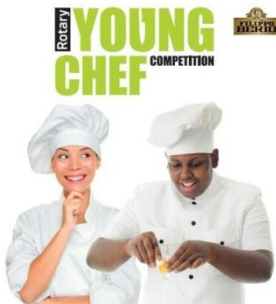
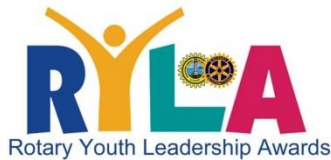
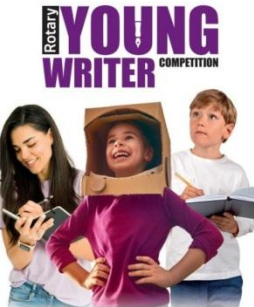


Youth Competitions 2026 – 2027 Folkestone & Hythe District



This is an exciting opportunity for young people to develop public speaking skills. There are two age groups for the Competition – Intermediate 11 to 13 and Senior 14 to 17 (as at August 31st 2026)

Rotary
YOUTH
SPEAKS
COMPETITION



Teams

The competition is open to teams of three, entered by schools, colleges, and youth groups within the UK and Ireland. Each team will be sponsored by a local Rotary club.

Format

Each Youth Speaks team consists of:

The Chairperson, the Speaker and the Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. The Chairperson has two minutes to welcome the audience, to introduce the Speaker and to inform the audience of the relevance or expertise of the Speaker towards his/her chosen subject. The Speaker then has six minutes to deliver an address and a maximum of two minutes to address a question from the audience. Finally the Vote of Thanks is given by the Proposer for two minutes.

Topics or Themes

The Speaker is free to choose their topic, subject to organisers' suggestions of a theme being noted and also subject to the organisers' approval and guidelines with regard to offensive matter being adhered to. The standard of entrants is always very high and the events are highly entertaining and impressive matter.

Date and Venue

We will hold the competition on 3rd February, 2027, at Brockhill Performing Arts College who have done us proud in previous years.

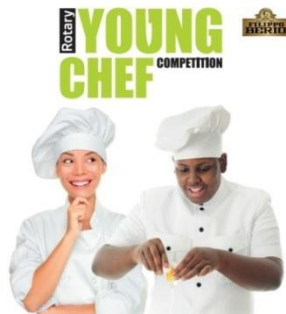
To Enter

Entry forms from **Rtn. Collen Hill** of the Rotary Club of Hythe

Tel: 01303 627080

Email: collen.hill@sky.com

This competition was created to give young people the chance to show off their creative culinary talents, to promote healthy eating and to learn important life skills.



Entrants

Open to 11-17 year olds (as at 31st August 2026) Year 7 to Year 12, the competition starts with Rotary-led competitions at a local venue, such as a school or college. The winners proceed to the district competition and onwards to a regional final and, ultimately, to the UK and Ireland final.

The Challenge

The young chefs prepare a healthy main course for two people, to be served up on 2 plates with a budget for the ingredients of up to £10. (This will be reimbursed to the student on production of receipts). The young chefs are judged on their healthy menu, planning and organisational skills, hygiene, preparation skills and, of course, the taste and presentation of their meal.

As each chef has to operate within the same limited budget and in the same kitchens, it is truly the talent and ability that is judged. The standard of cooking that our young chefs' deliver at all levels is excellent and our professional judges have a very tough challenge ahead.

Date and Venue

The local round of the competition in Folkestone & Hythe District will take place on 17th November at Turner Free School, Tile Kiln Lane, Folkestone

To Enter

Entry forms from **Rtn. Kate McNeice** of the Rotary Club of Folkestone

Tel: 07786 365533

Email: kate.mcneice@folkestonerotary.org

Theme: “Friendship”

Introduction

The Young Artist Competition is a new competition organised and promoted by rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (Rotary GBI)



Aims & Objectives

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- Be creative
- Develop skills in using traditional or contemporary media
- Demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- Express personal ideas through a selected medium

Who can take part?

This competition is open to students, in full time education, in three age groups:

- Junior 7 to 10 years old
- Intermediate 11 to 13 years old
- Senior 14 to 17 years old

Above ages as at 31st August 2026

Competition Guidelines

The task is to produce one finished 2-dimensional piece of artwork based upon the theme “**Friendship**”

To accompany the submission, each entrant must provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of the artwork to the theme. Artwork will not be returned unless specifically requested.

