

***Rotary International
District 1220
Youth Opportunities and Youth Exchange***

Information Handbook

2008 - 2009

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Make Dreams Real

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI)

Youth Opportunities Committee 2008/2009

Mission Statement

“To listen to young people and encourage them in all activities of Rotary and in all avenues of service”

**For young people, with young people, by
young people**

Introduction – District Youth Opportunities Chairman

This is my first year as the chairman of the District Youth Opportunities Committee and I am pleased to take over from Mike Herbert who has over the last year increased involvement of a number of clubs in youth opportunities at a district level and I hope to carry on where he left off and further increase that number this year.

The Young Chef competition for instance attracted 14 competitors sponsored by 14 different clubs in the final at Chesterfield in March and the RIBI National competition which Regional winners move forward to is now sponsored by Filippo Berio Olive Oil and Fifteen restaurant. The Young Musician event goes from strength to strength attracting entrants, all of a very high standard, some from clubs that had not previously been involved.

For the forthcoming year we again have a range of activities on offer. All are listed in this booklet. I have continued the booklet because I have been asked by many clubs to do so. You will see that each activity is again laid out in a more structured way and includes comment as to the academic value of each one. This should make the job of Club Youth Opportunities Chairman easier when it comes to introducing our activities into local schools. Perhaps over the coming months you would give me some feedback as to whether or not we have been successful in this regard.

The activities are participatory, collaborative and out of the ordinary activities which will stimulate pupils and suit a range of learning styles. They are all active and require students to participate in the wider community. These activities do not stand alone, but feed into and support other learning and assessment. They are formative so that young people can set targets, plan how to achieve them and feel confident about their progress, recognising the value of their achievements.

This booklet will be circulated to every incoming Club President or Youth Opportunities Chairman and/or Youth Exchange Officer where known. Please give a copy (ies) to your local schools, if you think it may be of assistance. If you require any further copies, please get in touch with me. A copy has also been forwarded to each club via email. Should any club require further information about Youth Opportunities in the District or a speaker then I and other members of the District Committee are always happy to oblige.

Might I also take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the members of the District Youth Opportunities Committee who have agreed to stay on another year and support District Youth Opportunities and also for all the hard work they have put into their roles over the last Rotary year and to urge them, and you, on to even greater heights during the forthcoming one.

David Fish Chairman, District Youth Opportunities Committee 2008 – 2009.

Rotary Young Chef Competition

Nature of event. This is an event designed to allow competitors to demonstrate their skills in menu and budget planning, sourcing and purchasing ingredients, hygienically cooking and serving a healthy two or three course meal for two. (Rules may be relaxed for a club competition.) It is normally based on local schools, often with school heats needed to decide who should go forward to a district competition. At the district competition they will be questioned by experienced chefs about what they are doing, how they selected their menu etc. Clubs may well wish to find local chefs to judge their heats.

Progression to regional or national event. The winners and in some cases the runners up from the District event will be eligible to go forward to a Regional event and from there to a prestigious National final.

Age Group(s) The competition is designed for all students under 18 years on 31st August 2008.

Commitment / involvement of clubs. Whether clubs pay for ingredients for club or district competitions is a matter for them. Competitors may well be required to fund the purchase of ingredients themselves. Clubs will be required to supply certificates to students taking part in club competitions and to purchase prizes for the winners. Where a student progress to the District event, or any subsequent Regional or National finals the club is responsible for arranging or providing transport for the student to and from that event. A show of support at such events is always appreciated by the students.

Timescales.

30/09/2008	Clubs to register their intentions to participate.
26/01/2009	All school/ college competitions to be completed by clubs
24/02/2009	District Competition at Chesterfield College

Implications for National Curriculum.

**PSHE & Citizenship
Sc KS2**

Benefits of Healthy Eating
Importance of an adequate and varied diet for health. Beneficial and harmful effects of micro-organisms.

D & T KS2

Adhere to safe procedures for food safety and hygiene.

KS 3 & 4

Underpins nutrition section in Science at KS3 & 4.

Lead Rotarian at District.

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Nature of the Event. RYLA events tend to vary between districts. Some last a week, others a weekend. Some take place on a narrow boat, others in an outdoor pursuits centre. The options are endless. District 1220 runs two RYLA courses per year at the White Hall Outdoor Pursuits Centre, near Buxton. Staff from the Centre are responsible for the day to day running of the courses with qualified instructors. The courses are also supported by Rotarians. Some are resident for the weekend; others attend on a daily basis.

The intention of the courses is to take young people who show some element of leadership potential and to develop their initiative, self reliance, good citizenship, leadership and team working qualities. Candidates will need to be in reasonably good health as the course is very demanding both physically and mentally. Previous candidates have regularly described the course as life changing.

