



WHAT IS ROTAKIDS ?

ROTAKIDS is an exciting way for 7-12 year olds to enjoy working on important fun activities that will make a positive difference in school, in the local community and globally. **ROTAKIDS** will come up with ideas such as raising money for charity, improving the environment, helping the elderly or children in another country! The sky is the limit. **ROTAKIDS** will make good friends, grow their confidence and self-esteem. This boost to self-esteem is at a key stage. It means **ROTAKIDS** develop the strength, knowledge, skills, enthusiasm and determination to make their world a more peaceful place where people can enjoy their lives.

BACKGROUND

ROTAKIDS are the youngest members of the **Rotary** family and usually based in schools where they are supported by a local **Rotary** group. **ROTAKIDS** itself supports Primary School Citizenship programmes in a very meaningful way. Although each school's **ROTAKIDS** are sponsored by **Rotary**, the day to day running is undertaken by the school teachers.

HOW ROTAKIDS WORKS

During the initial visits by **Rotary** to the school and potential **ROTAKIDS**, Rotarians will tell the young people and teachers about **Rotary** and how **ROTAKIDS** can help its humanitarian work here and across the globe . The school will benefit from the young people learning about citizenship in a practical manner.

Participation by Rotary will be at the invitation and discretion of the school and teacher. Financial support will be at the discretion of Rotary, however it will frequently supply pin badges, tabards, T-shirts, hats, wrist bands. **ROTAKIDS** undertake projects of their choice and decide how they will achieve them (continued)



ROTAKIDS will also use and develop many skills:

- Maths, for counting money.
- English, when writing event programmes leaflets and news articles, and giving presentations.
- Art and IT for creating posters,
- Music for entertaining senior citizens.
- Enterprise, leadership and thinking for running projects.
- Understanding of people across the planet.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ROTAKIDS CONTACT THE ROTARY DISTRICT YOUTH SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR via the Youth Services Team page of the District:

<http://district.rotary1220.org/service-committees/district-projects/youth-services>

OR VISIT THE ROTARY GBI WEBSITE AT <http://www.rotarygbi.org/?s=rotakids+>