



This year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards course was another amazing success making a lasting difference to the young people aged 16 to 18 who were fortunate enough to be sponsored by Rotary Clubs to take part.

As a result of personal and business commitments Eddie Sims our super current RYLA Chair is not able to lead the programme.

We really appreciate Eddie's tremendous commitment to the role and the real difference this has made.

Thank you also to Tony Bryant for doing such a super job helping with the course's administration.

Our proposal is for 2020 we offer a very similar course still for the same age group. It will be though for just 32 young people instead of the current 40. It will be a day shorter starting on Monday finishing on the Friday evening.

We hope that the shorter format which won't involve a weekend will make the course more attractive to the young people we are targeting.

Costs are yet to be finalized but we hope that it will be between £400 and £425 so a saving for Clubs.

Steve Thomas of GrassRoutes who deliver the scheme for us is again happy to help clubs identify and recruit candidates. As well as supporting Clubs individually, we will review the recruitment materials for the course and run a workshop to share ideas and best practice.

As we need to commit to partners the course will only go ahead if by **29 September** we have:

- commitment from Clubs to the 32 places
- a volunteer has come forward to be RYLA Chair. Please contact me if you would like more details about what's involved in leading the RYLA team.

We can then at the District council meeting on 15 October confirm the way forward and help clubs begin the recruitment process for candidates.

Payment in full for the places will be due by 31 December 2019.

Please can you let me know your Club's thoughts on this revised programme and the number of places your club would like andy.jarrett@blueyonder.co.uk 01452 883450.

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