

Identifying and developing future leaders.



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Rotary has a long history of working with our nation's forward-thinking businesses, cultural organisations, and civic and national leaders. Our work includes a commitment to helping current and future leaders to expand their skills.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a full immersion, 8-day leadership programme for 20–28 year olds, hosted and coordinated by Rotary. We focus on identifying, growing and supporting exceptional young people to enhance their potential with leadership skills to contribute positively to ourselves and businesses that play a role in their development.

Young people are invited to participate in this program once they have met the entry criteria.

Rotary Clubs, the Rotary District and Sponsor Businesses cover all expenses, with each supporter recognising the long-term benefits our young leaders gain from their RYLA experience.

The format of the programme varies each year, but it includes seminars, a camp, leadership skills workshops and putting theory into action. It's like an intensive leadership bootcamp.

We invite you to support RYLA and help us unleash leadership potential.

How RYLA can benefit your organisation.

A group of young people are participating in a team-building exercise. They are climbing a large, light-colored wooden structure that resembles a giant's foot or a large block. Several individuals are visible, some at the top and others at the bottom, working together to pull and push. The background is a clear blue sky. The overall tone is energetic and collaborative.

Identifying future leaders in your organisation.

The current pace of change in the world is beyond anything we've experienced in our lifetimes. The global environment is now more diverse and connected than ever. And with this comes a greater responsibility to educate and prepare our future leaders for their new environment.

Demand and competition for leaders with relevant skills are at an all time high. This is why RYLA exists. We have developed a modern programme to develop potential leaders (from within, and outside your organisation) to advance with the required, well rounded skills to strengthen future leadership teams and enrich society.

We aim to empower young individuals by creating positive growth within themselves, to harness their leadership potential so they can benefit business and community.

Our core programme topics include:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- Problem-solving and conflict management
- Rotary's purpose and service to the community
- Building self-confidence and self-esteem
- Elements of community and global citizenship

Our Values:

- Harnessing diversity and utilising strengths in others
- Tolerance and understanding uniqueness
- Developing self-leadership
- Inspiring courage.

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When?

RYLA is run over an 8-day period during the first week of July each year.

Our programme is open to young leaders between the ages of 20 and 28 years. We identify passionate individuals who have strength of character, are determined to invest in personal development, and can positively influence the future. Participants need to be physically fit to cope with the demands of the course's mandatory physical activities.

Our programme consists of a combination of:

- Leadership development presentations and workshops, facilitated by community and business leaders
- Ideas, opinions exchanges, and experiences in discussion groups
- Open sessions, sport and mind and body fitness exercises
- Practical leadership experiences to put new skills in action
- Community activity with the host Rotary Club.

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Apply

If you think you, or you know someone who has what it takes to succeed in this programme, please apply by contacting your local Rotary District 9920 Club by visiting rotarydistrict9920.org/ClubDirectory

Alternatively you can complete an online application at www.ryla.co.nz. RYLA candidates who meet our selection criteria of leadership qualities, attitude and age, along with a successful interview, are selected for programme participation.

Successful applicants are supported by a local Rotary Club or a corporate sponsor.

Sponsor RYLA leaders

For more than 20 years RYLA has awarded over 25,000 graduates around the world. Many describe it as "The week that changed my life." Locally, over 100 people graduate from this course each year.

As Rotary is a not-for-profit corporation, supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world, we seek relationships with businesses to sponsor RYLA participants.

By sponsoring RYLA you are investing in the future of business and society. For more information, please contact your local Rotary Club via www.rotary.org.nz or email RYLA via RYLA9920@gmail.com.

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