

Information for Schools

- Interact is an organisation for school students from Year 7-12 and encourages them to:
 1. Take action
 2. build international understanding
 3. and make new friends around the world.
- Interact clubs bring together young people ages **12-18** and gives them the opportunity to develop leadership skills, while discovering the power of **Service Above Self**.
- **We currently have 11 active Interact Clubs in our District**
- Within the school the teacher is more of a mentor and the Interact Board/Exec are the driving force of the Club. Rotary Club members attend meetings and guide the students. Students demonstrate initiative and motivation and develop leadership skills. Most clubs meet fortnightly.
- The Interact Club I am still involved with works well with the SRC and we have some good examples in schools where they are not detracting from each other but instead supporting each other in combined project
- Another bonus of having an Interact Club it gives you a source of RYPEN, MUNA, NYSF candidates and many other Rotary programmes. These events build their skills in leadership, communication, and teamwork. Promote Rotary Youth Exchange to Interactors. Connect leaving Interact members to Rotaract clubs.
- Here are some suggestions of ways the Rotary Club can mentor and support Interactors:

COLLABORATE

By volunteering at youth-led service projects and invite Interactors to join you Rotary Club events.

GUIDE

By sharing successes and lessons learned from Rotary service projects. Help Interact clubs align their service with Rotary's areas of focus.

PROMOTE SERVICE

By showcasing Interact club projects in your club and school newsletters, on the district website and within the school community.

LEARN TOGETHER and INNOVATE

By exchanging ideas about how to create a vibrant club that engages members and attracts new ones.

Your Club can then CELEBRATE SUCCESSES by developing programs that recognize Interactors' leadership skills.

The Interact Club will be encouraged by the Rotary Club to apply for the Presidential Citation for Interact Clubs and inspire them to take part in the annual Interact Video Awards. Together, they can plan service projects and events to commemorate World Interact Week each November. The students enjoy participating in these global celebrations.

Projects are not just fundraising but also raising awareness of both local and international issues.