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Rotary Action Groups

A basic guide for Rotarians

What they are, the causes they support, and how to get involved



Official directory: rotary.org/actiongroups

What is a Rotary Action Group?

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A global network of people who share expertise and interest in a specific humanitarian cause.

Independent, Rotary-affiliated

Each group manages its membership and activities within Rotary policies.

A resource for clubs and districts

Members help Rotary clubs plan and carry out more effective service projects.

The history of Rotary Action Groups

A service-focused program that grew out of Rotary Fellowships

Origins

Rotary Fellowships

Service-oriented Fellowships developed signature projects, creating the need for a distinct Rotary program.

2005

The program begins

Rotary launched Rotarian Action Groups with eight groups, giving service-oriented networks their own identity.

2025

20 years of service

By its 20th anniversary, the program had grown to 26 groups, 34,500 members, 150+ countries, supporting club and district projects worldwide.

Originally “Rotarian Action Groups”, the program now uses “Rotary Action Groups”.

How groups support your club and Rotary's strategic objectives

01	**Technical advice**	Specialists help you plan and implement projects.
02	**Project partners**	Global networks connect you with people and organizations.
03	**Funding guidance**	Groups can help identify resources and support fundraising.
04	**Proven approaches**	Project frameworks and best practices help strengthen results.

How groups support your club and Rotary's strategic objectives

Groups focused on health

Examples cover prevention, treatment and support.

Addiction Prevention

Alzheimer’s / Dementia

Blindness Prevention

Blood and Organ Donation

Diabetes

Family Health / AIDS Prevention

Hearing

Hepatitis Eradication

Malaria

Mental Health Initiatives

Clubfoot

Reproductive Maternal and Child Health

Selected examples. Rotary’s live directory provides current group names and links.

Groups for stronger communities

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Examples by humanitarian interest

Peace and human dignity

Peace

Refugees

Slavery Prevention

Education

Basic Education and Literacy

Community resilience

Community Economic Development

Disaster Assistance

Menstrual Health and Hygiene

A group's work may connect to more than one Rotary area of focus.

Rotary Action Group for Peace

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RAGFP helps Rotary members build peace and prevent conflict through education, project support and global connections.

Peace education	Webinars, training and guides develop peacebuilding skills.
Project support	Advice on planning, grants and evaluation helps clubs develop sustainable peace initiatives.
Peacebuilder Clubs	Clubs connect globally and organize peace projects, community dialogues and events.
Ways to participate	Join RAGFP, attend a learning event, or explore becoming a Peacebuilder Club through its standards and application.

Learn more and join: rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org

Environment, water and nutrition

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Environment

Environmental Sustainability
Endangered Species

Environmental issues and biodiversity

Water

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Safe water, sanitation and hygiene practices

Nutrition

Food Plant Solutions

Locally suitable food plants and better nutrition

How Rotarians can get involved

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01

Choose a cause

Match your interests or skills to a community need.

02

Find a group

Use Rotary's directory and visit the group's website.

03

Make contact

Ask how to join, what participation involves, and about any dues.

04

Contribute

Offer expertise or connect your club with a project adviser.

Membership is open to anyone interested in the cause, including non-Rotarians.

How Action Groups meet and collaborate

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Members connect online and in person, depending on the group.

Webinars and training	Learn from experts and discuss case studies. Example: the Peace group offers webinars and training.
Working-group meetings	Review plans, progress and lessons learned. Example: ESRAG task forces meet and report on projects.
Conventions and events	Meet partners and exchange project ideas at conferences, convention presentations and informal gatherings.

To take part: check the group's event calendar or contact its leaders for meeting details.

A club project with Action Group support



Illustrative example: a community water project

Before the project

Community members and the club identify needs. A group adviser helps review the plan.

During the project

The group can suggest technical expertise and potential partners.

After installation

The club plans maintenance and tracks results with community members.

Your next step

Which cause could you help advance?

A simple starting plan

Explore one group that matches your interests.

Ask about joining or getting help with a club project.

Share what you learn at your next club meeting.

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