

# Rotary

District 1080



## **Rotary Creates Contributors of the Future**

Rotary's leadership and personal development program in East Anglia has successfully changed many lives, giving young people the skills and tools to improve their employment prospects and develop careers.

**RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at Grafham Water is now in its 27th year and has consistently evolved with numerous glowing testimonies from employers, graduates, sponsors and Rotarians.

**RYLA** is a 7 day, 15 hours per day fully residential intensive program held at Grafham Water Centre, Cambridge, during the week of 26<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The week is designed to change 50 individuals into 5 formidable teams of people, utilising professional tutors, lecturers, and instructors.

This life changing experience is achieved by taking people out of their comfort zones and challenging established beliefs and boundaries. Day 1 sees 50 individuals from East Anglia being introduced to the Centre, each other and tutors using a set of established ice breaker techniques. They are then formed into teams of 9/10 with their own individual tutor/facilitator, and that evening undertake a night walk. The following 6 days are spent building on this foundation via lectures, team building exercises, business projects and physical activities. During this period graduates will experience undertaking a business project, leading group projects, presentations, and social skills, resulting in the confidence and ability that makes a leader. All the exercises are built around working as a team, with considerable effort given to engaging candidates with roles to enhance team success. All aspects of teamwork are explored and explained as part of a leadership role. Support of the team is highlighted as key aspect of both leadership and team outcomes.

This opportunity is open to all from age 18 to 26, from any background, those who recently left their place of education, are in employment or currently job searching, all for a total cost of £800. Sponsorship can be via individual Rotary Clubs, Companies, Employers, Families, individuals, or any party that wishes to help develop our future workforce.

Today's world of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) benefits in every conceivable way from the experience, with graduates being awarded a certificate of attendance and a CPD certificate detailing the week and hours spent on each discipline.

**INTERESTED?** Visit [www.ryla.co.uk](http://www.ryla.co.uk) and view our promotional DVD, contact your local Rotary Club, or PDG David Simpson District 1080 Coordinator, email:[davidrsimpsoncar@btinternet.com](mailto:davidrsimpsoncar@btinternet.com) telephone 01394 385839 or 07718 889482.

Join us in late August- early September 2022.

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