

Community and Vocational Committee.

Rotalec – Some Encouraging Developments

Department for Education and Skills (DfES) decided last month to nominate Life Education Centres (LECs) as a “Primary Citizenship Resource” and to recommend it to the teaching community commissioned a film to be shown on the television programme RESOURCE REVIEW for the channel ‘Teachers’ TV’.

Teachers’ TV is a digital channel for teachers funded by the DfES and is broadcast on channel 803 on NTL Cable and can also be viewed online at www.teachers.tv - should be ready for viewing by 2006.

This gives Government backing and stamp of approval for Life Education Centres and once the educational reforms have been put through then it will mean tremendous publicity for Life Education Centres and Rotalec and Rotary. We made sure when they were filming the mobile classroom in use with a class that sufficient shots were taken of the side panel complete with the Rotary emblem and names of Clubs supporting Rotalec.

If the subjects Life Education Centres are developing for educating Primary School children are finalised for the National Curriculum (already in motion and being accepted by the Education authorities – actually being rammed down their throats by The PM) then LECs in the country will be the only ones able to give this type of education. What it means for Rotalec is demand will be high and our marketing will be well taken care of. The problem I see is that we may not be ready for this when it comes as the current set up is hardly able to cope with Rotalec servicing 3 boroughs viz., Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster and Hammersmith & Fulham. We may have to expand and expand fast involving other Rotary Clubs and interested non-Rotarians. The task seems monumental and I again appeal for help and volunteers.

You will notice I haven’t mentioned money i.e. because we don’t know whether provisos will be made for the service suppliers.

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