



Rotary District 1070

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Course

24th – 31st July 2010

RYLA forms a major part of Rotary's investment in tomorrow's leaders of our communities and is one of the few Rotary programmes that is aimed at a "privileged" group of young people.

In District 1070, RYLA is a fun, but intensive training programme in leadership development and team work for young people aged between 18 and 26, who have been individually selected by their Rotary Clubs to participate on the course.

Forty five talented young adults are invited by Rotary Clubs to attend RYLA at the Club's expense. The residential course is held at the newly refurbished and extended Grafham Water Centre, near Huntingdon and is eight days in length. The course is a blend of physical and cerebral activity which has been running for 25 years and produces a unique experience and learning environment.

Our District's RYLA programme is the longest running course of its type in RIBI and is highly respected in the Rotary World. The course enables young people to debate issues of professional responsibility, improve leadership skills, develop their personalities and learn about business, institutions and Rotary programmes, such as Rotaract, as well as having fun and meeting new friends. For the last three years, the course had had an "international" flavour, with young people attending from countries such as Austria, Denmark, Germany, Pakistan and Ukraine, all sponsored by Clubs in District 1070.

The course is competitive in that there are five teams formed for the course; participants are challenged to "move out of their comfort zone" in a safe environment with fully trained tutors and instructors, provided by Grafham Water Centre. In addition, some twenty three Rotarians each year volunteer to help with various aspects of the course.

For young adults, RYLA provides the opportunity to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with their fellow team members, tutors and Rotarians.

The course dates for 2010 are 24th – 31st July at the Grafham Water Centre, Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs. The cost for 2010 is £575 per person.

Full details of the course will be on the District 1070 web site, together with reservation and application forms.

Further information and Club talks on the RYLA course are available from the RYLA Organiser, Andrew Cowling, of the Rotary Club of Northampton.