

Rotary International District 1220



International Committee
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Forward by District Governor Rtn Jill Bethell

It's my special privilege to welcome you to

Our District International Handbook for 2020-2021,

Thank you at the beginning of this Rotary Year for all that you & your Club will be doing for those in great need in other Countries of our world. At the beginning of this Rotary year, COVID-i9 has made us very aware of those in our own Country who need food, clothing & medical help. It would be very easy, at times like this in our comfortable "Western World", to forget those in so many other countries who live with these needs day by day, year in, year out.

For our 2020-2021 theme, RI President Holgar has given us

"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

So – how can we can we do this for so many in need in those "Faraway places with strange sounding names"? What opportunities can we open for the children who need an education and a future? For young people who need work and hope, who want to "work for their living"? And for the elderly who deserve a gracious old age?

My passion is to see safe, clean water for everyone, access to good medical facilities, a good education, and a home where they belong.

We, Rotarians, can provide answers to all these challenges – thank you for all you and your Club has done in the past, **and** all you will do in this coming Rotary year. Please, with all our local needs to meet, don't let those in great need elsewhere miss out, but as Rotarians, do "Open New Opportunities" for those in great need across our world. Thank you so much for doing this.

Yours, in Rotary Service

Jill Bethell

Dr Jill Bethell, MBE, PHF.

Role of the District International Committee

The role of the District International Committee is two-fold

To collate information from RI, RIBI and other sources about disasters that occur overseas and to co-ordinate any action required at District and Club level; making contact with any appropriate organisations and ensuring that Clubs in the District are kept apprised of the ongoing situation, informing them of recommended courses of action where appropriate.

To provide Clubs with information as to RIBI approved overseas projects and charitable causes that they may wish to become involved with; to give appropriate advice and guidance and to ensure that any involvement is ethical and within the rules of Rotary International.

Our goal is to give support in the following areas:

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Hunger and Poverty

Health

Education and Literacy

A Way Forward



The following pages give a brief insight into ways in which Clubs could get involved in International work. The International Committee will of course help you in your endeavours and the information presented is by no way a complete picture of International work carried out by Rotary.

Rotary Action Groups

Rotary Action Groups are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water.

Action groups offer their technical expertise and support to help clubs plan and implement projects to increase our impact, one of Rotary's strategic priorities. This support includes helping clubs find partners, funding, and other resources. Action groups can also help clubs and districts prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, and develop plans to monitor and evaluate their projects. Read more about these activities in the Rotary Action Groups annual report. Anyone who wants to share their expertise to make a positive difference can join an action group. Only Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows can serve in leadership roles.

Contact or join a Rotary Action Group

Contact a Rotary Action Group to:

- Get expert advice on planning and implementing service projects, including those funded by Rotary Foundation district and global grants
- Connect with potential project partners, both within and outside of Rotary
- Get help fundraising and obtaining resources for projects

Join a Rotary Action Group to share your expertise and make a difference in projects outside your club or district. To get involved, look at our directory and contact the action group you're interested in.

Rotary Action Groups by area of focus

Promoting peace

Domestic Violence Prevention

Peace

Slavery Prevention

Fighting disease

Addiction Prevention

Alzheimer's/Dementia

Blindness Prevention

Blood Donation

Diabetes

Family Health/AIDS Prevention

Health Education and Wellness

Hearing

Hepatitis Eradication

Malaria

Mental Health

Multiple Sclerosis

Polio Survivors and Associates

Providing clean water and sanitation

Water and Sanitation

Saving mothers and children

Clubfoot

Population and Development

Supporting education

Literacy

Growing local economies

Microfinance and Community Development

Disaster Assistance

Action groups that work in more than one area of focus

Endangered Species

Environmental Sustainability

Food Plant Solutions



TAKE ACTION: www.rotary.org/actiongroups

Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention

Health is one of the issues close to the heart of District Governor—Jill Bethell and there is an Action Group specifically looking at issues of health globally.

Their Mission is : To save and improve lives

3.5 billion people lack access to affordable health care. That's 50% of the world's population.

They work across Africa and India to provide free quality health resources to people who would otherwise fall between the cracks to critical care.



Show Your Support



Share Our Updates



See Lives Changed

They are working to provide critical screening, testing and referrals to citizens who otherwise would not receive access to care. If you or your Club share their passion to bridge the gap between the vulnerable people groups and quality medical care, then they would love to have you commit your support by signing up to be a RFHA Health Hero (free member of our Rotarian Action Group).

See their work on the Rotary webpage:

<http://rfha.org/health-heroes/>

Disaster Response

In general news of disasters across the world is received through the normal news services on TV, radio, newspapers and social media. Rotary's involvement starts when the District Governor in the affected area makes contact with Rotary International (RI) giving an up-to-date situation report and informing them of any action that needs to be taken by Rotary. This is often the need for fresh clean water, shelter and money for essential supplies and subsequent rebuilding.

The information from RI is passed to RIBI who in turn circulate it to all RIBI districts, normally to the District Governor and the co-ordinator of the International Committee.

Once received agreement is reached as to the best course of action that can be taken by the District and by individual Clubs and Rotarians. The nature of the recommended action will be dependent upon the scale, type and location of the disaster.

It is often the case that immediate need is for shelter and clean, safe drinking water. If that is the case then Clubs would be urged to support ShelterBox and our own Aquabox scheme, run by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth.

As a disaster unfolds, the local area needs are more accurately identified and further information is circulated through the above chain.

This information again will be passed to all Clubs if it changes what is required or adds other elements to the requirement.

Any queries from Clubs about action required following a major international disaster should be made to the PDG Rtn Ian Ward.

