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Connecting students and communities around the world



A new perspective on virtual exchanges through Rotary Youth Exchange

Virtual exchanges star in this new video, which shows how effective online intercultural exchange programs can be. Many Rotary districts are coordinating virtual exchanges that will offer students the opportunity to meet and collaborate with people from other cultures and communities online. Virtual exchanges will continue to be an option because they can give the Rotary Youth Exchange experience to students who would not be able to travel for an in-person exchange. Virtual exchanges offer students many of the same benefits as in-person exchanges, such as challenging their stereotypes, increasing their empathy, and developing their intercultural competence.

Share this video, and if you're interested in virtual exchanges, contact youthexchange@rotary.org for more information.

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Virtual exchanges have already begun in many parts of the world

District 3131 in India started a new virtual exchange program soon after the pandemic started. Ashok Bhandari and his district Rotary Youth Exchange team viewed the new format as an opportunity to accommodate more students and continue to provide a life-changing experience.



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Visit the Youth Protection page on My Rotary

Rotary is committed to fostering environments that are safe and positive for young people and free from discrimination and physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. As part of that effort, we've posted a page dedicated to youth protection. It includes an online form for anyone who wants to make a report related to protecting youth who are involved in Rotary in any way.



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