 young people from 30 European countries will share ideas, culture and experience at LivEYP 2008 from July 17-27.

The event, whose patrons include Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs David Miliband and EU Commissioner Peter Mandelson, will end with 15 resolutions to be sent to the European Parliament.

The EYP, co-ordinated by Mi-

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chael Leyland, is being held in the city as part of its Capital of Culture year.

Mr Leyland said: "The buzz has been insane - I never imagined the response we've had. It seems Liverpool is the place to be this year and everyone wants a piece of it."

"We're on the verge of this being the biggest event of its kind. We've also got delegates from outside Europe - two Ugandans are coming to see how we do things."

The event takes place at venues including Liverpool Hope University, the Liner Hotel in Lord Nelson Street, which becomes a Eurovillage for the duration, and St George's Hall, while its opening ceremony will be held at the town hall.

Events include team building, committees, presentations and a Beatle theme night at the Cavern.

A day of activities on July 24 will give Merseyside young people the chance to take part and interact with young delegates from across the continent.

The EYP general assembly will be formally opened on Friday, Ju-

ly 25 in the splendour of St George's Hall's small concert room, attended by culture secretary Andy Burnham.

Sponsors of the 10-day event include the European Parliament, ministries in Italy, the Czech Republic, Norway, Switzerland and Germany, and the British Foreign Office.

The EYP aims to build on the potential of young people through the strengthening of skills such as communication, team building, trust, understanding and working with others from very different backgrounds.

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BUZZ: Co-ordinator Michael Leyland

July 15: Metropolis: Capturing Modern Liverpool, Conservation Centre (until Aug 10).
July 15: Art in the Age of Steam, Walker Art Gallery (until August 10).

July 15: Ben Johnson Cityscape, Walker Art Gallery (until Nov 2).

July 15: Klimt, Tate Liverpool (until August 31).

July 15: Pipilotti Rist, FACT (until August 31). 0151-707 4450.

July 15: The Beat Goes On, World Museum Liverpool (until Nov 2009).

July 15: New Ends, Old Beginnings, Open Eye