



ROLE OF THE DISTRICT 7030 PEACE COMMITTEE

The role of the District 7030 Peace Committee is to bring/create opportunities for Clubs within our District to engage in peacebuilding projects and activities and to recruit Rotary Peace Fellows for District 7030.

THE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP

We are currently recruiting peace fellows for the 2023 Rotary Peace Fellowships. Rotaractors are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply is the 15 May 2022.

To learn more about the Rotary Peace Fellowship programme visit:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/support-peace-centers>

Useful Links...

Rotary Action Group for Peace:
<https://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org>

Institute of Economics and Peace:
<https://www.economicsandpeace.org>

Peace Poles:
<https://www.worldpeace.org/peacepoleproject/>

District 7030's Peace Fellow Christine Charlot



District 7030's Peace Fellow Christine Charlot has been a Lawyer in French Guiana, France for 12 years. She has developed a specific focus and expertise in human rights protection and she had also worked with the United Nations for refugees in Tanzania.

Christine is presently a member of the Rotary Club of Cayenne, which was created more than 60 years ago. She was inducted by the Rotary Club of Cayenne in December 2017 after graduating from Chulalongkorn University, Thailand as a Rotary Peace Fellow with the professional development certificate programme (Christine was endorsed by District 7030 for the programme). She is the President Elect of her Rotary Club.

Additionally, Christine has been involved in Peace oriented activities including working with youth on drug trafficking issues and participation in a conference on international humanitarian law for the Red Cross.

Christine's current aim is to keep working on and promoting Peace, particularly in the areas of access to justice, human rights law, human rights protection and women's rights. Christine is a member of the District 7030 Peace Committee.

Opportunities to engage in peace projects/activities:

Rotary and Rotaract Clubs can become Peacebuilder clubs through the Rotary Action Group for Peace. Rotary has a partnership with the Institute of Economics and Peace ("the IEP") and through the IEP, Clubs can access the Positive Peace Academy to learn about positive peace or to engage in their Positive Peace Programme or IEP Ambassador Programme.

Engaging in projects in your Community that address the structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources are ways to promote peace. Simple acts like the planting of Peace Poles with its message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" or the erection of peace monuments can through their visual messages of Peace promote Peace in your community.

DISTRICT 7030'S RECENTLY ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR THE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP:

Eva Patricia Rodríguez Bellegarrigue



In November 2021 it was confirmed that Eva Patricia Rodríguez Bellegarrigue who was successfully endorsed by District 7030 for the Rotary Peace Fellowship earlier in the year had been accepted and offered the Peace Fellowship at Uppsala University Sweden.

Eva is a specialist in the design, administration, and management of development projects in the areas of rule of law, peacebuilding, and human rights. She has over 20 years of experience implementing projects with the public sector and civil society in El Salvador with International Cooperation from the United States (USAID).

She has a Bachelor's in Law from the Jesuit University "Universidad Centroamericana Dr. José Simeón Cañas" in El Salvador and has conducted graduate-level coursework in Human Rights at De Paul University in Michigan, USA.

During this Rotary year the Peace Committee:

- 1 Hosted a **Peace in Cyberspace** workshop which focused on Cyber bullying and Cyber grooming on the United Nations International Day of Peace (21st September 2021) in which 200 plus Interactors and Rotaractors across District 7030 participated.
- 2 Launched the "**Give Peace a Chance**" peace project competition which attracted 6 qualifying video entries from Interact, Rotaract and Rotary Clubs who partnered to enter the competition. The final entries are due on 01st March 2022.
- 3 Promoted **Youth & Peace in Action (YPA)** the largest local peacebuilding initiative in the history of Rotary International to our Interact Clubs and High Schools. There are 36 clubs enrolled from District 7030, 33 of whom are Interact Clubs and a total of 702 students participating in 7030 participating in YPA.
- 4 Celebrated Rotary's 117th Birthday via Zoom with over 200 attendees from District 7030. See event video here: https://youtu.be/9_7upJVHN74