

INTERACT

Interact is an arm of Rotary open to children aged 14 – 18. It is a vibrant movement of 200,000 members in more than 10,000 clubs in 109 countries. *The goal of international service through Interact is to encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of youth united in the ideal of service*

Starting a club

Interact is a dynamic program that has the potential to fuel a lifetime of service. If you're thinking of starting an Interact club in your community, here are the basic requirements:

1. Appoint within your club an Interact Advisor who will be assigned to the interact clubs
2. Identify a community or school within your territory that your club can sponsor as an Interact club
3. Present to the potential Interact club's principal, interested teachers and students, the "Welcome to Interact" presentation.
4. Once the school is on board, they will assign an Interact rep, a teacher, who will liaise with the Interact Advisor
5. After the presentation you can register interested students obtaining their contact nos, email addresses etc.
6. The club becomes certified once an executive is in place with 15 members. DG approval is required.
7. Let the students have their meeting, identify projects, raise funds, do PR, etc

Guidelines

- Each Interact club **must perform at least two service projects a year**: one that benefits the school or community and one that furthers international understanding.
- The Interact Advisor must attend some Interact club and all board meetings and provide advice on organizing service projects, fundraising, and club administration.
- An **Interact club can be school or community based**. A community-based Interact club may draw members from several different schools within the territorial limits of the sponsor Rotary club. The Rotarian adviser must attend every meeting of a community-based club. A school-based club will have a teacher appointed to work with the Interactors and will attend all meetings.
- Interact clubs **meet at least twice a month**. To remain eligible for membership, **Interactors must attend at least 60 percent** of regularly scheduled meetings.
- Each club is a self-supporting organization that requires little financial support from the sponsor Rotary club. Dues, if any, should be minimal, and money for projects and activities should be raised through club activities.

Benefits of Interact

Enhance leadership and teamworking skills

Develop confidence and thinking skills

Serve their community

Expand international understanding

Build camaraderie

Provide invaluable experiences

Students with Interact experience can use the Service contact hours for University entrance

Interactors will be an excellent source of future quality Rotary members – the future is in their hands

The Interact 7030 target

To realise the goal of having at least one Interact club aligned with each Rotary club in the district. There are 69 Rotary clubs in district 7030. Presently there are 43 Interact clubs in the district, a net increase of 10 over last year. The 43 Interact clubs are sponsored by 35 Rotary clubs.