

# ROTARY YOUTH COMPETITIONS & PROGRAMMES



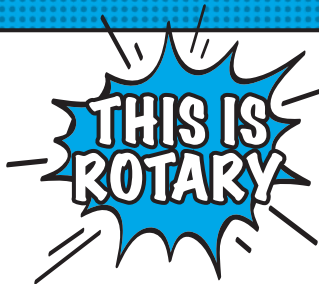
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Great Britain & Ireland





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GOOD IN THE  
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Rotary is one of the world's largest and most successful membership and humanitarian service organisations, with 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs in over 200 countries.

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

We have a unique position of being rooted within our own communities, but with a global outlook, ready to tackle challenges at home and abroad.

Members of Rotary are People of Action, turning their ideas into lasting change. We support education, provide clean water, promote peace, fight disease and much more.

One of Rotary's leading commitments is to offer young people the platforms and opportunities for them to unlock their potential, develop their skills and broaden their horizons. This book will give you an introduction to the amazing and life-changing competitions, programmes and activities Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland offers to young people.

All of our activities are designed to leave a lasting legacy on the lives of participants. Whether that is giving them a platform to showcase their talents, a sociable environment for them to develop and grow, or simply an appreciation of how they can make a difference to the world around them.

In Great Britain and Ireland, we have over 40,000 members in around 1,700 clubs who embrace Rotary's philosophy. They use their skills, energy and expertise to make a difference. Many of the programmes Rotary offers begin with a relationship with your local Rotary club.



To find out more information, please visit [rotarygbi.org](http://rotarygbi.org)



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**ROTARY YOUTH  
COMPETITIONS**





## Rotary Young Chef

**Put your cooking skills to the test and get those taste buds tingling in the annual Rotary Young Chef competition.**

### **Ages 11-17**

Fancy yourself as a budding chef?

The Rotary Young Chef competition gives entrants the chance to put their cooking skills to the test and be judged by leading industry professionals.

Entrants plan and cook a three course meal, develop their food presentation skills and gain experience in high pressure situations.

Whether you're keen for a culinary career or just an enthusiastic home cook, this competition is a fantastic opportunity.



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# **Rotary Young Musician**

**It's time to take centre stage and share your musical talents at the annual Rotary Young Musician competition.**

## **Ages 11-17**

Share your gift of song or mastery of a musical instrument in Rotary's Young Musician competition.

Participants will get the chance to experience performing on a public stage and receive feedback from experienced judges, plus it offers a great chance for future collaboration with fellow musicians.

Entrants can be either a vocalist or instrumentalist.



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## Rotary Young Writer

**Let your imagination run wild, and get creative by taking part in the annual Rotary Young Writer competition.**

### **Ages 7-17**

This competition offers participants the opportunity to express themselves and get creative with the written word.

After being given a theme, participants can choose to write fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem.

It's a chance to be imaginative.



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**I WANT  
TO SAVE THE  
PLANET**



# **Rotary Young Environmentalist**

**Are you passionate about the planet? Then take part in the annual Rotary Young Environmentalist competition.**

## **Ages 7-17**

Present your unique solution to environmental problems by entering this competition and change the way we look, treat and interact with our environment.

Participants may already be eco-champions, or want to find out more about the world around them, but the competition challenges them to use their passion for change to create lasting solutions to important environmental issues.

It is possible to enter as a team or as an individual to come up with clever ways to protect the planet.



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## Rotary Young Artist

**Express yourself and share your creative talents in the annual Rotary Young Artist competition.**

### **Ages 7-17**

Budding young painters, illustrators and artists can showcase their creative flair with a wide audience by taking part in the Rotary Young Artist competition.

Participants have the opportunity to interpret the competition's annual theme and set their creativity free.

Turn ideas from a blank canvas into a work of art!



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# **Rotary Young Filmmaker**

**Write, edit and direct your very own short film as part of the annual Rotary Young Filmmaker competition.**

## **Ages 7-17**

We know there are many talented young filmmakers out there, all keen to showcase and develop their talents.

Participants will take their ideas from concept to reality by producing a five-minute short film based on their interpretation of the annual brief.

Lights, camera, action!



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IT'S TIME TO  
HAVE YOUR  
SAY!

# Rotary Youth Speaks: A Debate

**Put your public speaking skills to the test at the annual Rotary Youth Speaks: A Debate competition.**

## **Ages 11-17**

Challenge your public speaking abilities and perform, persuade and entertain the audience with your display of wit and knowledge of a topic.

