

“The Project”

Welcome to RYLA 2019. During your week at RYLA, you will be asked to in a group research and prepare a presentation that recommends a new project for **Rotary Foundation** to introduce going forward. This will be done as a group exercise (max five).

Preamble

Over the last 100 years, the Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$3b in life-changing, sustainable projects around the World. These projects come in all shapes and forms and can have a global focus down to a local focus.

There are six areas include:

- promoting peace
- fighting disease
- providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- saving mothers and children
- supporting education
- growing local economies

Rotary Foundation’s most ambitious project

Polio Plus has been one of the Foundation’s real success stories. This ambitious project was established to eradicate Polio world-wide, a disease that can affect muscle strength, cause crippling disability, and in extreme cases full paralysis and early death. The programme has helped wipe out 99.9% of polio infection with only three countries still considered not to be polio-free.

A vaccination in the form of a droplet on the tongue provides life-long immunity. 2.5b children from 122 countries have been immunized since its inception in 1979. It is a cheap (as little as \$0.60 per dose) yet highly effective vaccination.

Strategic partnerships have boosted the ability of the programme to reach further with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation providing a \$2 for \$1 contribution.

Requirements

- working in groups of 4 or 5 (i.e. half of your major group), recommend a worthy project for Rotary Foundation to become involved with going forward. It must ‘fit’ within one of the foci listed above.
- It can be global, regional or local in nature.
- You will have limited scheduled time during the week to complete the project, so you are encouraged to do some research and preparation beforehand. Come along with some ideas!
- The presentation will be a maximum of three minutes and it should involve a visual presentation (e.g. powerpoint) to support the speech.

Useful websites for background information

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kaog9PyJ_tc [useful youtube clip for RF background]
- <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes> [useful for showing the six main foci for RF]
- <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation> [a brief summary]
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gE4ef0yQZRU> [a long clip but excellent background on Polio]***
- <https://www.cdc.gov/polio/about/> [a description of what polio is and infection levels]

Checklist

Sunday afternoon (30 minutes)

- Decide on groups – split existing groups of 10 (or 9) into two groups of 5 (or 5 & 4)
- Brainstorm ideas of new and interesting projects
- Decide on your preferred project
- Decide on tasks and allocate.

Tuesday afternoon (150 minutes)

- Collate information gathered
- Formulate a 3-minute oral presentation
- Support this presentation with a powerpoint
- Save the presentation on a memory stick for use on Friday
- Decide on what other things need to be done before Friday.

Friday afternoon

- Each group will be called forward to present their proposed project (three minutes max please).
- Remember presentations require **impact** and **believability**. Keep them clear and concise. This is your opportunity to 'sell' yourself and your idea.
- Outstanding proposals will be forwarded to the District Governor and presented to Rotary Foundation for consideration.