Progression to regional or national event. There is no follow on from this course, although candidates may be considered suitable to become members of local Interact or Rotaract Clubs

Age group(s) The course held in May is designed for youngsters aged 14 and 15 (intermediate) and the one in November is designed for pupils aged 16 and 17 (senior). One condition of acceptance onto a course is that they must not have taken part in a previous RYLA course. There will be no place for youngsters over the age of 18.

Commitment / involvement of clubs. Clubs will be expected to pay the joining fee for any candidate that they sponsor. The required fee for students is £124.00p (Candidates living within Derbyshire pay a reduced fee of £88.00p) Clubs will be expected to make appropriate travel arrangements for any students that they sponsor.

Timescales. The next senior course will take place on 21st to 23rd November 2008. The next intermediate course dates have yet to be

finalised but are likely to be 15th to 17th May 2009 – *to be confirmed*. Places on these courses tend to be taken up very quickly. If your club wishes to secure a place on the course they are advised to contact the lead Rotarian as early as possible to reserve a place. Final details with completed application forms etc. must then be submitted at least three weeks before the start date of the course.

Implications for National Curriculum.

PSHE and Citizenship – Key Stage 3 and 4.

Development of self matches social and personal development.

Teambuilding exercise.

Post 16

Discuss and debate citizenship issues
Social Responsibility

Lead Rotarians at District.

Kim Armstrong, Rotary Club of Sherwood Sunrisers

Rita Hickin, Rotary Club of Bakewell

Rotary Young Musician Concert

Nature of the Event. District 1220 has been successfully running the Young Musicians Concert for a number of years now. The standard of the performances has been rising year on year. The objective of the concert is to allow talented young musicians from across the district an opportunity to perform at a prestigious venue, in front of a discerning, paying audience. It is not a competition, although a number of clubs do run local “talent competitions” to choose the most talented performers to send to the District Concert.

Any young musicians who have achieved a good standard of proficiency may be considered. Vocalists, violinists, pianists, trumpeters or saxophonists – All are welcome. Full packs of information, including nomination forms etc are sent out to every club early in the Rotary year. Completed nominations by young musicians, supported by their music teachers and their sponsoring club must be sent to Terry Clay.

Progression to regional or national event. As this is not a competitive event there is no progression to a regional or national event.

Age group(s). Because the event is not competitive any musicians who are under 19 years of age are welcome to apply.

Commitment / involvement of clubs. There is no financial commitment on clubs who sponsor a young musician. They merely have to confirm their support for the individual and liaise with parents/guardians to ensure transportation is arranged on the day. Support by Rotarians on the night is always sought. Tickets for the concert, which is open to the public, are priced at £5 each, including a programme.

Timescales. The next concert will be held at The Darwin Suite, The Assembly Rooms, Derby, at 7 pm on Sunday, 26th April 2009. We would ask that all nominations be made as early as possible as this does help with the organisation of the evening. If your club is holding a competition to decide on a nominee, please let Terry know so that he can make the necessary arrangements.

Implications for National Curriculum

Music Key Stage 2 Practice, rehearse and present performances with an awareness of the audience.

Key Stage 3 and 4 AS and A level music pupils have to perform in front of an audience – part of the assessment for these exams. Also at GCSE but to a lesser extent.

Lead Rotarians at District Terry Clay, Rotary Club of Melbourne
David Fish, Rotary Club of Bolsover

Rotary Youth Speaks

Nature of the event Rotary Youth Speaks is a public speaking competition for young people. It has been successfully organized by Rotary for many years. The object is to give young people experience in speaking on a public platform, to encourage them to formulate their ideas on specific topics and to present them concisely in a limited time, together with the opportunity to learn from the performance of others' high standards of expression, presentation and appearance.

Individual clubs should seek out suitable teams, from schools or other youth organizations. If it has a number of teams interested in taking part then it will need to arrange a local competition to find a winner to go forward to the District event.

A team is composed of three young people. The **Chairperson** has two minutes to welcome the audience, introduce the speaker and inform the audience of the relevance or expertise of the speaker to the subject of the speech. The **Speaker** has six minutes for the address and a maximum of two minutes to consider and answer a question posed by the questioner. The **Proposer of the Vote of Thanks** has two minutes to propose the vote of thanks. After this and any applause, the **Chairperson** will close proceedings.

Progression to regional or national event Club competitions may be run by one or a more clubs in a locality. Winning teams then go on to the District Competition. Winners of all the District events throughout RIBI then go forward to Regional Finals and eventually the winners from here will go on to the RIBI National Finals.