RIBI Approved International Projects

All charities and projects of an international nature that have been examined, reviewed and considered worthwhile and suitable for support by Rotary Clubs are recorded on the “Opportunities to Serve” section of International Resource Group page of the RIBI website—www.rotarygbi.org

The following instructions may help you to find the list of such charities and projects if you are not already familiar with the web-site.

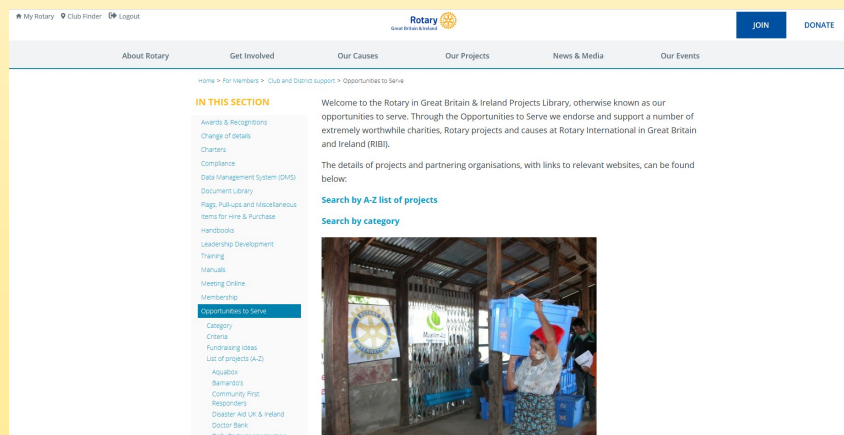
Go to www.rotarygbi.org

Log in to “My Rotary”

Click on Club & District Support

This will bring up a list—look down the list till you find

“Opportunities to Serve” - click on this. A list of RIBI approved projects, International and other ,will be displayed.



Some of the projects mentioned in Opportunities to Serve—International



Aquabox	Pahar Trust Nepal
Barnardo's	Rotarians Easing Problems of Dementia (REPOD)
Community First Responders	Rotarians Eliminating Malaria in Tanzania (REMIT)
Disaster Aid UK & Ireland	Rotary & Sailability
Doctor Bank	Rotary Awareness – Prostate Cancer
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	Rotary Jaipur Limb Project
Donor Campaigns	Rotary Shoebox Scheme
English Disabled Sports Team Championships	Rotary Stroke & Health Awareness
Euroscola	Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal
Global Sight Solutions	Save a Child's Heart
Hearing Dogs for the Deaf	Send a Cow
Hearing Link	Shakespeare Schools Foundation (SSF)
Hope & Homes for Children	ShelterBox
IMPACT Foundation	Sight Savers
Institute of Cancer Research	TB Alert
International Aid Trust	Theodora Children's Trust
Jubilee Sailing Trust	Together for Short Lives (previously Hospices)
KidsOut – Rotary Projects	Trussell Trust
Lifestraws	Village Water
Literacy – Community Service	Vision Aid Overseas
Literacy in a Box	Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)
Maggies Cancer Care Centres	Water-Survival Box
Mary's Meals	
Mercy Ships	
Nepal Trust	
Nyumbani	
Opportunity International UK	
Pahar Trust Nepal	

Open up a world of opportunities.

Rotary hosts a number of programmes for young people to provide them with opportunities to study and live overseas.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Delve deep into another culture by taking part in a Rotary Youth Exchange.

With programmes ranging from year-long experiences, to school holiday exchanges and overseas camps and tours, there are a number of opportunities open to young people.

New Generations Service Exchange

New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) is a Rotary exchange programme for young adults combining the opportunity to live abroad with giving hands-on vocational or humanitarian service.

Activities can be chosen to support one or more of Rotary's cause areas.

Rotary Peace Fellowships

Each year, Rotary supports up to 100 professionals to undertake study at one of five Rotary Peace Centres around the world.

Through academic learning and practical implementation, Rotary Peace Fellows become global leaders in peace and conflict prevention and resolution.



Young People

Rotary is committed to offering young people opportunities to unlock their potential, develop their skills and broaden their horizons.



Purple4Polio

Together, we step up to the world's biggest challenges and after three decades, Rotary is on the brink of ending polio now and forever.



Disaster Relief

Rotary's global community mobilises rapidly in the wake of human and natural disasters in collaboration with our project partners.



Global Giving

Through our collaboration with Global Giving, Rotary projects have the opportunity to spread even further.

Exchange Programmes.

Giving young people the adventure of a lifetime.

Thousands of people, aged between 15 and 25, take part every year and come home with incredible stories of positive experiences which have given them greater self-confidence, an understanding of other cultures and a new language.

Types of Youth Exchange opportunities

Long Term Exchange Programme (LTEP)

This is the Rotary Youth Exchange flagship programme.

Students spend a year in another country, immersing themselves in the culture by living with two or three different host families and attending the local high school.

Most return fluent in the language of the country, and with a whole host of new skills, a great exposure to different cultures and an improved motivation and focus, which can improve academic performance.

Short Term Exchange Programme (STEP)

Try this taster experience during the school holidays.

15 to 17-year-olds will be paired up with an exchange partner and stay with each other for around three weeks, learning about one another's country and way of life.

Camps and Tours

Across Europe and beyond, Rotary members run camps, some with tours, mainly during the summer holiday, catering for age groups from 15 to 25-year-olds.

An international gathering of students meet up attracted by the theme of the camp, which could be outdoor and sporty or cultural, historical, artistic, or musical.

More information is available from the dedicated **Rotary Youth Exchange website** along with an application form and the closing dates for applications which will vary between the programmes.