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My year as a Global Grant scholar allowed me to deepen my knowledge of human rights and education. It provided me an opportunity to engage with Rotarians and to live out Rotary's motto of 'service above self.' I studied at the Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR) at the National University of Ireland-Galway. My coursework focused upon the international human rights discourse and transitional justice, while my research examined the non-conflict application of restorative justice and transitional justice principles in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Through the ICHR, I travelled to The Hague to visit the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and the International Criminal Court.

Along with an exceptional education, the unique experience of being a Global Grant Scholar opens students to a community of inspiring and committed Rotarians working to make the world a more peaceful place. The Rotary Club of Milwaukee aided me throughout the process while my host club, the Galway Salthill Rotary Club, eased my transition to becoming a member of the Galway community.



It was through the relationships developed with Salthill Rotarians, I volunteered as a water polo coach and participated in the Frances Thornton Memorial Galway Bay Swim in aid of Cancer Care West. Throughout my year of study, I travelled to other Rotary clubs to hear about their good work and learn more about the mission and practice of Rotary. As a recent graduate, I returned to the Midwest, and now work as a teacher in a residential program serving unaccompanied minors and asylum seekers.



PHOTOS:

Nora and Rotarian Brian George while visiting the Dublin club

Classmates at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague

Nora and fellow scholar Maggie MacEacheran