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Press Release

WYD Lisbon 2023 planted over 8,000 trees on this World Environment Day

The worldwide [Global Tree Initiative](#) platform has already planted 8,239 trees dedicated to World Youth Day (WYD) Lisbon 2023. On this World Environment Day, this is a way to reaffirm the commitment to sustainability that has been the focus of this initiative by Fundação JMJ Lisboa 2023 from the beginning.

The numbers, which will grow as we advance along the path to the world's largest meeting of the Pope with young people, to take place in Lisbon between 1 and 6 August, already represent an increase of 20% compared to the last assessment made in early June and shared with all the media.

According to data from the Global Tree Initiative, new trees have been planted and dedicated to WYD Lisbon 2023 all over the world, from Portugal to Spain, and including France, India, Australia, Angola, Guinea and Brazil.

About WYD

World Youth Day (WYD), an encounter of young people from all over the world with the Pope, was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1985. It has been, since then, a time of encounter and sharing for millions of people throughout the world.

The first edition took place in 1986 in Rome, and since then WYD has passed through the following cities: Buenos Aires (1987), Santiago de Compostela (1989), Czestochowa (1991), Denver (1993), Manila (1995), Paris (1997), Rome (2000), Toronto (2002), Cologne (2005), Sydney (2008), Madrid (2011), Rio de Janeiro (2013), Krakow (2016) and Panama (2019). On 27 January 2019, at the closing ceremony of World Youth Day in Panama City, it was announced that Pope Francis had chosen Lisbon to host the next World Youth Day. WYD Lisbon 2023 will be held from 1 to 6 August 2023.

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