In teams of three, participants present arguments and points of discussion, before taking questions from the judging panel who are, themselves, skilled orators.

Participants can select a topic which is important to them, giving them an opportunity to delve deep into research, formulate ideas and build confidence.



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# Rotary Young Photographer

**Express yourself by putting your photography skills to the test in the annual Rotary Young Photographer competition.**

## **Ages 7-17**

Photography has the power to capture special places, moments and memories.

The Rotary Young Photographer competition gives participants the chance to express themselves through photography, interpret the competition's annual brief in an imaginative way and experiment with digital and traditional methods.



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# Rotary Technology Tournament

**Design, develop and build! Put your STEM skills to the test at a Rotary Technology Tournament.**

## **Ages 11-18**

Rotary Technology Tournaments are a challenging and enjoyable way for young people to enrich their STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

The teams of pupils, typically in groups of four, have to solve an interactive technology-based task and are required to design, develop and build a solution with the materials supplied.

Tournaments culminate in the testing session when teams demonstrate their best solution to the task and can observe the efforts of competing teams.

There are three age levels for team members - Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced. All costs are paid by the organising Rotary clubs and there is no entry cost to school teams other than transport to and from the event.

As STEM subjects continue to be a key part of the school curriculum, Rotary Technology Tournaments support not only academic learning, but teach skills such as teamwork, communication and timekeeping.

# Rotary Junior Technology Tournament

**The Junior Technology Tournament has been designed specifically for 8-11 year olds in partnership with The Rochester Bridge Trust.**

## **Ages 8-11**

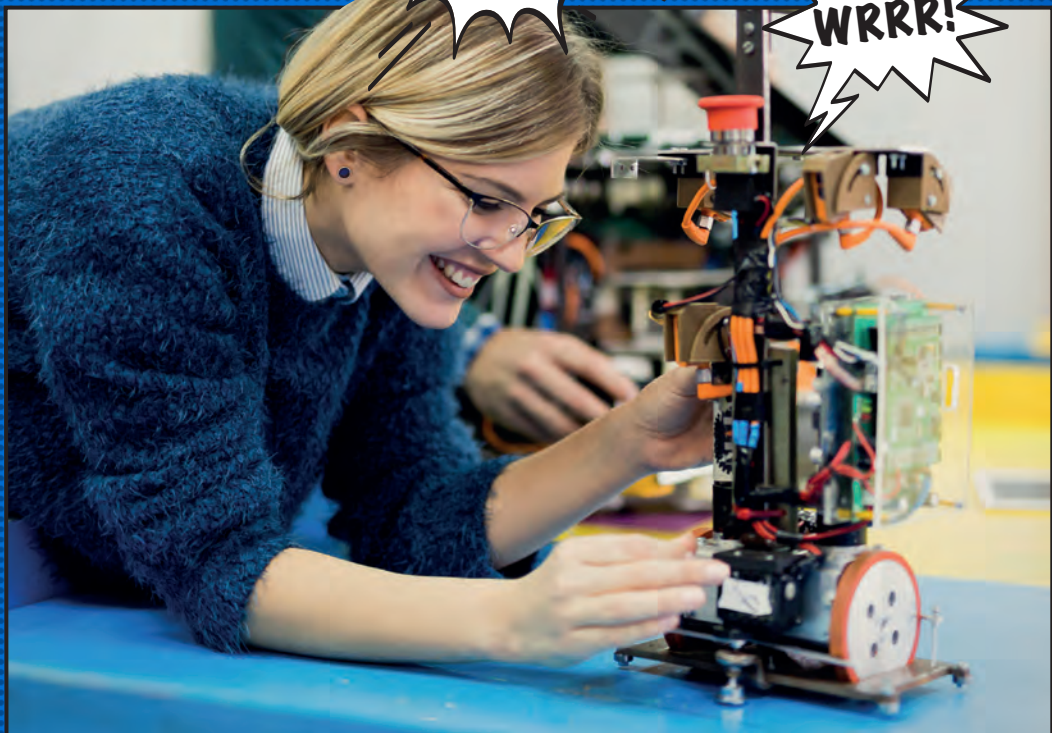
Hosting a Junior Technology Tournament would always work around the education timetables of Primary and Junior Schools and can take place across a whole day, two half days or four 'twilight' sessions of around one hour each.



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**WOW  
IT WORKS!**



**WRRR!**



# Rotary Young Citizen Awards

**Do you know someone who is an inspiration to others? Do they go the extra mile to make a difference? Nominate them for the annual Rotary Young Citizen Awards to celebrate the impact they make.**

## **Aged under 25**

These awards recognise young people under the age of 25 who have demonstrated their commitment to creating positive change, goodwill and understanding through various activities.

