



## IN4. ROTEX – Alumni of Rotary Youth Exchange



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**ROTEX** - the term for all former Rotary Youth Exchange students.

### The Role of ROTEX

These are the people who have the first hand experience of Youth Exchange across all the different programmes. Unprompted they will usually say what a wonderful time they had and most will be keen to 'give something back'.

They may assist in their district with RYE presentations, encourage the next generation to come forward and may take part in the interview and selection process.

ROTEX make a significant contribution to the Orientation training for the outbound students. They can bring their particular skills and vocational experience to help Rotary Youth Exchange Officers at club, District and Association level.

They may be able to offer work placements for New Generations Service Exchanges or become host families in the future.

Most significantly, ROTEX members could eventually become members either of Rotaract or of Rotary.

### Membership

Membership qualifications for ROTEX vary around the world. From a GB & Ireland point of view students who have been on any programme (including a Camp) are eligible to be ROTEX members. and help their districts with the new students. Students are encouraged to fill in a ROTEX registration form on completion of their Exchange/Camp. Hopefully this will mean that they will be proactive and they are encouraged to do so. At any event, when they return from their exchange their details are transferred from their Youth Exchange records to a ROTEX database and will be made available to the Rotary Membership Committee and to Rotaract.

ROTEX clubs exist around the world in an unofficial capacity. Their age group may be quite wide, from sixteen to mid twenties, and clubs consist of students who feel that they have more in common with each other than with students from Rotaract. They may do a variety of projects apart from working with newcoming students to Youth Exchange.

Besides our home grown ROTEX there is a variable number of young foreign nationals who exchanged elsewhere but are working over here. Sometimes there are ROTEX among the Foundation Scholars and Peace Fellows. Districts which have these will find that them a source of enthusiastic help and support.

Should anyone discover someone who in their past did Rotary Youth Exchange but never identified as ROTEX the message is that it is never too late to register. Their 'out of date' experience translates into opportunities to host, provide work placements or get involved in a practical way wherever they happen to be. The main thing is that they keep in touch and know where they can join in when they are ready.

**IN4A. ROTEX Registration Form** may be [downloaded here](#).