

YOUTH PROGRAM IDEAS FOR CLUBS

How can our club stay involved with students now that exchange is cancelled for 21/22?

Just because exchanges and other in person programs aren't happening this year doesn't mean that students can't stay involved with your club. Rotarians have a huge range of interests, skills and connections to share with students. Some of these ideas will work right now. Some will work when travel is open again. And some are for a ways off the future.

Award your outbound student a scholarship

The Bremerton club has recommended that they give their outbound exchange student, (who instead of exchange will be heading to university this fall), a scholarship from the unused funds that they had earmarked for the exchange program. With club support this is an idea that wouldn't be hard to implement and can keep you connected with your student.

Projects

Invite students to participate in projects. Don't just invite them to zoom meetings! Students might be interested in helping with community or international service projects.

Involve your student in an International service project

Sponsor your outbound student to join your club on a future international service project with the funds your club had earmarked for exchange. Get them involved in your club's fundraising in the leadup to the project.

Interact

If students aren't already involved in Interact at their school encourage them to check it out or sponsor a club at your local high school.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs>

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA involves students in grades 8-10 in leadership training.

RYLA Vancouver Island <https://www.rotary5020.org/sitepage/ryla-vancouver-island>

RYLA Northwest <http://rylanw.org/>

Related idea: the Qualicum club has facilitated virtual discussion groups with RYLA Vancouver Island members on topics such as Isolation in the Elderly and Environmental Restoration. Students got to know each other through group activities and then come up with a service project to help with their topic. RYLA Alumni are also involved in helping run the groups.

Rotary Adventures in Citizenship (Canadian students and clubs only)

Applications are closed for this year but save the info for 2022.

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<https://rotaryottawa.com/page/welcome-to-the-rotary-adventure-in-citizenship-program>

Short-term exchange

Rotary hopes to resume exchanges for the 22/23 Rotary year after June 30, 2022. Watch our website in the fall for more information.

<https://www.rye5020.org/page/short-term-exchange-program>

Long-term exchange

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<https://rye5020.org/page/long-term-exchange-program>

New Generations Service Exchange

New Generations Service Exchanges go to age 30 but are also not an option until after June 30, 2022. Up to 12 weeks on tourist visas.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/new-generations-service-exchange>

Friendship exchanges

Involve students in future plans for friendship and group study exchanges

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange>

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<https://rotary5020.org/page/youth-programs>

Gathering ideas

This list is not meant to be comprehensive or an endorsement of available programs. It's meant to get us thinking about possibilities for youth service projects in our local communities and internationally.