

Got What It Takes to Study Another Culture ?



NORWAY



Rotary International thinks you do! Join a select group of young business professionals, travel to Norway, see how they do your kind of work - and have a great time too! It's called Group Study Exchange (GSE), and is one of the most successful programs in Rotary International. Most costs are paid by Rotary. District 5100 invites you to apply to join us on a GSE trip from April 27 to May 18, 2010 to beautiful Norway.

During this 3-week trip based out of Stavanger, you will meet with many people in occupations like yours. You'll learn about their education, see how business is done in their part of the world, and discuss how they meet challenges. As an ambassador of your country and your vocation, you will also teach them about your workplace. You may even find yourself helping them creatively solve problems! The new perspectives you gather during this intensive experience will serve both you and your employer well-consider it a **strategic learning opportunity!** Many team members call it "the most wonderful experience", or "life-changing."



Airfare, room, and most meals are covered by Rotary, but there will be a few hundred dollars cost per team member to cover incidentals. You will stay as a guest in the homes of Norwegian Rotarians. They and their families will share their culture and daily lives. They will show you places tourists don't get to see. And they will do it all with great hospitality and caring for which Norwegian people are famous. You may come away with lifelong friendships.



Of course you will experience much more: fabulous fjords, beautiful lakes, rugged mountains, native cuisine, and fascinating arts and culture. Everything will be arranged by the Rotarians of District 2250 in Norway—all you have to do is look, listen, learn, share and enjoy!

However, this is much more than a vacation. Now, more than ever, the world needs programs like Rotary's GSE to build bridges between cultures, strengthen international relationships, and contribute to world peace. People at work today need to share "best practices" around the world. Your days and many evenings during the exchange will be very busy. Your team will study hard and develop quality presentations about your lifestyle, family and work, and the history, culture, demographics and geography of the Pacific Northwest, and you will make presentations to many Rotary clubs and conferences in Norway. You will also study Norway and its people, learning their history, politics, geography, economy, culture, spirituality, and more. On your return, you will present the results of your exchange to our District conference and clubs in this area. It is part of Rotary's mission to build goodwill, bridges of understanding and better friendships around the world. For over 50 years Rotarians have led teams of young business and professional people to foreign destinations.

So ... would you like to travel to a foreign country with a different culture?

- Are you 25-40 years of age* and in good health?
- A U.S. citizen? Well educated? Open to learning?
- Do you have good vocational skills? Ready to share enthusiastically?
- Willing to learn new methods and skills applicable to your work?
- Ready to work as part of a team with a demanding schedule?



If you've got what it takes, we invite you to **apply now!**
(*Age is determined as of the last day of the exchange.)

Access Applications online: www.district5100.org (see the Rotary Foundation, GSE section, Team Member Application). To learn more about GSE: www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse
Frequently Asked Questions: www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/gse_faq.pdf
For more about Rotary: www.Rotary.org and about our Rotary District: www.district5100.org

For further information or questions, contact: Vicki Yates, Tel: 503-656-9792 or email: vicki@yateslaw.com



Completed applications with all attachments should be mailed to: Vicki Yates, 705 John Adams Street, Oregon City, OR 97045 or fax: 503-656-5353. The deadline for postmark or fax is August 28, 2009. Please verify all pages were received and legible. Soon after that deadline we will review all applications, and screen the best applicants to interview in-person. Interviews will take place on Sept. 12th and applicants must be available that day to be considered for the team.

The "fine print": GSE team members must live or work within District 5100 (Northern Oregon, including Salem metro area to Baker City, and north, plus Southwest Washington). You must be employed full time in a recognized job or profession. You will need the permission of your employer and the full support of your spouse, children or family. Employees of Rotarians or their companies are eligible; but you are not eligible if you are: • the spouse of another team member • a Rotarian or honorary Rotarian; an employee of Rotary • a spouse or lineal descendant of a Rotarian, or an honorary Rotarian, or a Rotary employee • However, if that Rotarian resigned more than 3 years before application, you may be eligible. This is a summary from Rotary publications; for more details refer to the web links above.

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