

WHAT IS RYLA?



The Rotary Young Leaders Awards Christchurch, Empowering Young Leaders Aged 18-25

**The next RYLA course to be held in Christchurch is on
Sunday 18 January - Thursday 22 January 2026**

RYLA Christchurch is a high-energy, four-day residential program for young leaders who are already showing leadership potential or currently in leadership roles. It's designed to build confidence and stretch the skills, and sharpen the mindset needed to take leadership to the next level. Through interactive workshops, outdoor challenges, group projects, inspiring guest speakers, and guided self-reflection, participants explore what leadership really means.

We know leadership isn't one-size-fits-all. It's more than just being the one out front — and that path isn't for everyone. At RYLA, participants will discover other powerful ways to lead like sparking new ideas, driving change, inspiring others, or making an impact quietly from behind the scenes. Different styles, same influence.

Along the way, lasting networks and friendships will form, with many past RYLarians calling the experience life changing. The program is led by a dedicated committee and returning alumni who act as peer mentors, support participants, and help deliver the program.

Every year, more than 25,000 young leaders worldwide take part in the RYLA experience.

**Simply put, RYLA empowers young leaders with confidence, skills, and a mindset to thrive—
and inspire the next generation to do the same**

RYLA Values: Harnessing diversity and utilising strengths in others | Developing self-leadership & self-responsibility | Inspiring courage | Tolerance and understanding uniqueness | Empower long-lasting meaningful change

Our Aim: To empower young individuals to create growth within themselves and their communities through harnessing their leadership potential

Participants can expect to cover:

Self – Who am I? How can I be the best I can be?

Career – What is expected of me? How can I develop leadership skills to get ahead? And to lead others?

Leadership – Aspirations: What do I want to achieve? How will I accomplish my goals?

Community - What is Community? What groups do I identify with? How can I make a difference?

Participants will explore how to:

- ✓ Advance their ability to operate and communicate effectively in a team environment
- ✓ Grow and develop as a leader and how to inspire others
- ✓ Discover and develop their own personal skills and strengths
- ✓ Challenge themselves physically and mentally to extend their capabilities
- ✓ Interact with and learn from inspirational business and community leaders
- ✓ Network with like-minded individuals from varying backgrounds

Enquiries can be made to: District 9999 RYLA Christchurch Facilitator, Alan Morgan a.morgan@extra.co.nz

What does it cost?

Nothing for the applicant – successful applicants are fully sponsored by a local Rotary club or can be corporate, or industry sponsored.

All that applicant is required to provide is 5 days of their time, a positive attitude, an open and engaging mind, and lots of enthusiasm.

Do I qualify?

Yes, if you are aged 18-25 and have the desire to be a leader of the future, have the will to invest in your own growth and have the passion to be the best you can. There is some physical activity, but equally, we encourage applications from persons with physical difficulty who are self-sufficient.

What's in it for me?

This course will benefit you if your intention is to:

- Grow and develop as a leader
- Discover and develop your own personal skills and strengths
- Challenge yourself physically and mentally to extend your capabilities
- Interact with and learn from inspirational business and community leaders
- Network with like-minded individuals from varying backgrounds
- Advance your ability to operate and communicate effectively in a team environment

What can I expect?

No two days at RYLA are the same.

Expect inspiring speakers, group discussions, team challenges, physical activities, off-site visits, and a hands-on community project. Along the way, you'll discover new strengths, build lasting friendships, and connect with a diverse group of future leaders.

Where & when is RYLA held?

RYLA Christchurch is held at College House, Waimairi Road, Christchurch. The venue has comfortable and modern facilities. You will have a room of your own, with a shared bathroom.

Please arrive at 12pm on Sunday 18th January 2026
Concludes at 4.30pm on Thursday 22nd January 2026.

There is plenty of parking on site.

*See you
there!*