

## **MINI GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (MGSE) 2023**



### **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. The group is known as The Pentangular Group.

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 2023?**

This year the ten selected young people from these five countries will meet in Leuven, Belgium, between Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### **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 registration and participation costs.

### **WHO CAN APPLY**

If you are 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, then you are welcome to apply. You are asked to demonstrate three things:

1. How you will benefit personally from being part of this international gathering
2. How your selection will contribute to benefit of the other participants.
3. You will be an ambassador of the Rotary Club of Canterbury and therefore we ask that you demonstrate the ability to represent the Club.

### **WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME?**

This draft programme is being drawn-up and will consist of a mix of social, vocational and sporting activities

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### HOW DO I APPLY AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Complete the attached short application form, which must be received by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**
- It is in Word document form so that you can expand your answers as you see fit.
- E-mail the application to [mgse@rotarycanterbury.org.uk](mailto:mgse@rotarycanterbury.org.uk)
- A shortlisting exercise will be held after 26<sup>th</sup> May and interviews will take place soon afterwards at which two participants will be selected.
- If you have any queries, contact the Rotary Club via the above email address.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Aged 18-25
2. Live, work or study in Canterbury
3. Willingness to act as an 'ambassador' for the Rotary Club of Canterbury. Knowledge of Rotary's aims and objectives will be an advantage.
4. Ability to show an aptitude for mixing with similar young people from the other four European Pentangular countries.
5. Ability to describe your hoped for outcomes from the experience.
6. Willingness to come back to a Rotary Club meeting to recount their experiences during the week away.
7. Have a valid passport allowing unimpeded entry to EU countries.

## MGSE APPLICATION 2023

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

<b>ABOUT YOU</b>	
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?	

Note: The sections will expand as you type

Email completed application to: [mgse@rotarycanterbury.org.uk](mailto:mgse@rotarycanterbury.org.uk) by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023