

Rotary

District 9800



2020

Vocational Visits



Guideline for Clubs on
establishing a Vocational
Visits program



Vocational Service: Vocational Visits

Introduction

Vocational Service:

Through Vocational Service we:

1. *Serve Others by using our unique skills to address community needs*
2. *Empower others through training and skill development*
3. *Inspire Others to act with integrity by following Rotary's guiding principles.*

Establishing and/or participating in Vocational Visits enables Clubs to meet the first and second aspect of Vocational Service:

(1) Serve Others by using our unique skills to address community needs and (2) Empowering others through training and skill development.

Overview

Background

- Vocational Visits are a long-standing Vocational activity across many Clubs around the world. They are an excellent opportunity to further members vocational development/knowledge, find out more about the operation and contribution of local businesses to the community, explore new opportunities for service, enhance the Rotary experience and engage in Fellowship.
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Objectives

- To expand members' knowledge about local business and community activities.
 - To stimulate discussion and ideas about new opportunities for community service and possible partnerships with local business.
 - Create awareness about businesses and organisation that are making a valuable contribution to the local community.
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General Approach

- Clubs approach local businesses, organisations or community groups to arrange a visit for members to their premises to learn more about their role and operations in the community.
- Personal contacts between Rotarians or friends of Rotarians and the owner or an employee of the business can be beneficial when organizing a visit.

Visits

- Most visits are conducted late afternoon or early evening.
- Visits usually last about an hour. Clubs conduct between 2 and 6 visits per year.
- Members and partners are generally invited to attend the visit.
- Some Clubs also involve other community groups on the visit such as local school students to expand the students' vocational knowledge and awareness of local job opportunities.
- Some visits are followed up with an opportunity for the owner or an employee/s of the business to attend a Rotary meeting as a guest speaker, furthering the partnership/relationship with the Club and its members.
- Clubs may also extend an invitation to the business to attend the *D9800 Business Partnership Breakfasts* hosted by the DG throughout the year. Details of these breakfasts are found on the District website and in Networker.

Fellowship

- Following the visits many Clubs organize a dinner at a local restaurant to which the owner and or employees of the business are also invited. (All attendees pay for their own meal).
- As well as an opportunity for Fellowship this can be a great opportunity to discuss in more detail aspects of the visit and possible opportunities for Rotary and the business to work together in the future.

Cost

- This is a low cost activity for Members. The only out of pocket expense is for the meal following the visit to the local business.
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