

**Rotary**



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*peace through service*



# RAGFP

## Peacebuilder Club Standards

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## Purposes

1. More powerfully implement RI's Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution areas of focus in your Club.
2. Address the growing problem and danger of divisiveness and polarisation that fractionalises and stagnates societies, disrupts peaceful relations, increases the potential for violence and does not support the policies of Rotary International.
3. Build stronger, more harmonious communities and a more peaceful world.
4. Help Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and others maximise the peacebuilding impact of every Rotary project in all seven areas of focus.
5. Assist in the accomplishment of Rotary's mission to “**enable Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors** to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace.”



# Organisation and Training – Peacebuilder Committee

Every RAGFP Peacebuilder Club shall have a Peacebuilding Committee made up of at least two Club members who are also members of the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

Each member of the Peace Committee is encouraged to read the RAGFP Primer entitled Your Piece of Peace ( [Download the RAGFP Primer](#) ).

**Members of the Peace Committee are also encouraged to:**

1. Help build momentum and impact of peacebuilding in Rotary by joining and/or supporting the Rotary Action Group for Peace.
2. Complete free World-class peace education for anyone, anywhere online training in the 8 Pillars of Positive Peace available through the Rotary and Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP) Positive Peace Academy ([positivepeace.academy](https://positivepeace.academy)) and become familiar with other resources available on the Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP) website ([www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org](http://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org) - Click on 'Resources')
3. If your Rotary District has a District Peace Committee, at least one member of your Club Peacebuilding Committee is encouraged to serve on the District Peace Committee if possible. This connection is especially helpful in facilitating District and Multi District peacebuilding projects. This is highly encouraged by Rotary International and which often gives greater sustainability and impact and could qualify for TRF Global Grants. If your District does not have a Peace Committee and you have the approval of the District Governor/ Foundation Chair help create one.

## Peacebuilder Committee – Basic Responsibilities

**E**ducate and empower Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and others in your area regarding peacebuilding principles and strategies and individual opportunities and responsibilities for peacebuilding by:

1. Encouraging them to read the Primer.
2. Conducting brief trainings in Club meetings at least twice per year regarding principles of peacebuilding utilising principles from the Primer, The Rotary Positive Peace Academy and other sources.
3. Helping Club members to recognise that every Club project in all seven areas of focus contributes to building community and peace and giving them the tools to maximise the community building and peacebuilding impact of every project. (Some guidelines are contained in the Primer).
4. Co-ordinating positive peace education conversations, activities and projects with Club members and others.
5. Providing other training (like co-ordinating with your Rotary District's officers and other peacebuilder communities in your District to provide peacebuilder training at your District Assembly and Conference).

## **E**ngage Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and Rotary Peace Fellows and others in your area in peacebuilding action by:

1. Sponsoring at least two club peacebuilding activities per year.  
RAGFP encourages projects that introduce peace curricula in local schools, clubs and other child and/or youth groups (several examples are listed under 'Resources' on the RAGFP website).

Other possibilities are projects which address:

- (i) division and polarisation and build civility and community,
- (ii) human trafficking,
- (iii) bullying,
- (iv) domestic violence, and
- (v) gang related issues in your community (the Primer has details and other suggestions).

Brief details of the peacebuilding projects are requested by the RAGFP for sharing and archives.

2. Clubs are strongly encouraged to help plan and implement District and Multi-District projects in the peace and conflict prevention/ resolution area of focus. RAGFP stands ready to assist.

## **R**aise the Profile by:

At least twice per year doing something to increase public awareness of Rotary's peacebuilding power and activities such as planting a peace pole, creating a peace garden, sponsoring a peace art or video competition for children/youth, or perhaps sponsoring a community peace conference. See the Primer for details and further suggestions.

## **S**upport Rotary Peace Centres by:

1. Increasing Club awareness about the Rotary Peace Centres and the Peace Fellow Programme by making a presentation in a Club meeting in advance of the closing deadline for the programme each year in consultation with your TRF TRF District Rotary Peace Fellowships Subcommittee Chair.
2. Becoming aware of Rotary Peace Fellows residing in your area by checking the [RotaryPeace Fellowship Alumni Association](#) and engaging them in Club presentations and projects. Encourage them to become Rotarians, RAGFP members and to be involved in Rotary if they are not.
3. Engaging Club members in helping to find qualified candidates who could be nominated for a Rotary Peace Fellowship. Support any candidate which your Club puts forward through the nomination process. Stay in touch with them.
4. If your Rotary District has made a commitment to financially support Rotary Peace Centres as a Peacebuilder District (by contributing 25,000\$US to Rotary International Foundation each year) help your District raise the funds.

