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*Connect.Partner.Serve*



## You can be an everyday peacebuilder

Rotary members encourage conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. These important conversations support one of our areas of focus, peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

During Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month in February, you can get involved in these efforts:

- Join the [Rotary Action Group for Peace \(RAGFP\)](#), which supports clubs' and districts' peace-related service efforts by providing technical advice and resources. During 2019-20 alone, the group supported more than 60 projects.
- Learn about the [Rotary Action Group Against Slavery \(RAGAS\)](#) and [Rotary Action Group for Family Safety](#). These groups focus on protecting children and adults from modern-day slavery, human trafficking, and domestic violence.
- Start an [intercountry committee](#) or a [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) between your district and a district in another country. You can also join or create a [Rotary Fellowship](#). [Read stories](#) on how these three programs have proven effective at building peace and promoting international understanding.
- Find out more ways [you can be an everyday peacebuilder](#).

### Collaborate with our partners to foster peace

- Host a [Peace Conversation Facilitation training](#) through [Mediators Beyond Borders International](#).
- Collaborate with [Peace Corps](#) volunteers on community peacebuilding projects.
- Support [ShelterBox](#), which provides emergency shelter and tools to displaced families.
- Access a wide range of change-making experts with [Ashoka](#).
- Join the [Rotary Positive Peace Academy](#), a free online learning platform developed in partnership with the [Institute for Economics and Peace](#), to learn how to use new peacebuilding methods and mobilize your community to address the underlying causes of conflict.



### Peacebuilding Partners

## Newly recognized Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration

Our new Rotary Action Group for Refugees, Forced Displacement, and Migration will assist clubs and districts with projects that support refugees, internally displaced persons, and vulnerable migrants. These projects may range from providing shelter and food to creating educational and employment opportunities for people in need. Contact the group's founding chair, [Quentin Wodon](#), to learn more and get involved.

## NEW LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSES!

Visit [rotary.org/learn](https://rotary.org/learn).



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## Connect with new fellowships

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Rotary Fellowships allow us to build community with fellow Rotary members and friends around shared professions, hobbies and recreational interests, and identities. Rotary offers more than 90 global Fellowships; our newest groups are:

- [International Rotary Fellowship of Hunters](#). This fellowship cultivates international friendship among hunters while promoting hunting ethics and traditions.
- [Rotary Fellowship of Wildlifers for Conservation](#). This fellowship focuses on conservation efforts, protecting wildlife habitats, and building a future where people and nature thrive together.

Contact a fellowship group directly to get involved.

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### From our blog

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#### What would you do?

For quite some time, your club has been flexible and innovative in finding ways to meet and to participate in service virtually. For the second half of the Rotary year, your club president has asked the service projects committee, which you chair, to create a new service opportunity each month that club members can participate in either virtually or in person, if it is safe to do so. You think this is a worthwhile goal, and you already have ideas for virtual volunteer opportunities and assessing the community's needs through online surveys. Your fellow committee members, however, are feeling fatigued by all the change. They want to wait until after the pandemic has ended to work on creating new engagement and volunteer opportunities.

#### What would you do?

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Tell us how your Rotary or Rotaract club has coordinated virtual volunteer opportunities and service projects during the pandemic. Your story could inspire others to think creatively and make a difference virtually during this difficult time.

**Share your  
story**

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## RESOURCES & REFERENCE

- [Community Assessment Tools](#)
- [Project Lifecycle Resources](#)
- [Rotary's Areas of Focus guide](#)
- [Rotary Discussion Groups](#)
- [Rotary Showcase](#)
- [Rotary Service in Action blog](#)

The Rotary Service newsletter provides information to help Rotary members plan effective and inspired service projects. The bimonthly newsletter is sent to subscribers, District Governors, District Community Service and International Service Chairs. **Please forward this to anyone who may be interested.**

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