How to Enter

Entries for the local round of the competition must be submitted **together with an official entry form** by 1st March, 2027. They can be collected from schools if necessary.

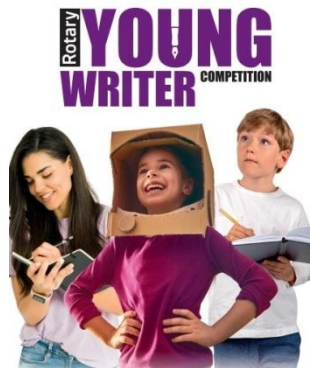
Entries to **Rtn. Brian Banks** of the Rotary Club of Channel (Folkestone)

Tel: 07929 331353

Email: begbanks@btinternet.com

For further details see Channel Rotary website link on final page.

This National Young Writer Competition is a well- established and successful competition promoted by RIBI (Rotary International in Britain and Ireland) It is a three-stage competition designed to support and encourage development of writing skills



Aims

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

Use their writing skills

Write with imagination and creativity

Who can take part?

This competition is open to students, in full time education, in three age groups:

- Junior 7 to 10 years old
- Intermediate 11 to 13 years old
- Senior 14 to 17 years old

Above ages as at 31st August 2026

Competition Guidelines

The task is to produce a written or typed story in prose entitled “**Friendship**”.

The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, a prose or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme. Questions have been asked about spelling and although this is not an issue, the only advice to be given are that judges of this competition have made comment upon spelling in the past.

For prose entries – an A4 page or 500 hundred words is a suggested suitable submission; up to a maximum of 40 lines for poetry entries.

How to Enter

Entries for the local round of the competition must be submitted **together with an official entry form** by 1st March, 2027.

They can be collected from schools if necessary.

Entries to **Rtn. Gill Singfield** of the Rotary Club of Romney Marsh.

Tel: 01797 367258

Email: gilsingfield@btinternet.com

For further details see Channel Rotary website link on final page.

Each year since 2000, Rotary Clubs within Rotary District have offered young people, between the ages of 14 and 17, within their communities the opportunity to participate in the unique RYLA experience.



The Aim of RYLA

To encourage the development of teamwork and leadership skills in young people who have the potential to be future community professionals and business leaders.

How is this done?

By making use of a residential experience and outward bound activities to:

- create various environments for them to operate in
- build team spirit to enable them to work effectively
- encourage the recognition and use of skills in others
- discover things about themselves
- build confidence in themselves and others
- encourage and support each other
- discuss and establish characteristics of effective leaders
- provide leadership opportunities in practical situations
- provide opportunities to get involved in service to others
- and by making the whole experience thoroughly enjoyable

Who is eligible?

The short answer is that there is no particular type of person. Indeed the success of the course depends on there being a good mix of different ages (between 14 and almost 18), backgrounds and experience, all with leadership potential.

The next RYLA event takes place in April 2027. It will be held at the Bowles Outdoor Centre at Rotherfield Nr Tunbridge Wells. The location, the facilities and the staff combine to ensure the ideal mix for an enjoyable and memorable experience from which those participating will derive great benefit.

Cost

All costs are met by the sponsoring Rotary Clubs, excluding travel expenses, but often the sponsoring club will arrange these for you.

RYLA Dates

Friday, 9th to Sunday 11th April, 2027

To enter please contact your local Rotary club.

2026 - 2027 Events Calendar at a Glance

Youth Speaks *

Local Clubs 3rd February, 2027 - Brockhill Performing Arts College

Young Chef *

Local Clubs 17th November 2027 – Turner Free School, Folkestone

District 14th February, 2027

Regional TBC

National 24th April, 2027

Young Artist

Theme for 2024 – **“Friendship”** - Entries by 1st March, 2027

Local Clubs 1st March, 2027

District 26th March, 2027

National 30th April, 2027

Young Writer

Theme for 2024 – **“Friendship”** - Entries by 1st March 2027

Local clubs 1st March, 2027

District 26th March, 2027

National 30th April, 2027

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Courses are held at:

The Bowles Outdoor Centre Sandhills Lane,
Rotherfield, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9LW
9th - 11th April, 2027

This brochure appears on Channel Rotary’s website at:

<https://channelrotary.co.uk/youth-competitions-2026-2027>

**where it can be downloaded, together with
information Packs and Entry forms for the
above-mentioned competitions.**

