

**Rotary
youth
exchange** | **Updates from
Rotary
International**

2019-20 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



490
districts certified to participate
in Rotary Youth Exchange
401 districts actively participated

5,371
participating
Rotary clubs

128
countries and territories certified to
participate in Rotary Youth Exchange



13,062
host families
4,997 Rotary member families
8,065 non-member families



8,183
exchange
students
5,977 Long-term
2,206 Short-term



30,379
total volunteers
16,711 Rotary member volunteers
13,668 non-member volunteers



282
districts, or about 70% of participating
districts, engaged hosted students in
community service projects

2022-23 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



468
districts certified to participate
in Rotary Youth Exchange
356 districts actively participated

3,741
participating
Rotary clubs

127
countries and territories certified to
participate in Rotary Youth Exchange
53 countries actively hosted or sent
students on exchange



8,738
host families
3,673 Rotary member host families
5,065 nonmember host families



5,664
exchange
students

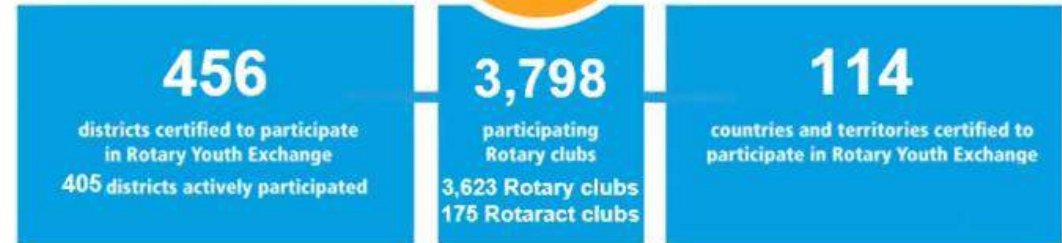


18,975
total volunteers
11,185 Rotary member volunteers
7,790 nonmember volunteers



225
districts, or about 63% of participating
districts, engaged hosted students in
community service projects

2023-24 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



MAKING CONNECTIONS

DISTRICT PARTNERS

217 districts reported successfully establishing new partner relationships

RI's Youth Exchange Officers directory	60
Regional conferences	50
Multidistrict support	40
Existing personal relationships	16
RI's International Convention and YEO Preconvention	15
District conferences	12
District/Regional database	10
Regional Groups	9
Email/Social media	4
Student connection	1

