

DG4. The District Budget and Youth Exchange



District Costs relating to the Inbound Student

In the main the cost of running the Exchange programmes themselves is borne by clubs and the students themselves.

The District's contribution relates to the cost of inbound Long Term Exchange students attending the District Conference and where possible the RIBI Conference. This is set out in IF1: 'Cost of Exchange Programmes to Districts, Clubs and Students'

Districts also usually buy Christmas and Birthday presents for their inbound Long Term students.

District Costs incurred by the DYEO in the course of running Youth Exchange.

The extent to which Districts will deal sympathetically with budget requests depends on the case made out by the DYEO as well as other priorities and financial constraints.

The following are typical items of expenditure:

Travel around district – presentations to clubs and schools, home interviewing, attending official district functions as DYEO. These would include taking inbound LTE students to District Council or to give presentations.

Meals – incurred when attending club meetings to hear student presentations

Orientation - costs to include low level refreshments for local Orientation and DYEO expenses incurred.

Postage – some application forms are still required by some foreign districts as multiple hard copies.

Training Events – for Host Families (low level refreshments). Certification requires all volunteers to be trained.

Promotional & Display Materials – pull up banners, leaflets/posters etc

Attendance by the DYEO at the EEMA Conference

This is regarded as very important for the DYEO..It is usual that the delegates are subsidised to attend and districts are asked to consider subsidising their DYEO to the cost of the Registration (which covers thee nights dinner, bed and breakfast and two lunches) and half the cost of the air fare. (See DG 5. 'International Networking for Youth Exchange' for full information about the EEMA Conference and to find out why it is considered to be so valuable.)

District Costs relating to ROTEX

An active district will have accumulated a number of ROTEX (IN4. ROTEX - Alumni of Rotary Youth Exchange).

ROTEX promote the programme around district, in schools and in clubs. Recently returned Long Term ROTEX are often invited to attend District Conference as speakers.

The District Youth Exchange budget needs to allow for the expenses of such involvement, especially where the ROTEX are young and still studying.

Also needing to be considered is the cost of low level District run events for ROTEX, similar to district events for Scholars, in order to retain them as future potential members of Rotary.