



ROCHELLE ARMS

Rotary World Peace Fellow and Restorative Justice Coordinator

Rochelle will be speaking to us about her work in mediation and restorative justice in New York City, and how peace initiatives developed here at home can be applied in many settings internationally.

Rochelle Arms was a Rotary Peace Fellow who earned her MA in International Relations at the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 2003 - 2005. She is currently the Restorative Justice Coordinator of the New York Peace Institute (formerly the Safe Horizon Mediation Program). The goal of the Peace Institute is to address disputes before they escalate, end up in court, or turn violent. At the Institute, Rochelle is responsible for mediation and restorative justice initiatives with the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Justice Courts, schools, and community agencies in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

In the last 12 years, Rochelle has worked both in the U.S. and abroad in collaborative processes and restorative justice projects, with a variety of groups, including civil society organizations in India, indigenous peoples in Argentina, immigrants and refugees, and homicide offenders and victim survivors in Kentucky.

Rochelle chairs the International Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution, one of the largest mediator membership organizations.

A US citizen, Rochelle is originally from Panama.

The Rotary Peace Centers are the Rotary Foundation's preeminent scholarship program. Rotary Peace Fellows are selected in an annual worldwide competition. Up to 60 scholars per year earn the opportunity to pursue a master's degree or professional development certificate in international studies, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field.



Rotary Peace Fellows study at one of seven universities, and field work is integral to the curriculum. The Peace Centers program advances research, teaching, field work, and dialogue on issues of peace, conflict prevention and resolution, and world understanding. District 7780 has been a strong supporter of the program since its inception.