

April 2021

Engaging the next generation of Rotary leaders



Congratulations to the top projects in the Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards!

This year, 675 projects were nominated for the Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards. Congratulations to the six regional and two international projects that received top honors for their innovation, sustainability, and collaboration!

We're announcing one awardee every day on the [Rotaract Facebook page](#)! Learn more about this year's awardees and get inspired for your future projects.

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Taking Action

May is Rotary's Youth Service Month

Throughout the month of May, Rotarians and younger members of the Rotary family, including Interactors and RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange participants, celebrate the service, development, connections, and fun of Rotary's programs for young leaders.

[Check out these ideas](#) to celebrate during COVID-19.

**YOUTH
SERVICE
MONTH**

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Design a virtual exchange program

We live in a hyper-connected world that is made possible through technology. In seconds, students can access information or connect with someone anywhere in the world. But, while this highly valuable information and connections are within reach online, fostering deep cross-cultural understanding requires structure, intentionality, and direct, facilitated interaction between students and representatives of another culture.



Watch the recorded webinar to learn more about shaping the framework of your virtual exchange program.

[WATCH THE WEBINAR >](#)

Creating an Adaptive RYLA program

"You might have heard a lot about "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" in Rotary. And you might not immediately think about RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) when you think of DEI, but let me share a uniquely adaptive activity through RYLA.



District 5450's **RYLA *plus*** is specifically for teenagers who have physical disabilities. RYLA *plus* organizers partner with Easterseals Colorado to host this unique RYLA program at an ADA-compliant camp facility with trained medical and counselor staffing to support campers' special needs. Their parents often ask, "What did you do to my child in one week?" and then beam with pride over the positive changes they now see in their teenagers."

Read more about creating an adaptive RYLA program from Karen Loeb, District 5450, a runner-up in this year's Leaders in RYLA Awards.

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Interact Guide for Rotary Club Sponsors and Advisers

[Rotaract Handbook](#)

[RYLA Handbook](#)

[District Rotaract Committee
Course](#)

[How to access the Worldwide
Rotaract Directory](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: This list is informational only and does not constitute an endorsement of any event. Please contact event organizers for details.

14-16 May 2021

Rotary International Presidential
Conference

United States, virtual

11-12 June 2021

Rotaract Preconvention

Virtual

12-16 June 2021

Rotary International Convention

Virtual

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Young Leaders in Action is a monthly source of news, resources, and event information for young leaders in Rotaract, Interact, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program, and New Generations Service Exchange and Rotarians who support them.

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