



Association française des Victimes du Terrorisme

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The AfVT.org participated in the 2016 « Young Ambassadors Program »

Thanks to the support of the French Association of Victims of Terrorism (AfVT.org) a French teenager, who lost a close relative in the [2015 Hyper Cacher attack](#), took part in the fifth edition of the [Young Ambassadors Program](#). This one-week seminar is meant for young victims of terrorism and is supervised by social workers and representatives of associations and NGOs of victims of terrorism from different countries.



In 2011, the AfVT.org allowed two young French victims to attend the first edition of this program with a member of the association. The same went in the [2014 edition](#), with another participant. This year a young French victim benefited from the **Young Ambassadors Program**, chaperoned by a member of the AfVT.org.

Organized and hosted by the American NGO **Strength To Strength**, a member of the **International Federation of Association of Victims of Terrorism (FIAVT)**, the 2016 edition brought together 15 participants from ages 16 to 20, from eight countries: Argentina, Colombia, England, France, Israel, Northern Ireland, Spain and the United States. Through this enriching experience, the young participants were able to share their personal experience — sometimes for the first time — during several support groups over the week. By doing so, they've built strong friendships with one another.

In addition to these collective works, the **Young Ambassadors Program** included visits to New York landmarks (the Fifth Avenue, the American Museum of Natural History, the Central Park Zoo) but also commemorative sites, such as [the National September 11 Memorial & Museum](#) at Ground Zero, with victims and witnesses of these attacks. Moreover, the tour of the 9/11 Memorial was supervised by **Tom CANAVAN**, a survivor of this tragedy.

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The participants also had the chance to meet the city's firefighters of Marine Company 1, and came aboard the « Three Fourty Three » for a tour in the New York bay. This fireboat belongs to the New York Fire Department Maritime Division and was built with the steel from the ruins of the Twin



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