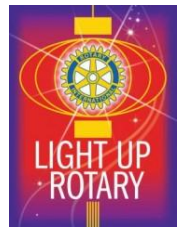


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Vocational Study Exchange (VSE)



Who are we?

Rotary International District 1210 is based in the heart of the country. It has 55 Clubs covering most of the English Counties of Staffordshire and Shropshire and part of the West Midlands.

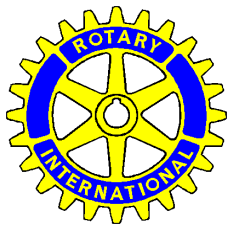
The region is geographically diverse, from the urban central areas of the conurbation to the rural western county of *Shropshire* which border Wales. The longest river in the UK, the River Severn, traverses the region south-eastwards, flowing through the county town of Shrewsbury and the Ironbridge Gorge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Staffordshire is home to the industrialised Potteries conurbation, including the city of Stoke-on-Trent, and the Staffordshire Moorlands area, which borders the south eastern Peak District National Park near Leek. The region also encompasses Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which includes the Shropshire hills, and Cannock chase. Its location makes it close to the areas of Warwickshire home to the town of Stratford upon Avon, the birthplace of the writer William Shakespeare. The West Midlands and Greater London are the only regions of England and of the United Kingdom which are landlocked.

What are we looking for?

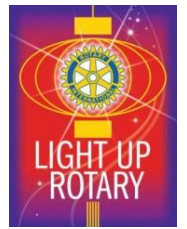
We are looking for partnerships with fellow Rotarians and their clubs, particularly from Europe to join with us in a short term International Vocational and Cultural Study Exchange programme.

What is our Vocational Study Exchange?

It is a two-way exchange, involving living in Rotarians' homes sampling the culture of another country, whilst enabling personal development and fulfilling all the aims of vocational and cultural study, having a particular emphasis on vocational activities.



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How long is it for?

It is for a 2 week duration only, thus encouraging more applicants from the private sector, who may use their annual leave for the exchange.

Who can take part?

Be open to all candidates over the age of 18 but not to have an upper age limit. The criteria used to select candidates to include the ability to demonstrate their vocational learning outcomes and benefit to Rotary.

How many participants?

Each visit will comprise of a Rotarian leader plus a team comprising up to 4 members.

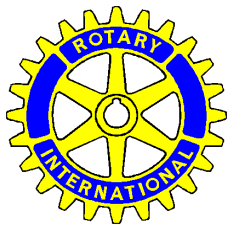
Does this replace other teams or exchanges?

No this should not be allowed to detract from, or be seen as detrimental to, Vocational Training Teams or Youth Exchange, and be viewed as an entirely separate project

What type of programme will be involved?

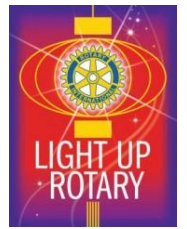
Indicative programme

Saturday - arrive
Sunday - settle in with hosts
Monday - Vocation
Tuesday - Vocation
Wednesday - Cultural
Thursday - Vocation
Friday - Vocation



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Saturday - *Transfer to second hosts and free time for fellowship with hosting Rotarians*

Sunday - Free time for fellowship with hosting Rotarians*

Monday - Vocation

Tuesday - Vocation

Wednesday - Cultural

Thursday - Vocation

Friday - Vocation

Saturday depart

*Optional transfer to second hosts or spending whole duration with one host

What arrangements will be made for Hosting?

The Team will be hosted by individual Rotary Club Members. This will be organised by the respective host District.

How will the teams share Vocational and Cultural Experiences

The VSE Team to make presentations to such events as Service Committee Rally, District Assembly, District Council meetings or similar to enable the teams to meet Rotarian throughout Districts.

What will be the Learning Outcomes?

These will be individual for each Team Member, dependent on their vocation and learning requirements, and set out by them as part of the process for selecting the team members. They need to be compliant with their own personal Career Development Plan. It is advised that these are drawn together in conjunction with their current employer/manager, supported by their sponsoring Rotary Club and the Team Leader of their exchange programme.

Who do we contact to find out more information

e-mail: vse@d1210.org or visit the web site www.rotary1210.org