Age group(s) There are two competitions, the **Intermediate Competition** for students aged 11 to 13 years on 31st August 2008 and the **Senior Competition** for students aged 14 to 17 years.

Commitment / involvement of clubs There is no financial commitment on clubs that sponsor a team. Their responsibilities are to encourage the team and to ensure their attendance at the relevant competitions by arranging transportation etc. as necessary.

Timescales Clubs wishing to sponsor a team should be making contact with their local schools and youth organizations as early as possible in the Rotary year (if not before). Local heats must have been completed by 14th January 2008. The entry form for the District competition which will take place on Saturday 14th February 2009 must also be submitted by this time. The Regional Final hosted by District 1070 is scheduled to take place in March 2009 with the National Final in District 1260 in April 2009

Implications for National Curriculum

PSHE & Citizenship – Key Stage 2

Talk about their opinions and explain their views on issues that affect themselves and society. Research, discuss, debate topical issues, problems and events.

English Key Stage 2

Group discussion and interaction; take up and sustain different roles (chair, spokesperson) Speak with confidence, audibly and clearly. Gain and maintain interest and response of audience.

KT Key Stage 2

Pupils could use the internet to look at different reports about the same issue.

Lead Rotarian at District Rotarian Alan Langton, Rotary Club of Mapperley

Rotary Young Photographer

Nature of Event This will be the second year of this competition. The idea is for young people to submit up to six photographs for judging at Club level. The judges can be professional photographers or other suitably qualified persons. The subject of the photographs is entirely up to the individual but with reference to 'Sharing' (Rotary logo for 2008-2009).

The participants at Club level should be given suitable certificates, with prizes for the winners in each age category. The winners' photographs should then be forwarded for entry into the District competition.

This will be judged by a professional photographer and a Rotarian and prizes will be awarded at a small ceremony – details yet to be fixed and dependent upon the take-up rate. District 1220 will retain the right to publish by any method it deems appropriate any of the photographs submitted to the district competition. Full rules are available on request.

Progression to regional or national event There are no regional or national competitions at present. There will be a District competition

Age group(s) There will be three age groups for this competition: **Junior** – under 11 years, **Intermediate** – 11 years to 14 years and **Senior** – 15 years – 18 years.

Commitment / involvement of clubs Clubs will be responsible for arranging their local club/school competitions and for supplying suitable certificates and prizes. They will also be responsible for

ensuring that their winners have suitable transport etc to any District event organized in connection with the District competition.

Timescales Contact should be made early in the new school year with schools, youth groups etc that may be interested in taking part. Judging at club level and the award of prizes should be completed by 16th March 2009. Photographs should be submitted to District for the District competition by 5th April 2009. The prize giving ceremony (format still to be decided) will be approx the end of May 2009.

Implications for National Curriculum

Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 and 4

Pupils learn to evaluate their own work through selection

Sixth Form

Some pupils elect to do photography component of AS and A2 for Art.

Key Stage 2 PSHE & Citizenship

Pupils learn to participate in community activities.

Lead Rotarian at District Rotarian David Fish, Rotary Club of Bolsover

Rotary Good Citizenship - Young Writer

Nature of Event Rotary has at its heart the development of good citizenship among young people in our communities. It is also central to the national curriculum. Entrants should submit a maximum of 1000 words on a topic taken from a list of titles or using a title of their own choosing, but on the subject of citizenship. The essays can be either neatly hand written or typed. The entries should initially be judged at a club level with the winners being submitted to a District competition. Full rules are available.

Progression to regional or national event There is no regional or national competition at present.

Age group(s) It is intended that this would be run at secondary school age groups.

Commitment / involvement of clubs Clubs would be responsible for advertising this competition to schools in their area and for distributing the rules and list of suggested titles. They would also need to appoint a panel of judges in order to select the winners to go forward to the District competition. Where necessary they would need to ensure that transport is available for entrants in the District competition.

Timescales Yet to be agreed – possibly running alongside the Young Photographer Competition.

Commitment / Implications for Clubs Clubs would be responsible for advertising the competition to schools and young people in their area and for distributing the rules and list of suggested titles. They would also need to appoint a panel of judges in order to select their winners who will go forward to the District competition. Where necessary they will be responsible for transporting entrants to and from District competitions.

Implications for National Curriculum

Key Stage 3 and 4 PSHE and Citizenship

Direct link with above area of curriculum: Post 16 years – Identify, investigate and think critically about citizenship issues, problems or events of concern to them.

Key Stage 3 and 4 English

Creative / topic – awareness of audience.

Key Stage 3 and 4 – ICT

Research as for Youth Speaks

Personal Development

Journalistic piece of writing.

