

扶輪基金會主委文告



全世界人口有百分之五十是 30 歲以下。因此我們必須問：青少年們要什麼？當然，每個世代都必須問這問題。但它也是扶輪今天的重要問題，因為社區本身一直在逐步發展和改變，如果我們要對社區提供最好的服務的話，我們的扶輪社必須改進發展。

世界經濟論壇近來針對 186 個國家的 30,000 多個 30 歲以下年輕人，做了一個「全球塑造者問卷調查」。

多數作答者認為氣候變遷及武裝衝突是我們面臨的最關鍵問題。他們也重視「起步的生態系統及創業精神」的啟動，認為它對於培養青少年能力至關重要。然而，對於他們的呼籲是否能被聽到，他們較不樂觀。過半數作答者不認為，他們的國家做重要決定之前會考量「青少年的看法」。（有某些好消息：在我今年到數十個國家旅行期間，許多扶輪青年服務團團員跟我說，他們相信扶輪領導人們有聽到他們的意見！）

很明顯的，青少年們想要對我們的世界及他們的社區所關心的問題有所改善。畢竟，當他們投入一個計畫時，他們希望看見成果。一個很好的例子是新澤西州 Branchburg 鎮扶輪社的土耳其 Tulsi 及阿尼爾·瑪哈佳 Anil Maharjan 這對父子檔扶輪社員。在我們基金會的獎助金的協助之下，土耳其和阿尼爾正在尼泊爾執行小額信用貸款、獎學金，及興建住宅等計畫，來幫助 2015 年震災的倖存者。

幸好 2016 年立法會議所做的改變，各扶輪社現在能彈性地以他們認為最好的方式來運作。這表示對於扶輪社模式，就以例會如何舉行而言，他們有更多的選擇。

藉由這種彈性的運用，我們能創造更多像阿尼爾——一位網路扶輪社前社員，後來加入他父親的扶輪社的例子。此外，我懇請你們要親自鼓勵扶輪青年服務團團員利用現在可用的選項：加入扶輪社而仍然保有扶青團的團員身分，以及協助他們瞭解我們的基金會如何協助他們達成他們行善於世界的夢想！

藉由今天所採取的行動，我們能為二十多萬扶輪未來領導人鋪路，而為後代子孫留下他們自己真正改善事蹟的傳統。

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我們如何以更好的方法來使青少年參與扶輪？
我要聽聽你的想法。請寄電子信件給我：

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MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR



Fifty percent of the world's population is under age 30. So it is important that we ask: What do young people want? Of course, every generation must ask this question. But it is also an important question for Rotary today, because our clubs must evolve if we are to best serve communities that, themselves, are evolving and changing all the time.

The World Economic Forum's recent Global Shapers Survey of more than 30,000 people under 30 from 186 countries offers some useful insights.

A majority of the respondents view climate change and conflict as the most critical issues we face. They also value a “start-up ecosystem and entrepreneurship” as vital to youth empowerment. However, they are less optimistic about having their voices heard. Over half the survey respondents do not think “young people's views” are considered before important decisions are made in their countries. (Some good news: During my travels to several dozen countries this year, many Rotaractors shared that they believe their voices are being heard by Rotary leaders!)

It is clear that young people want to make a difference on the issues that matter to our world and their communities. Above all, they want to see results when they commit to a project. A good example is the father-and-son team of Tulsı and Anıl Maharjan, members of the Rotary Club of Branchburg Township, New Jersey. With the help of grants from Our Foundation, Tulsı and Anıl are implementing microcredit, scholarship, and homebuilding projects in Nepal to help survivors of the 2015 earthquake.

Thanks to changes made at the 2016 Council on Legislation, clubs now have flexibility to operate as they think best. This means a broader selection of club models in terms of how meetings take place.

By embracing this flexibility, we can create more examples like Anıl – a former e-club member who joined his father's Rotary club. Further, I urge you to personally encourage Rotaractors to take advantage of the option now available to join a Rotary club while they are still members of Rotaract. And help them learn how Our Foundation can help them achieve their dreams of doing good in the world!

By taking action today, we can pave the way for more than 200,000 of Rotary's future leaders to leave their own legacy of making a real difference for generations to come.

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How can we better engage youth in Rotary? I want to hear your thoughts. Email me at paul.netzel@rotary.org.