

Youth Services District 1210



Summary of Youth Competitions and Programmes

Rotakids – for children aged 5-11 years and aimed mainly at Primary Schools up to year 6.

The Club can be established in a School or Community.

School based – already has a meeting venue and can be fitted around the curriculum either at Lunch time or after school. The Club needs to mentor and guide alongside a member of staff from the school. The children run the Rotakids Club doing projects, raising money and having fun.

Community based – The Club needs to give more time to run this and a venue needs to be found and possibly paid for.

Interact – for children aged 12-17/18 and aimed at Secondary Schools from year 7-13

As above

Competitions

The dates of the Competitions are governed by the date of the National Final and Easter which is on 20th April 2025. All face to face competitions need to take place before the end of the Spring Term.

It is recommended that 3 to 4 weeks be allowed between each stage of the competition.

In all competitions the age is as at the preceding 31st August (to reflect the academic year)

Entry Forms for all competitors MUST BE completed prior to the competition date.
Please ensure that you are using the correct form (2024/25) and that the Privacy Notice is printed on the reverse of the form. Also please ensure that the parents sign the consent section of the form to allow permission for photo/video to be taken and used

Young Chef Age guidelines 11-17 years old. (aimed at young people at middle and secondary school)

Task: to cook a 2 course meal for two people for less than £20 in 2 hours

Judges will consider: costing, planning, menu choice, use of knives and equipment, cooking skills, presentation and taste of each course.

Local competitions held by Clubs before end January.

Winners go forward into the District Final which is held in **early February**.

Winner and Runner Up go forward to the Regional Final in **Late February** and the winner goes forward to the **National Final to be held on the weekend of 29th/30th March 2025**

Young Musician Age guidelines: 17 years and under (there is no lower age limit)

Task: to perform a programme of music on the chosen instrument or voice for no longer than 13 minutes

Judges will consider: Programme choice, technical ability, musicianship and interpretation, overall performance.

Local competitions held by Clubs before end of January

One Instrumentalist and one singer will go forward to the District Final, **Sunday 9th February**

One Instrumentalist and One Singer goes forward to the Regional Final, 8th/9th March and one

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Young Photographer

Age guidelines

Junior 7 – 10 years

Intermediate 11 – 13 Years

Senior 14 – 17 years

The theme for 2025 is **'Wonderful Water'**

Task: To produce an image reflecting the Theme in colour or black and white together with a brief sentence of what the image represents in relation to the Theme. The photograph must be submitted via

Digital Format and be at least 1500 pixel in size on the longest length. The entries and supporting information sent electronically **MUST NOT EXCEED 15Mb per email sent.**

Judges will consider: Technical merit, content and composition, imagination and style

Local Competitions before end of February and winning entries to **District by end of March**

Winning Entries from the District to RGB&I by the 30th April 2025.

Young Writer

Age guidelines

Junior 7 – 10 years

Intermediate 11 – 13 Years

Senior 14 – 17 years

The theme for 2025 is **'Wonderful Water'**

Task: To produce a hand written or typed story. Can be in prose or poetry, fiction or non-fiction. The piece should be no more than 500 words and submitted on A4 paper

Judges will consider: imagination relative to the subject, ability to engage interest and be consistent in the power of argument.

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Young Citizen Awards

Age Guidelines Under the age of 25

An individual or group who have made a positive difference which is recognised by the Local Rotary Club. They might be Champions in their school or college or the local community, young carers, fundraisers, volunteers or have shown particular courage in some way.

Nominations are sent direct to RGB&I, with a copy to the District Youth Service Chairman, by the end of January.

The winners' presentations are made at the Rotary Showcase or similar event and recorded by the BBC.

Young Citizen Wheelpower Award

As above but this is awarded to a person or group who have been a positive role model to other wheelchair users.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)

Age guidelines: 12-25 years old but for District 1210 must be aged 16 or 17 for the duration of the 6-day course which is usually held in August

The Course objectives: develop leadership experience and skills, gain confidence and learn the importance of competition, fitness, character and tolerance.

It is recommended that Clubs interview potential candidates to ensure that they understand the nature of the course.

Cost to the Club per candidate is agreed in October which includes all the facilities, training, food, transport and insurances. Candidates are given a recommended list of items to take.

Technology Tournaments

Junior 7 – 10 years

Senior divided into three age ranges, Key stage 3, 4 and 5

The competition is held on one day and can be held within one school or between two or more schools.
Teams of four students work together.
The task is set and materials supplied.
The team discusses and plans the task including drawings before starting the build.
The finished item is tested.

Youth Exchange

The exchange programme both short exchanges and exchange camps are up and running for 2025.
Students interested in taking part register their interest on the YE website and their details are then passed through to the relevant district. A sponsor Club is found and interviews take place with the student and parents and then, if suitable, the student is accepted and chooses a Camp.
This is a very big subject and would take a complete meeting to discuss. Please look at the Youth Exchange website which gives the information <https://youthexchange.org.uk/>

Note: The Long Term Exchange Programme is not currently running

There are many other ways that we can support and give young people opportunities. Mock Interviews in preparation for the work environment, practical work experience, stewarding events and just inviting them to join in with Rotary activities: planting crocus, collecting for food banks, filling shoe boxes etc

If you or a colleague would like more information on any of the
Competitions/Programmes please contact me

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