Lead Rotarian at District

David Fish, Rotary Club of
Bolsover

Interact Clubs

Nature of Activity Interact is a Rotary sponsored service club for young people aged 14 years to 18 years of age. The intention is to give young people an opportunity to participate in meaningful service projects – in a fun way. As they do this they develop their initiative and leadership skills, whilst at the same time making new friends.

Worldwide there are over 200,000 young people in more than 8,700 Interact clubs in 110 countries. At present, there is one active Interact Club operating within our district and 2 in formation. Youngsters in our communities deserve the opportunity to be part of the great organisation, thereby being able to develop into the next generation of good citizens, hopefully progressing into Rotaract clubs and from there into Rotary.

Interact Clubs are normally based on schools. There is a wealth of information available about Interact, by way of leaflets, information sheets and DVDs.

Progression to regional or national events Not applicable.

Age Groups 14 to 18 years.

Commitment / Involvement of Clubs This is one activity where there is a long term, ongoing commitment on the part of the sponsoring club(s) to provide support and backing to the Interactors. It may need to form a small Interact sub-committee for this or at the very least appoint

one keen and interested Rotarian to carry out the duties. The school where any club is based similarly needs to be aware that they also hold an ongoing responsibility.

Timescales Ongoing project.

Implications for National Curriculum

Key Stage 3 and 4 PSHE and Citizenship

Direct link with above area of curriculum: Post 16 years - Identify, investigate and think critically about citizenship issues, problems or events of concern to them.

Lead Rotarians at District Rotarian David Fish, Bolsover
Rotarian Mike Herbert, Sherwood Forest

Sports Aid

Sports Aid is a charity. Its intentions are to provide funding to enable coaching and travel to competitions for talented young athletes and sportspersons who are considered to be among the best in their particular sport.

When such a person is identified by Sports Aid they will often contact a club with a request for assistance with the funding. If the club decides that it can help, then Sports Aid will make arrangements for the presentation of a cheque at a time and place convenient to the club. They will also organize press coverage etc.

Should any club wish to make contact with Sports Aid, David Fish can provide full contact details.

Rota Kids

The Rota Kids scheme provides a way in which young children can be encouraged to participate in simple community activities. By doing so they are rewarded with a “Rota Kids” badge and subsequently a “Rota Kids” T shirt.

Very often this can be achieved, simply by rewarding an activity that is already being planned and undertaken. Tasks such as a litter pick, filling an Aquabox or similar are tasks that would fulfil the criteria.

David Fish can supply full details to any club that may be interested.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Introduction

Youth Exchange is a programme of Rotary International organized and administered on a district basis. **Within RIBI this function is carried out by the District Youth Exchange Officer.** Whilst clubs are urged to encourage youngsters in their area to participate approval and acceptance on the programme together with issues of travel, safety, and protection are the sole responsibility of this officer. The District 1220 Youth Exchange Officer is Andy Ledbetter from the Rotary Club of Dronfield. He can be contacted on 01246 414796. His full details are in the District Directory.

Youth Exchange has not received the support of individual Rotary Clubs across the UK that it perhaps deserves. There are many reasons for this.

Long Term Exchanges

Long Term Exchanges (also known as School Year Exchange) last for a full academic year and youngsters aged 15 to 18 years who are of above average academic ability and with demonstrated leadership skills may apply. Flexibility, a willingness to try new things and a desire to learn new skills will also be advantageous. (Relatives of Rotarians are entitled to take part.) The exchange can be to any part of the world.

During the exchange students will live in a host family (or two or three host families) and attend a local school or college in the area. This will enable the student to gain the greatest possible insight into the cultures and customs of the host country. All outgoing participants and families are carefully selected for suitability by the District YE Committee as are host families for incoming students carefully screened before they are accepted to ensure that they will provide a caring and safe environment.

A Youth Exchange student will be expected to abide by the rules of the host Rotary Club and District, accept the supervision of that club, district and family, to act as an ambassador for their own country and be open to changes.

There are obviously cost implications for such an exchange. Andy can provide you with full details.

Short Term Exchanges

Short Term Exchanges are designed for 15 to 18 year olds. They can last anything between three weeks and three months. The exchange can again be to any country in the world.

Normally these short exchanges are based on a family to family exchange, although it is not unusual for more than one family to act as hosts, depending upon the length of the exchange. Rotary Club to Rotary Club exchanges are also acceptable **however they must be authorized through the District Youth Exchange Officer.**

Short Term Exchanges in the past have not perhaps received the attention that they deserve. As a result District 1220 wishes to promote their use as a way of jump starting the exchange programme within the District. Andy Ledbetter will be delighted to give you all the information you need to participate.

Useful Contact Information

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RIBI Web
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For details of all District 1220 Project leaders
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A monthly newsletter will be provided offering news and guidance.