

## Summary of D1100 Youth Workshop 7 January 2021

In no particular order:

- DG Chris Firth indicated that a District Kids Out Coordinator is required.
- DGE Graham Ogden asked that clubs give thought to how we can get more feedback from clubs about what clubs think would help improve the leadership skills of young people in their communities and let him know.
- Now is the time to ask a question such as, how are you doing, what do you need and how can we help? Build links that can help take things forward now and in the future.
- Reminder that clubs can apply for a grant of up to £250 to fund new youth related activities. Information and forms at <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=255568&DistrictNo=1100>
- Identify local need for youth activities through:
  1. Local authority councillors and officers
  2. Listening to and reading local media
  3. Talking to your members and asking them who they know
  4. Conversations with youth leaders, guide leaders etc
  5. Getting involved with activities such as Junior parkrun
  6. Organisation that link with vulnerable children
- Remember this is not just about what directly clubs can do and deliver. Also consider what the club can help facilitate and work with others to achieve.
- Suggested that via governors is a way into schools. Are clubs in touch with any? Perhaps members could volunteer for such an important role?
- Similarly, enterprise advisers are good contacts
- Think about warm contacts at schools not just heads. Teacher's assistants, before and after school clubs, subject coordinators etc
- Schools are not the only way to arrange things with young people. Think about where else young people come together though which to contact them and arrange activities. For example Guides and Scouts, apprentice schemes, after school Clubs, holiday play schemes or Boys Brigade. Youth competitions as part of village show or similar.
- Young people's interest in the environment continues to increase. Tap into.
- Events can be a good way to reach out to young people and their families. Example being Nailsworth's Halloween Walk. [www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?ClubID=2012&PgID=820479](http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?ClubID=2012&PgID=820479)

- National finals of Young Chef, Young Musician, Youth Speaks – A Debate will not happen in 2021. Subject to social distancing and virtually, Clubs, district and regions will be able to hold competitions. Current proposed dates

	District	Regional
Chef	24 April	15 May
Speaks	6 & 7 May	20 & 21 May

Young Musician will not happen in our district this Rotary year.

- Other competitions such as Young Artist, Young Environmentalist, Young Photographer & Young Writer are going ahead as always. Deadline for entries 23 April. Can be held virtually in the community as well as directly via schools, youth groups etc
- Must be lots of young people in our communities who could be nominated for Young Citizen. [www.rotarygbi.org/members/humanitarian-service-programmes/youth-service/young-citizen-awards](http://www.rotarygbi.org/members/humanitarian-service-programmes/youth-service/young-citizen-awards)
- The rules, posters, certificates and entry forms for all the competitions are on the secured member's area of the RGBI website at [www.rotarygbi.org/members/humanitarian-service-programmes/youth-service/youth-competitions/](http://www.rotarygbi.org/members/humanitarian-service-programmes/youth-service/youth-competitions/)
- Remember the competitions are one option to help meet the needs of young people. Rules and timescales can be flexed to meet local need. Think about things like mock interviews, careers talks, reading with children etc
- Paul Charter and I are discussing what's possible in respect of the Rotary World Affairs Seminar scheduled for June. It is looking as though our participation will again this year be virtual. Update to follow. Theme is 'Urban life in a changing world'. [www.worldaffairsseminar.org/was2021](http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org/was2021)
- Volunteers are still required to be District Youth Lead and to take forward RYLA / leadership. Contact Andy or Graham to find out more.
- Your AGs and the district youth team want to help. Please let us know how we can.
- The next youth workshop is proposed for 11 Feb at 6.30pm. Main thrust will be to highlight and share two or three examples of best practice from clubs. Please therefore let me know by 31 Jan if your club would like to do so. Unless clubs do then the workshop won't go ahead. I'd welcome also thoughts on what else in the workshop would be help to your club please. I really want to make such evenings good use of everyone's time and work for clubs. Thanks as always.

Best wishes

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