

Dear Rotarian,

I am delighted to be able to invite you to submit a candidate (or 2) for RYLA 2016. This year RYLA will be from 1st – 5<sup>th</sup> August and the maximum number of spaces is 32. The closing date for registration forms is again 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Please note the change from 'Application' to 'Registration' form. This is to be clearer to some clubs who thought it was up to me to accept or reject their candidates. As far as I'm concerned when you send me the form they have been chosen and deemed appropriate by you therefore they are acceptable to me.

The cost for each candidate is £200, the same as last year. We should be at The Hadrian Lodge Hotel in Haydon Bridge again for the fifth year. If we need to use an alternative venue you will be notified well in advance and it will be of a similar standard to The Lodge. Whatever the venue Border Management will continue to run the course which will be to the same high standards as usual. District 1030 continues to subsidise the course and we still run the cheapest non Rotarian run RYLA in the Region (4 Districts).

Please continue to car share with other clubs both to the briefing meeting in June and to Haydon Bridge. We have been lucky enough to secure the Lancastrian Suite at the Federation Brewery again for this year's briefing meeting which will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

We have booklets available for the candidates again this year and they will be ready to give out at the briefing meeting. A letter to parents containing information about Rotary and RYLA is available on the website. The leaflet produced some years ago is still available on the website or via email from me. It is **still** in need of an update if anyone wants to volunteer!

As a souvenir of the young person's "best week of (their) life" we will also provide them with a t-shirt with the RYLA logo on it.

**As in the past most of the correspondence re RYLA will be via email so please make sure that I have a Rotarian email contact address on the registration form and that it is clear and in use several times a week.**

**I would urge you to read the whole of the registration form.....even the small print.**

A couple of points I would particularly like to bring to your attention.

1. The age group is the same as last year a **strict** 16-20 on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016.
2. Please check the candidates email address. I **must** have one and it must be legible. If you can't easily read it then neither can I. Think - or \_, 0 or o etc
3. I have continued to include a request for a returnable deposit to try and overcome the problem of candidates backing out at the last moment and clubs losing all their money. It is completely up to you if you want to fill in an amount or leave it blank. **I recommend you use it.**
4. The sponsored event the candidates take part in during the course is now compulsory. There is no minimum amount that they can raise: it's the principle of giving something back to Rotary. **Please make sure that your candidates understand this.**

I am looking forward to working with you all this year and continuing to make District 1030 RYLA a highly respected course for our young people.

Yours truly,  
Tracy