



Inter-Country Contact

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Objectives

1. To increase International understanding and goodwill by encouraging Rotarians to visit each other's countries and Districts.
2. To strengthen friendships so formed by encouraging Clubs and Districts in RIBI to link with Clubs and Districts in other countries by jointly participating in WCS or other International Projects.
3. To encourage deeper and more significant exchanges, not necessarily as full contacts.

How to make contact

1. Initial Contact can be made in a variety of ways. Often this comes about as a result of a personal or business relationship. Group Study Exchange and Friendship Exchanges can also lead to more permanent contact. Similarly contacts can follow on from various Youth Activities.
2. A number of Rotarians have built up friendships and contacts over the years. Some of these points of contact are listed below. They will be happy to put you in touch with Rotarians abroad and generally give guidance about the areas they know well.
3. Civic links can lead to Rotary contacts.
4. Many social contacts are made with European Clubs because of the relative closeness. Visits are made regularly by clubs, families and children usually on a reciprocal basis.
5. Many contacts are by letter or email with only occasional visits.
6. Initial personal **contact is important as this leads to individual friendships**. It can be difficult to establish a link purely by correspondence.
7. The further you go away from the Channel coast the easier it is to find a contact club.

General

1. Most contacts with Western Europe are of a social nature. Not all contacts are formal twinings. Many however lead to joint ventures i.e. matching grants for the benefit of a developing world Club or District.
2. Contacts with Eastern Europe, Africa and further afield emphasise WCS, GSE, Matching grants etc.
3. Project Fairs often bring Districts together.

Information available from RIBI

1. "Contact Clubs" Booklet – This is a guideline on considering Inter-Country Contacts and making the initial arrangements. It is only available to download from the RIBI Website.
2. A sample form of agreement that can be used to formally record the arrangements between the clubs involved.

3. Lists of RIBI clubs currently twinned.

If further assistance is required, please contact in the first instance your District International Chairman or contact a member of the RIBI International Service Committee.

Further information

This may be obtained by contacting the Rotarians listed below who have volunteered to give any help that they can about contacts abroad.

Please contact the RIBI International Committee or one of the names below. Any Rotarian willing to share their contacts overseas, please get in touch with the committee.

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Approbation De Jumelage

Le club Rotary deet celui de..... de part le document du 200 se reconnaissent comme clubs jumelés.

Le but de ce jumelage est d'encourager un lien étroit nos deux clubs afin de promouvoir compréhension mutuelle, amitié et co-opération dans tous les domaines concernant les concernant les activités du Rotary.

Nous croyons aussi que cet accord aidera à promouvoir une harmonie internationale entre nos deux pays.

Les deux clubs encourageront activement une étroite co-opération entre leurs membres en sponsorisant de projets joints et en offrant leur support mutuel a d'autres activités des clubs. Les clubs veut aussi travailler a établir amitié et compréhension en organisant occaionellement des visites réciproques.

Nous croyons que ce jumelage rapprochera nos deux clubs et sera d'un grand profit pour notre travail au sien du Rotary.

Le club Rotary

Président

Président de l'Action Internationale

Twinning Agreement

The Rotary Club of and hereby agree on this day of 200 to recognise each other as a sister club.

The purpose of this twinning agreement is to foster a relationship between our two clubs which will promote mutual understanding, friendship and co-operation in all areas of Rotary activities.

We also believe that this agreement will help to promote international harmony between our countries.

The two clubs will actively encourage close co-operation between their members by sponsoring joint projects, and offering mutual support for other club activities. The clubs will also work to establish friendship and understanding by arranging visits to each other's districts from time to time.

We believe that this twinning relationship will bring our two clubs closer together and have mutual benefit for our work in Rotary.

The Rotary Club of

President

International Service Chairman