



What is RotaKids?

RotaKids is an exciting way for 7-12 year olds to enjoy working on important fun activities that will make a positive difference in school, in the local community and globally.

RotaKids will come up with ideas such as raising money for charity, improving the environment, helping the elderly or children in another country! The sky is the limit.

- RotaKids will make good friends, grow their confidence and self-esteem. This boost to self-esteem is at a key stage.
- It means RotaKids develop the strength, knowledge, skills, enthusiasm and determination to make their world a more peaceful place where people can enjoy their lives.

Background

RotaKids are the youngest members of the Rotary family and usually based in schools where they are supported by a local Rotary club. RotaKids itself supports Primary School Citizenship programmes in a very meaningful way.

Although each school's RotaKids are sponsored by a Rotary Club, the day to day running is undertaken by the adult at the school.

An RIBI Charter certificate is presented when RotaKids are formed. As RotaKids develop, members will elect officers and some control will be passed on to these officers.

How it works

During the initial visits by Rotarians to the school and potential RotaKids, the Rotarians should tell the young people and teachers about Rotary and how RotaKids can help Rotary. The school will benefit from the young people learning about citizenship in a practical manner.

Participation by Rotarians in events and RotaKids meetings will be at the invitation and discretion of the teacher. Financial support will be at the discretion of the Rotary Club, but they will often supply pin badges, tabards, T-shirts, hats, wrist bands.

RotaKids undertake projects of their choice and they decide how they will achieve them, with guidance from their teachers. There is no minimum number of projects clubs need to undertake in a year. Rotarians meet with RotaKids monthly or more frequently if required. Rotarians may provide speakers regarding suitable projects e.g. Shoe Boxes, Shelter Box or The Environment.

Whilst undertaking their projects, RotaKids will also use and develop many skills:

- Maths, for counting money.
- English, when writing event programmes leaflets and news articles, and giving presentations.
- Art and IT for creating posters,
- Music for entertaining senior citizens.
- Enterprise, leadership and thinking for running projects.
- Understanding of people across the planet.

RotaKids is available to all who wish to participate; there are no joining criteria.

It is important to recognise achievement and a sense of belonging. Badges or wrist band could be presented when RotaKids can recite the pledge.

Further achievements should also be recognised e.g. certificate, T-shirt, tabard, hat.

Join RotaKids

When you join RotaKids you take a pledge to commit and endeavour:

- To be fair to all**
- To serve my community**
- To show respect for others**

RotaKids provides hands-on opportunities through projects for youngsters to learn and enjoy the practical application of their commitment both locally and globally.

RotaKids believe achievement, peace, friends and fun go hand in hand!!

To charter a club please use the following link
<http://www.ribi.org/resources/online-forms-for-clubs/rotakids-charter-certificate-request>

Merchandise

RotaKids regalia, lapel badges and wrist bands are available for purchase from Toye, Kenning and Spencer Ltd at www.thetoyeshop.com <<http://www.thetoyeshop.com/>

RotaKids logo's for printing etc can be found at www.informedresponse.co.uk/rotakids/

Button badges can be obtained from:
www.promobadges.co.uk,
Email: sales@promobadges.co.uk

Do You Need More Information?

More information can be obtained from your local Rotary club.

More Information

More details and full support for participation in any of these programmes can be obtained from the Youth Service Chair of your local Rotary Club.

Rotary club contact details:

Rotary Club of:

Youth Service Chair

Rotarian:.....

Tel No:.....

E-mail:.....

Further assistance can be obtained from your District Youth Service Chairman (details in your district directory) or the RIBI Youth Service Committee member responsible for RotaKids on email: rotakids@ribi.org