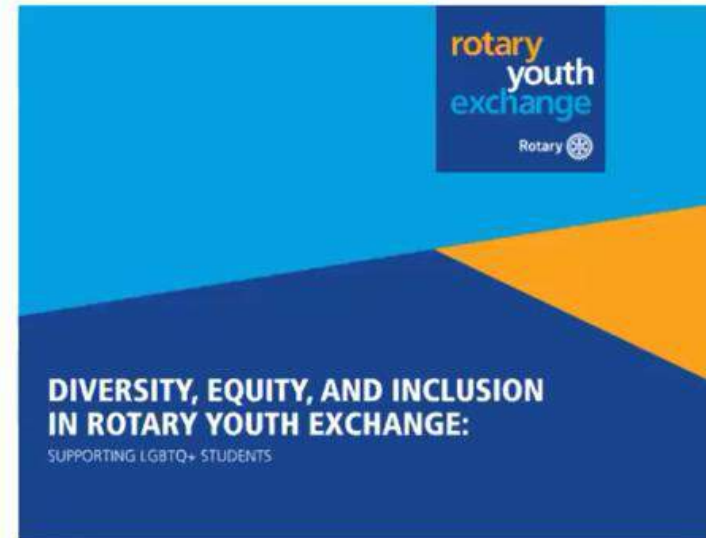
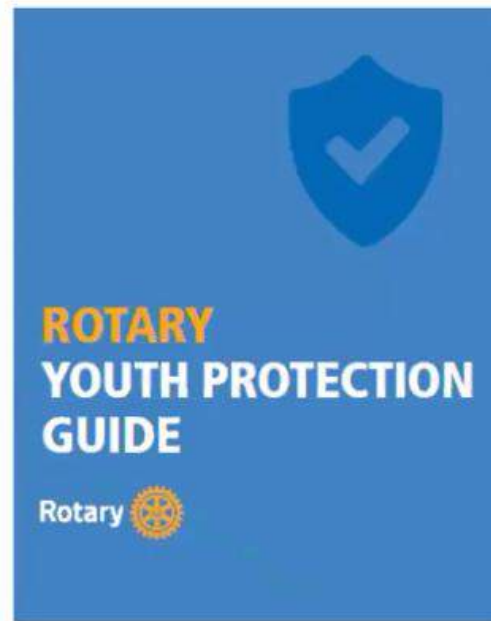
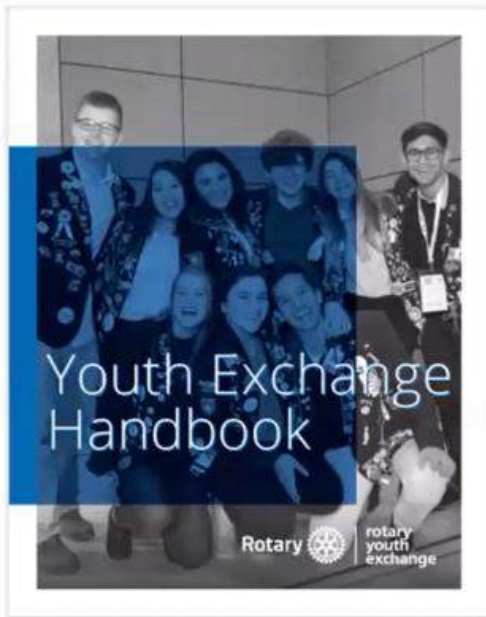
MAKING CONNECTIONS

HOST FAMILIES

304 districts reported successfully recruiting new host families

Club members reached out to friends and family	278
Rotary events	117
Other (schools, outbound families, student connections)	88
Social media	70

RESOURCES FOR ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



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- Youth Exchange certificate for participants (PDF)
- Rotary Youth Exchange newsletter
- Young Leaders in Action newsletter
- Developing a Crisis Management Plan
- Electronic and Online Safety Considerations
- Protecting Youth Program Participants (online course)
- *Coming soon!* Get Ready: District Youth Exchange Committee (online course)
- *Coming soon!* Rotary Youth Exchange Student Guide
- *Coming soon!* Rotary Youth Exchange Host Family Guide

RESOURCES FOR ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

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VIDEOS

Overview video for
Rotary Youth Exchange:
on.rotary.org/ryevideo

Overview video for virtual
exchanges through Rotary
Youth Exchange:
[on.rotary.org/
virtualexchangevideo](https://on.rotary.org/virtualexchangevideo)

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PHOTOS & GRAPHICS

Promotional materials
available on the Rotary
Brand Center (photos,
graphics, printed materials):
brandcenter.rotary.org

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YOUTH PROTECTION

Rotary International
takes all youth protection
concerns seriously.
You can access our
online youth protection
reporting form on
rotary.org/youthprotection.

YOUTH PROTECTION HOMEPAGE

Youth Protection



Rotary is committed to fostering environments that are safe and positive for young people and free from discrimination and physical, emotional, and sexual abuse.

What do you want to do?

I want to...



Statement of Conduct for Working With Youth

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotary members, their partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people with whom they come into contact and protect them from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.

[REPORT A YOUTH PROTECTION CONCERN](#)

Rotary takes all youth protection concerns seriously.

Learn more about our reporting policies or make a report.

