


**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE**

## What is Rotary?


A Global Voluntary Service Organisation with  
1.2 million members  
In more than 34,000 Rotary Clubs  
In over 200 countries

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## Rotary Youth Exchange


Four Programmes for Years 11, 12 and 13 – and year 10:  
LTEP - Long Term Exchange  
STEP - Short Term Exchange  
Camps & Tours  
NGSE – New Generations Service Exchange ( for 18+)

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## LTEP - Long Term Exchange Programme

An academic year of study in high school in another country  
You will need a good reference from your school  
You will live with three or more host families  
Find host families for your foreign Exchange student – your family can be one.  
15 to 18½ years at outset – usually after Year 11  
Exchanges with all other (twenty nine) European countries

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## STEP - Short Term Exchange Programme

Students, typically aged 15 – 18, are paired

Exchange: You and your 'pair' spend up to 3\* weeks together in each other's home ( up to 6\* weeks altogether) during the summer holidays.

Where: Normally countries in the Northern Hemisphere  
Recently London students have exchanged with : Finland, S Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Germany, Italy, USA, Spain, Japan. Czech Republic, Romania.

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## Camps & Tours

Age range 15 – 25 years  
Usually 10-21 days away in the Easter or Summer holidays  
International Groups – 1 or sometimes 2 from each country  
Focused on an interest, a hobby or a skill - eg. music, photography, sailing mountains, tennis, history, etc.....

Our website has details of 2015 invitations: [youthexchange.org.uk](http://youthexchange.org.uk)

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## The Aims of the Programme

Gaining a knowledge and understanding of different cultures

Character development	Independence	Self Reliance	Leadership
	Self awareness	Extending boundaries	
		Making international friendships	
		Improving or encouraging language skills	

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**What does it Cost?**

On all Programmes Students pay:


- Return travel
- Insurance
- Visa (if needed)
- Inoculations (if needed)

Plus a small administration charge (currently £25)


Additionally:

For STEP: cost of someone else living in our home, visits, meals out etc.

Some Camps charge a fee – see invitations for details.  
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**Interested – then what next?**

1. Take home a handout and talk to your parents – get their support.
2. Register your interest in a programme at [youthexchange.org.uk](http://youthexchange.org.uk)
3. We will interview you in your home with your parents present and will explain everything in detail.
4. If you are pass the interview you will need to complete an online Application form.
5. You and your parents attend Orientation Day in late March /April. **Rotary** 

**Rotary's Protection Policy Statement**

"Rotary International is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, partners, and other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of, and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of, children and young people with whom they come into contact."


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**Time Scales**

**Camps & Tours** – Competitive and Very Popular  
- usually only one UK place, sometimes two, on each camp – selection process  
You get on the mailing list to apply for a Camp when you pass the interview.  
Places are allocated by the national Camps Coordinator.  
Register early and see more invitations – they begin to appear at end of December.

**STEP/LTEP** – you need to complete an application form before end of January in order to be placed abroad.

**NGSE** – depends on when the placement is to take place. Register before the end of December for the following summer.

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**Contact Us!**

Find and  our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/RYEGBandI](http://www.facebook.com/RYEGBandI)

Join a new FB group for 2016: Rotary Youth Exchange for London Students 2016

Search on  for Rotary Youth Exchange  
(Recommended: 'The Best Thing Ever – Rotary Youth Exchange')

And of course our website has a lot of information [www.youthexchange.org.uk](http://www.youthexchange.org.uk)

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Thank you for listening.  
Do you have any questions?

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