

PROFILE: Group Study Exchange Area Co-ordinator

The role of the GSE committee is to facilitate the best possible exchange between Rotary in London and the District Governors chosen exchange partner District.

The committee comprises six Area co-ordinators whose responsibility is to work together to provide a comprehensive programme for the incoming GSE Team and to help to promote the outgoing Team.

The co-ordinator should involve all the Clubs in their respective Areas to help with different aspects of the programme and also to put forward volunteers for “home hosting” which is a vital part of the exchange.

The Incoming programme encompasses aspects relating to Incoming Team Vocations, our Way of Life, the Fabric of our Society, Rotary in London and History & Culture. We look to arrange visits that show our Health and Education systems, Law and Order, the multi-cultural/religious nature of our society.

Each Area looks to have 10 hosts with each providing bed & breakfast for 3 or 4 nights for a Team member together with some transportation and depending on the programme some evening meals.

The Group Study Exchange programme has been running for many years and significant parts are rolled over from previous exchanges, but the co-ordinators do need to work together updating the programme and ensuring that duplications do not occur and that overall there is a balanced programme. Co-ordinators support each other – no one is left to work in a vacuum!

With regard to the Outgoing Team, the co-ordinators should promote the exchange to Rotary Clubs and Rotarians to generate interest for both Team Leader and Team Members. Both will be chosen following an interview and a number of applicants are required to ensure that the system is “honest”. A rigorous contested selection process should ensure that Rotary in London has the best possible GSE Team Leader and Team Members.

The role of Area co-ordinator is very rewarding, being at the centre of one of The Rotary Foundation principle education programmes.

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