**ROTARY CLUB OF CANTERBURY**

**MINI GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (MGSE)**

**WHAT IS MGSE**

One of the objects of Rotary is: "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service".

The Rotary Club of Canterbury has established contact Clubs in four European Countries: France (St Quentin), Belgium (Leuven), Germany (Lüdenscheid) and Holland (Leiden). The Clubs meet each year by rotation in one of the five countries in the spring and undertake a number of joint ventures.

One of the benefits of our Pentangular Group is that we arrange for two young people from Canterbury to meet with two people from each of the four member Clubs in one of the five host cities for a week. The purpose is to learn more of each other and their countries and again to establish friendships, which often last for many years after the brief week together.

**WHERE AND WHEN WILL IT TAKE PLACE IN 2017?**

This year the ten selected young people from these five countries will meet in the German city of Lüdenscheid between 27th August and 3rd September. They will each stay with a host Rotarian and her / his family.

**WHAT DOES IT COST?**

The event costs the participants nothing other than their personal spending money. The Rotary Club of Canterbury contributes directly to the host Club and will pay travel expenses between the UK and Lüdenscheid.

**WHO CAN APPLY**

You must be between 18 and 25 years of age, from the Canterbury area and able to demonstrate that you can benefit from this wonderful opportunity to mix with people from different nations and cultures.

You will be an ambassador of the Rotary Club of Canterbury and therefore we ask that you demonstrate the ability to represent the Club. You must be the holder of a current passport.

**WHAT DO I DO? WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME?**

This draft programme has already been drawn up. It may be subject to slight amendment.

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| Sun: 27/08 | Travel Canterbury to Lüdenscheid. Welcome Evening |
| Mon: 28/08 | Sightseeing and attend lunch meeting of Rotary Club of Lüdenscheid |
| Tue: 29/08 | Industrial Day: Medical, Steel, Electronic |
| Wed 30/08 | Sport Day: Indoor Climbing, Golf |
| Thu: 31/08 | Vocational Day: Laboratory, School, Hospital, Lighting Company |
| Fri: 01/09 | Social Day / Social Projects |
| Sat: 02/09 | Marburg Discovery Tour (Marburg is a nearby historical town) |
| Sun: 03/09 | Departure back home to Canterbury after lunch |

**HOW DO YOU APPLY AND WHAT HAPPENS THEN?**

* Complete the attached short application form, which must be received by Monday 12th June.
* It is in Word document form so that you can expand your answers as you see fit.
* E-mail the application to the Club’s President, Martin Ward at [rotary@wardcby.com](mailto:rotary@wardcby.com)
* Please include a copy of the photograph page of your passport.
* If you have any queries, contact Martin via the email address above.
* A shortlisting exercise will be held during the following week with interviews held on Thursday 22nd June at which the two participants and a reserve will be selected.

**MGSE APPLICATION**

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| **PERSONAL DETAILS** | |
| SURNAME |  |
| FIRST NAMES |  |
| DATE OF BIRTH |  |
| TELEPHONE |  |
| MOBILE |  |
| E-MAIL |  |
| HOME ADDRESS |  |
| EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name, relationship, address, telephone, e-mail) |  |

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| **ABOUT YOU** | |
| EDUCATION |  |
| INTERESTS |  |
| WORK RECORD |  |
| HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT FROM TAKING PART IN MGSE? |  |
| WHAT WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE TO OTHERS INVOLVED IN MGSE? |  |
| WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFE SO FAR? |  |
| WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE? |  |
| ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TELL US? |  |