



NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE

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New Generations Exchange ⇌ NGSE



History of New Generations Exchange

Established in 1997

A form of short-term exchange for ages 18-25

Challenges

- New Generations Exchange comprised **less than 3%** of annual exchange activity
- Organized by district Youth Exchange committees, who already had **large administrative burdens** from long-term programs
- Subject to **certification requirements** despite participants being over age 18
- Many districts **unsure of purpose** of exchanges: vocational or vacation?

Transition to New Model ➡ NGSE

New program model

- Transition began 1 July 2013
- Under oversight of district New Generations Service committees
- Not subject to Youth Exchange certification requirements
- Funded locally

New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE)

- Participants must be above **18 and no older than 30**
- Strong humanitarian or vocational **service component**
- **Individuals or groups**
- **Up to 6 months** in duration
- Host district will arrange for **local transportation, housing and activities**
- Participants must have **sponsorship** of local Rotary club, district New Generations Service chair, and governor

RCOP 8.060 New Generations Service Exchange

Turn *New Generations* into the *Next Generation* of Rotary

Rotaract: Inspiring new generations to service

By Andrea Tirone, a member of the Rotaract Club of the University of Toronto, in celebration of World Rotaract Week 12-18 March.

When I joined Rotaract, the club's president was everyone motivated for a literacy project we went to Krishnanagar, India.

We began the InspiRe partnership with a local governmental organization. I was the most enthusiastic, driven person of people I had ever met in many years.

ROTARY MEMBERS TEAM UP WITH STUDENTS FOR CLEAN WATER



Interactors from Campinas, Brazil, and New Jersey, USA, help at a medical clinic construction site in Campinas, Brazil, in 1999. © Rotary International — in Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil.

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NGSE Examples

Vocational tour (group)

- Group performing multiple activities surrounding a certain profession (law, tech, etc.)
- Group can stay in both host family homes and hotels/hostels
- Ensure time for fellowship and Rotary events

Unpaid internship/apprenticeship (individual)

- Focused on an individual's profession or area of study
- Organize placement at corporation or organization for up to 6 months
- Home hosting is suitable
- Involve intern in local Rotaract/ROTEX activities

Service project teams (group or individual)

- Group of young adults interested in particular area of focus (water, education, etc.)
- Organize participation in Rotary service project abroad
- Give participants leadership opportunities!
- Ideal for Rotaractors and ROTEX



How can my district get started?

Work with district New Generations Service chairs to:

- Obtain approval of District Governor/Governor elect
- Identify projects in your area through community/vocational service chairs
- Develop NGSE partner relationships from:
 - Current exchange partners
 - Current international project partners
 - Former GSE partners
- Develop partner agreements to set expectations, regardless of whether or not exchange is reciprocal
- Consider appointing a responsible project-leader or project-committee

Promote Program & Solicit Applications

Sponsor districts should promote NGSE to former Youth Exchange students, Rotaractors, former Interactors, RYLA participants

No standard application form, but consider including:

- General information (Name, DOB, contact information)
- Sponsoring club/district information
- Profession, education and/or current field of study, volunteer history, language ability
- Statement of interest
- Code of Conduct/rules of program (as established by districts, not RI)
- Medical release
- Emergency contact information

Select Qualified Participants

Sponsor districts should select qualified participants that:

- Are over the age of majority in host country (typically 18)
- Understand Rotary and the value of service
- Are an outstanding ambassador of their district/country
- Have interest in service/vocational activities proposed for program
- Have working knowledge of local language

Arrange Accommodations, Activities and Transportation

Host district should organize schedule, including:

- **Accommodations**
 - Young adults may feel more comfortable in hotels/hostels rather than home hosting – reciprocal (“family-to-family”) exchanges have mixed results
- **Local Transportation**
 - Participants will likely not be able to drive in host country – host clubs and district must account for this when making plans
- **Activities**
 - Rotary, Rotaract and ROTEX meetings and events, cultural events, local sight-seeing, “down-time” is important!
- **Preparation and training**
 - Organize orientation programs to build camaraderie amongst groups –they may have varying interests and maturity levels
 - Provide counselors/mentors to assist with special needs or problems

Discuss in small groups:

- Your experiences with NGE – pros and cons!
- Service projects in your community that could involve NGSE
- Local corporations/organizations that could host an NGSE
- Ways to coordinate with district New Generations Service chairs
- Ways to promote NGSE to young adults in your communities

Frequently Asked Questions

Do NGSE activities need to be reciprocal?

- No, NGSE need not be reciprocal.

What visas should NGSE participants obtain?

- Typically, they will travel on tourist visas. Some countries may limit tourist visas to less than 6 months in the country, so the duration of the NGSE will have to take this into account.

What if internship programs require a special working visa in my country and the intern must be paid?

- Not all districts or countries will be able to offer all types of NGSE – find what works for you. Maybe a “new GSE” type program would be more suitable.

Can you arrange a NGSE between two districts in the same country?

- Yes!

Does the host district have to fund all accommodations and provide a stipend or pocket money?

- No– but make sure your partner district is in agreement about what is funded and what is not. The participants often receive a stipend from the host district and home-hosting is a low-cost solution for accommodations.

Can Rotarians participate in NGSE programs?

- Yes. Rotarians over 30 should serve in a team leader role, but those under the age of 30 can also be NGSE recipients. Rotarians' dependents or children are also free to participate.

Do we have to send a report to RI on our NGSE?

- There are no RI reporting requirements for NGSE, but we invite you to share your experiences with us by sending any materials to programs@rotary.org. Also, make sure both districts debrief NGSE participants to ensure they obtain feedback on their own program experiences.

Further resources are still in development and will be distributed to district New Generations Service chairs soon.

- Contact your district New Generations Service chair to see what information is currently available.
- Questions can be directed to programs@rotary.org

Thank you!