



## What is RYLA –

### Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA is a Rotary organised programme promoting youth leadership and catering to young aspiring leaders aged between 20-28. Since its inception in 1960, thousands of young people around the world have benefited from RYLA. Many have gone on to be outstanding leaders of their families, their businesses and the communities in which they live. Delegates are sponsored either by a local Rotary Club, a local business, the business for whom they work or by private arrangements. We encourage businesses to promote their young leaders with a RYLA experience as the benefits are numerous and embrace all areas of the young person's lives

Administered by Rotarians and facilitated by professional trainers, it targets young people aged 20-28 who may still be at university or already working. They do not need to be in a leadership role at this time.

### The interactive programme is focused on:

- Leadership theory and skills.
- Leadership in practice.
- Team situations to apply the skills learned.

### Where young people develop:

- Self-awareness and Self-reliance.
- An attitude that enables delegates to lead with confidence in any situation.
- Communication and networking skills.

While not an Outward Bound experience, there are physical aspects involved that are well within the reach of all young people with an average level of fitness.

RYLA Chair  
Peter Garnett

*"RYLA expands your horizons both mentally & physically – a fantastic group of people - Gives hope back to the world. An amazing deep life changing ..."*

## The RYLA Mission is to:

Create a leadership experience combining theory with experiential learning situations to promote the skills and behaviours required of leaders by utilising outstanding facilitators and inspirational leaders to share knowledge and modern leadership practice with delegates.

### Objectives

1. To bring together young people aged 20 to 28, who have shown leadership qualities and will benefit from the programme of addresses, discussions, activities and interactions during a week long live in seminar.
2. To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for young people.
3. To provide information, instruction and experience on a wide range of subjects of interest and benefit to the delegates, utilising appropriate industry and community leaders and experts as presenters.
4. To equip, instruct and encourage promising young people from differing cultures and backgrounds, to better serve their communities and countries.
5. To encourage leadership of young people by young people.
6. To recognise young people who are providing service to their communities.
7. To provide delegates with an experience they will not forget and that will benefit them well into the future.
8. To provide an environment for young leaders to build relationships that develop into lifetime friendships and networks.

*"RYLA was an incredible experience that armed me with practical leadership skills I wouldn't have otherwise gained. I was so inspired by the people I met - presenters and facilitators." Beatrice*

**Alcohol and recreational drugs  
ARE NOT PERMITTED**

## Selection

Each Rotary Club in District 9910 seeks applications to attend RYLA from suitable young people that meet the established criteria. Applicants do NOT need to be from the Club's own area.

- Applicants should be between 20 and 28 on April 1 2024.
- People still at school are not eligible.
- A standard application form must be completed by each applicant.
- The Rotary Club will interview all applicants, advise them of the criteria and qualities of candidates being sought, then make a selection of the number of delegates the Club wishes to support.
- Sons and daughters of Rotarians are eligible, so long as they meet the criteria laid down and pass the selection process.
- Reservations should be made by 31 October 2023. Please email RYLA Organiser [ryla9910@gmail.com](mailto:ryla9910@gmail.com)
- Clubs email their selected delegates' application forms to The Organiser RYLA [ryla9910@gmail.com](mailto:ryla9910@gmail.com) by 31 January 2024
- The maximum number of delegates able to attend is 40. In the event of more than 40 applications received, the organisers will select the 40 delegates from the applications.
- Delegates will be emailed a letter of confirmation which will include a list of requirements for the week of RYLA .

## Supervision

Experienced adult leaders are appointed as resident supervisors at the seminar for the week, including residential directors, programme directors and course administrators. Medical needs will be attended to.

Although delegates are treated as responsible young adults, adherence to basic rules and a Code of Conduct is expected.