The awards can be for individuals or groups, for projects and initiatives that showcase positive citizenship and the important responsibilities assumed by young people.

Nominees do not necessarily have to be working on a Rotary project to be eligible, and can be nominated by the public or via their local Rotary club.



Download the information pack and nomination form at: [rotarygbi.org](http://rotarygbi.org)

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**Broaden horizons, make new friends and help the lives of others.**

### **Ages 12-18**

Interact is a fun and lively organisation offering young people aged 12-18 amazing opportunities to broaden their horizons, make new friends and help the lives of others. Interact clubs can either be based within schools and colleges, or in the community through organisations such as youth groups.

Interact is an exciting place where members decide how they would like to help communities at home and abroad.

One week you could be collecting and packing donations for a local food bank, the next you could be teaming up with Interactors around the world to help build a school in Africa. The possibilities are endless!

### **What we do**

Every Interact club will carry out two service projects each year, one which benefits the local community and one which is international and can make a difference to people right across the world.

Service projects are a great way for Interactors to build skills such as communication and leadership, meet new people and develop an understanding for the world we all share. Clubs are run by the members, so they get to take part in exciting, hands on projects around the topics and causes they care about. These projects will also help young people to connect with other young leaders and get their peers, schools, colleges and communities engaged in the projects they're involved in.

Interact is also a great way to enhance CVs, which will be helpful when pursuing further and higher education, apprenticeships or job applications.

Interact is an Approved Activity Provider (AAP) for volunteering opportunities for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Each Interact club is supported by a local Rotary club, and they will be there every step of the way to provide help and guidance to make the Interact experience as memorable as possible. You will be amazed at what you can achieve.



**Find your local Rotary club by visiting: [rotarygbi.org](http://rotarygbi.org)**





**Join RotaKids and try something new, make friends and make a difference in the community.**

### **Ages 7-12**

RotaKids is a fun and exciting way for children aged 7-12 to make friends and get involved with important activities in the community, all while having a great time in the process.

RotaKids clubs are based in schools, youth groups or community centres and with the help and support from teachers, youth leaders and the local Rotary club, children can gain a valuable experience in helping others and learning interesting, new things.

RotaKids brings an exciting and practical approach to supporting the citizenship element of the national curriculum. By doing so, children enjoy a boost to their confidence and self-esteem at a key age and develop an understanding of how their actions can impact on others.

There are over 200 RotaKids clubs across Great Britain and Ireland, all making a difference to the lives of children in their communities.

To set up a RotaKids club in your school, youth group or community centre, you'll need to get in touch with your local Rotary club. There are over 1,700 across Great Britain and Ireland, so finding someone to help start the RotaKids adventure could not be easier!

The supporting Rotary club will work in partnership with the school to ensure RotaKids benefit from being members and may also be able to help with sponsorship and financial support.



Find your local Rotary club by visiting: [rotarygbi.org](http://rotarygbi.org)



SO MUCH  
FUN!

# Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), is a leadership development programme run by Rotary for young adults.**

Whether you are a secondary school pupil, university student or young professional, RYLA helps participants to discover their potential and develop the skills needed to be a leader in their community, career and everyday life. Different RYLA programmes range for people aged 14 to 30.

All RYLA participants are selected and sponsored by their local Rotary club.

RYLA programmes typically last between 3 and 10 days and include a range of activities from hands on, physical challenges to presentations and workshops.

## **During a RYLA programme participants will:**

- Gain exposure to leadership scenarios
- Explore problem solving strategies as part of a team
- Discuss and apply creative approaches to leadership and conflict management
- Build confidence in themselves and what they can achieve
- Meet new people and make lasting friendships
- Learn how to arrange youth activities and community service projects at home and abroad

RYLA can be arduous and physically demanding, so a reasonable level of fitness is required to ensure participants get the most out of the course.

Don't miss the chance to participate in this exciting and rewarding programme.

To obtain all of the information you will need to apply for this unforgettable experience, contact your local Rotary club.



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NEVER  
THOUGHT  
I COULD  
DO THIS



# Rotary Developing Future Leaders

**The Rotary Developing Future Leaders programmes help young people develop and grow, while earning an accredited qualification.**

## **Ages 14+**

Created in conjunction with The Institute of Leadership and Management, these two programmes, for young people aged 14 and above, provide the opportunity to achieve either a Level 1 or Level 2 qualification.

