

# PEACEBUILDER COMMITTEE

## GROUP NAME

Peacebuilder Committee  
Rotary International District 5370

## PURPOSE

To build awareness of peacebuilding to fulfil Rotary's mission to empower and enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will and peace.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE (December 2019)

To be reviewed annually.

## BELIEF STATEMENTS

- Positive peace embodies the attitudes, structures and institutes that support and sustain a peaceful society. Peace is more than an absence of violence.
- Rotary International promotes peace through service projects, peace fellowships and scholarships to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, lack of access to education and inequality.
- Working together on service projects connects people and creates the potential of opportunities to build community, a sense of belonging and peace.

## MEMBERS

- Membership is open to Rotarians and Rotaractors in good standing who have an interest to promote peace building and peace literacy, including:
  - Peace Fellows and / or Peace Fellow Candidates
  - Past District Governors
- Membership will be capped at 15 members.
- Current membership: two Past District Governors, a District Governor Nominee, three Rotaractors and one Rotarian.

## MEETINGS

- Meetings will be convened in-person or via Zoom on a bimonthly rotation unless otherwise agreed by the members.
- The chair will organize and call the meetings.  
Agenda topics will be generated by chair and members.
- Notice of meeting and agenda will be circulated by email one week prior to meeting date.
- The chair will circulate meeting notes within two weeks of the meeting.
- Non-members may be invited to attend the meetings for specific purpose, e.g. presentation of information on a certain topic.

## INFORMATION

- Information will be shared via verbal or written communication.
- A brochure / pamphlet / website is to be developed.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

- Members are accountable to the group.
- The chair shares information with the District Board.

## TRAINING

- Members will access current resources on peacebuilding.
- Members will view Institute for Economics and Peace website and training videos such as the Peace Academy, What is Peace?
- Members will participate in Peace literacy workshops.

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## ACTION GOALS

### 1. Encourage and facilitate peace education conversations

- Build awareness and actions related to peacebuilding and peace literacy.
- Involve Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, high school and university students in presentations and facilitated sessions about peacebuilding.

### 2. Gather and develop a data base of resources on peacebuilding including print, social media and video

- Develop a short video with information, testimonials on “what is peace? and model an interactive activity related to peace literacy. Have committee member available to make club presentations and / or online, via Zoom.
- Provide links to the Institute for Economics and Peace Academy materials .
- Provide links to the Rotary Action Group for Peace resources.

### 3. Host information and interactive sessions

- District Assemblies / Training Sessions
- Presentation by Rotaractors on peacebuilding activities
- Demonstrate connections between Rotary's areas of focus and peacebuilding. Peace Fellow presentation
- Explore Youth Exchange involvement.

District / Zone

- Provide information on peacebuilding and peacebuilder clubs utilizing videos, in- person presentations or via Zoom to District Clubs.
- Develop and distribute a speaker list on Peace Fellowships and Peacebuilding
- Explore options to share within Zone 28 & 32.

### 4. Create, plan and deliver an interactive information session for the Spring District Assembly

- Develop a 30- minute session that provides information and opportunities to explore and experience peace building and peace literacy activities.

## **5. Promote and educate about peacebuilding in educational institutions and community**

- Explore collaborations with the University of Alberta Department of Education, Edmonton Public Schools, Concordia University and other institutions and companies.

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### **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

Peace is the foundation for progress and well-being.

Goal 16 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals states, “To promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies.”

Rotary International’s partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace identifies eight pillars for positive peace:

- a well- functioning government
- a sound business environment
- an equitable distribution of resources
- an acceptance of the rights of others
- good relations with neighbours
- free flow of information
- a high level of human capital
- low levels of corruption

Rotary International’s avenues of service open the doors to opportunities to create peace.

As education is one of the most powerful tools to create positive change, the Peacebuilding committee strives to work toward creating tools for learning about peace, how to incorporate these initiatives in club activities and engaging Rotarians of all ages across our District and beyond.

Working together we will build a peaceful world, one action at a time.

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