Rotary's approach to preventing abuse

The safety and well-being of young people and youth program participants are Rotary's highest priority. Our comprehensive approach to youth protection includes:

- No tolerance for abuse or harassment of young people
- Policies that prevent misconduct and outline how to respond to grooming behaviors and abuse that involve youth and other program participants
- Mandatory youth protection training for governors-elect
- A dedicated and trained staff that uses a trauma-informed approach when receiving and responding to reports of sexual abuse or harassment
- A certification process that requires Rotary districts involved in Rotary Youth Exchange to have:
 - Student, family, and volunteer training in abuse prevention
 - Volunteer screening that includes an application, criminal background check, and reference checks
 - A process for reporting allegations of abuse and harassment to Rotary and local law enforcement
 - District-specific youth protection policies
- On-site evaluations (audits) that are conducted by Rotary staff members

Youth protection resources for members

Rotary provides comprehensive resources for clubs and districts that participate in youth programs so they can

YOUTH PROTECTION REPORTING

- Allegations or suspicions of non-sexual abuse or harassment
- Allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse
- Allegations or suspicious of sexual harassment
- Allegations or suspicions of grooming behavior
- Substance use, crime, discrimination, or conflict
- Medical incidents/accidents
- Rotary Youth Exchange early returns

Not sure if you should report? Email youthprotection@rotary.org

YOUTH PROTECTION REPORTING

Date of incident

Location of incident

Relationship to a Rotary program

Description of incident

Description any action taken to ensure any youth involved are currently in a safe place

Description of any other actions taken

Rotary/Rotaract Club

District

Yes/No - Has the matter been reported to local law enforcement?

Yes/No - Has the alleged offender been removed from contact with all youth?

Yes/No - Has the district officer been notified?

Yes/No - Have the parents/guardians been notified?

Yes/No - Have professional support services been offered?

YOUTH PROTECTION REPORTING

Type of youth protection report	Youth name	Youth contact info	Youth affiliation with Rotary	Reporter name	Reporter contact info	Reporter affiliation with Rotary	Offender name	Offender contact info	Offender affiliation with Rotary
Allegations or suspicions of non-sexual abuse or harassment									
Allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse									
Allegations or suspicious of sexual harassment									
Allegations or suspicions of grooming behavior									
Substance use, crime, discrimination, or conflict									
Medical incidents/accidents							N/A	N/A	N/A
Rotary Youth Exchange early returns							N/A	N/A	N/A

Required

Optional

N/A

YOUTH PROTECTION REPORTING RESOURCES

EU districts may need to maintain appropriate documentation and implement certain processes under the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). RI provides samples for your district or multidistrict to adapt, including:

- Records of Processing Activities
- Transfer Impact Assessments
- Standard Contractual Clauses
- Volunteer privacy notice and consent agreement
- Suggested updates for your district's privacy policy

YOUTH PROTECTION REPORTING RESOURCES

Rotary staff are here to answer any questions you may have regarding how to handle and approach these matters with care and sensitivity, while holding the safety, wellbeing, and health of our youth as our top priority.

Rotary staff are:

- Certified Praesidium Guardians – trained in abuse prevention and a trauma-informed approach to care
- Mental Health First Aid certified – trained in understanding the challenges of and advocating for young people experiencing mental health challenges
- Experienced youth program administrators supporting clubs and districts worldwide
- Multilingual, and multicultural – experienced in studying, living, and working in multiple countries
- Alumni of youth programs and exchange programs!
- Here to help you be successful

YOUTH PROTECTION REPORTING RESOURCES

Club and district leaders have requested a deeper understanding of some important themes in youth protection reporting, including:

- Why is reporting youth protection concerns to RI important?
- What needs to be reported? What about jokes, misunderstandings, or cultural differences?
- What about false allegations? What if we believe the student made it up or it turns out to be false?
- What does Rotary International do when a report is received?
- What will happen if youth protection concerns are known but not reported to Rotary International?
- What are the barriers to reporting for youth?

YOUTH PROTECTION TRENDS

- Mental health and coping strategies
- Travel, tours, and overnight stays
- Club and district leader confidence when responding and resolving youth protection reports
- Host family challenges, training gaps
- Community grooming

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