### **Communication and Teamwork Programme (Level 1)**

This exciting introductory programme gives participants the opportunity to work together on a collaborative activity to improve communication and teamwork skills. This programme is also suitable for young people with special educational needs.

### **Leadership and Management Programme (Level 2)**

In this more advanced programme, participants work in a team to plan, organise and deliver an event of their choice. Each member of the team has their own management role and is responsible for a section of the project being delivered.

In each programme, participants work in groups of 4-6 at all stages of the project, from planning, through to implementation and review.

Participants receive a minimum of 14 hours of guided learning from an approved tutor, with all resources developed and approved by the Institute of Leadership and Management.

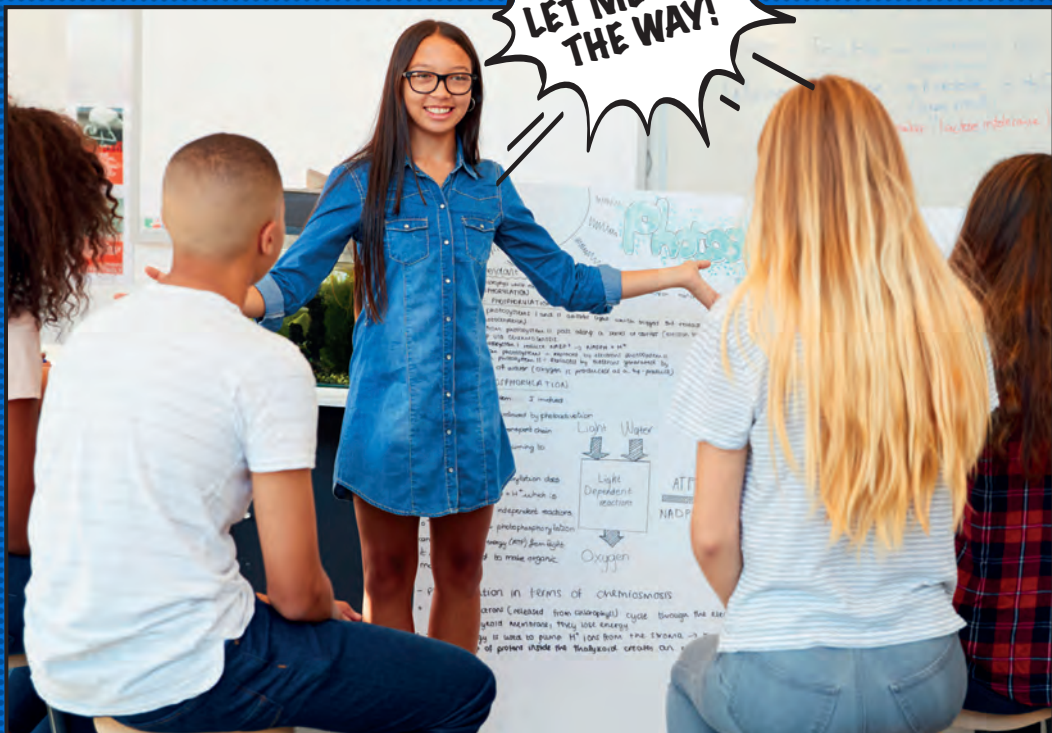
Both programmes provide structured learning to develop key skill sets including teamwork, leadership, communication, problem-solving and planning.



Find out more at: [rotarygbi.org/futureleaders](http://rotarygbi.org/futureleaders)



LET ME LEAD THE WAY!



# HOW TO GET STARTED

## When do these activities take place?

For our competitions, most run on a multi-stage format, starting off with local heats run by individual Rotary clubs, running through to national finals. Generally, they span the course of an academic year from approximately September to May.

Our other programmes run all year round, with the exception of Rotary Youth Exchange, which tends to have fixed timeframes for applications and participation.

## Who is eligible?

Each competition and programme varies. Every competition is open to secondary school pupils aged 11-17, with a select number also being open to pupils as young as 7-years-old. All competitions and programmes are split into appropriate age bands to allow participants to engage, compete or collaborate with those of a similar age, where possible. The age eligibility of each programme is listed within each page of this booklet.

## How to get involved

The best place to start is by talking to your local Rotary club. You can find your nearest one by heading to **[rotarygbi.org/club-finder](http://rotarygbi.org/club-finder)**. Not all clubs are involved in everything, but there will certainly be plenty going on in your area! Alternatively, head to **[rotarygbi.org/get-involved](http://rotarygbi.org/get-involved)**, follow the steps to our online form and we'll point you in the right direction.

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