



WHAT IS RYLA?

Rotary Young Leaders Awards

District 9999 RYLA is a five-day residential high energy program designed to further develop young leaders between the ages of 20 and 30. The Rotary District 9999 encompasses Rotary Clubs around the whole South Island.

The next RYLA course will be held in Queenstown on 28 January -2nd February 2024.

Every year, RYLA engages Rotary clubs around the world to help the next generation of leaders expand their skills. The RYLA Queenstown program is an intensive 5 night camp, where participants are recognised as current and future adult leaders. There is also a course held in Christchurch for 18-25 year olds.

RYLA is very much about collaboration and the program enjoys substantial goodwill within the wider community, each year attracting cooperation from community and cultural organisations and business, civic and national leaders. Each supporter understands the long-term benefits our young leaders gain from their RYLA experience.

The RYLA organising committee is a passionate bunch of Rotary volunteers who come together each year to plan and provide an extensive program of interactional activities and workshops within a positive and supportive environment. This is enhanced each year by a handful of previous attendees of RYLA, who return to play a peer-mentoring and support role and who assist in running the RYLA program as team leaders.

RYLA is an invaluable program that brings together individuals to harness creativity, diversity, inspiration, and energy to cultivate personal growth, challenge limits and empower long-lasting meaningful change.

While on the program, participants engage in seminars, activities, group discussions and interactions with other like-minded adult leaders from all walks of life and for many this is life changing. Participants will also make valuable vocational contacts, new networks, and amazing new friends.

More than 25,000 young leaders graduate from RYLA courses each year around the world. It helps to develop self-confidence and a wide range of personal skills such as planning, personal organisation, public speaking and helps participants to understand the requirements of many aspects of personal leadership, community, and business. Simply put, the RYLA program is designed to grow young leaders and provide the resources for them to thrive and to go on to empower other young leaders.

Participants can expect to cover:

Self – *Who am I? How can I be the best I can be?*

Career – *What is expected of me? How can I develop leadership skills to get ahead?*

Leadership – *Aspirations: What do I want to achieve? How will I accomplish my goals?*

Community - *What is Community? What groups do I identify with? How can I make a difference?*

And they will explore how to:

- ✓ Grow and develop as a leader and how to inspire others
- ✓ Discover and develop their own personal skills and strengths
- ✓ Challenge themselves physically and mentally to extend their capabilities
- ✓ Interact with and learn from inspirational business and community leaders
- ✓ Network with like-minded individuals from varying backgrounds
- ✓ Advance their ability to operate and communicate effectively in a team environment

RYLA Values: Harnessing diversity and utilising strengths in others | Developing self-leadership | Inspiring courage | Tolerance and understanding uniqueness

Our Aim: To empower young individuals to create growth within themselves and their communities through harnessing their leadership potential.

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ONLINE APPLICATIONS and further information can be found by clicking this link – www.d9999rylaqt.org.nz



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What does it cost?

Nothing – successful applicants are fully sponsored by a local Rotary club or can be corporate or industry sponsored, at a cost of \$1150 per person (GST exempt).

All that applicants are required to provide, is 6 days of their time, a positive attitude, an open and engaging mind, and lots of enthusiasm.

Do I qualify?

Yes, if you are aged 20-30, have the desire to be a leader of the future, have the will to invest in your own growth and have the passion to be the best you can. There is some physical activity, but equally, we encourage applications from persons with physical difficulty who are self-sufficient.

What's in it for me?

This course will benefit you if your intention is to:

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What can I expect?

Every day is different. There will be inspirational and informational speakers every day, group discussions, fun & games, team challenges, physical activities, off-site visits, and a community project that you will work on as a team.

You will probably discover things about yourself that you did not know. The other RYLarians will be a diverse and interesting group of people and you will make life-long friends with many, if not all of them. You will also make important and valuable connections and networks. RYLA is something that you will remember for many years to come.

The food is a.m.a.z.i.n.g! and prepared by professional caterers. Past RYLarians have declared it the best ever and say they need to go home to go on a diet.

Where is RYLA held?

RYLA is held at Lakeland Park Camp on Peninsula Road, Kelvin Heights, Queenstown. The camp has comfortable and modern facilities and beautiful views. There is grass volleyball, playing fields, Archery, orienteering courses, frisbee golf, a pool table, and a table-tennis available to use.

There is plenty of parking on site.

See you there!