



Allocation of clubs to Rotary Community Groups

Questions and Answers

Q What was the main principle behind the geographic groups?

A The main principle of the groups was to scale up activity through collaboration – each Rotary Community Group (RCG) will look at how they can work together to grow Rotary in the area their RCG covers.

Q What about Rotaract clubs?

A Rotaract clubs belong to two Rotary Community Groups – a geographic group and a Rotaract-specific online group. This recognises the contribution and needs of Rotaract clubs in their geographic communities, as well as their Rotaract-specific communities.

Q What about E-Clubs?

A An online Rotary Community Group with its own Rotary Community Leaders is being set up for E-clubs.

Q What if my club's Rotary Community Group doesn't include clubs I already collaborate with?

A No problem, you can still collaborate with any clubs you wish to. There are many successful collaborations across our Zone. Rotary Community Groups aren't replacing those.

Q Our club wanted to be grouped with other clubs that were involved in [Rotary Youth Exchange/homelessness/particular projects etc], but that didn't happen, why is that?

A You can collaborate with other clubs for a specific reason which is encouraged! However, that doesn't require being in a Rotary Community Group (RCG) together. The geographic RCG is a broader collaboration, seeking to grow Rotary and develop the clubs in the area the RCG covers.

Q Our club wanted to be in a mixed urban and rural group across a large area of our District, but that didn't happen, why is that?

A It would be hard to make this work from a growth perspective. It would create holes in some groups that would be stronger working together on their part of the District. However, the idea of urban and rural clubs interacting and supporting each other more is a great idea. Bring it forward to your Rotary Community Group. The respective Rotary Community Leaders can work together to make this happen.

Q Our club only wanted to be with other [more traditional/more modern] clubs but our Rotary Community Group is a mixture, why is that?

A The area covered by geographic Rotary Community Groups (RCGs) often includes a mix of club types. The key thing is that the RCG doesn't override the individual autonomy and culture of the individual clubs. This offers more choice to prospective

members and ensures a variety of perspectives in the group. Each club will be invited to look at their own development path in light of the group's vision and growth plan.

Q Our club is large and strong and we don't need to be in a group, why have we been put in one?

A Large and strong clubs are as much a part of Rotary's growth journey as anyone. They won't stay large and strong if Rotary dies around them – eventually they will die too. The core principle of the new model is working together to ensure that Rotary in our Zone doesn't just survive but thrives.

Q Will clubs in the Rotary Community Groups help with each other's projects?

A They might, but the primary purpose of the groups is not to 'scratch each other's backs'. There's nothing wrong with that, but it's not what the groups are for. The group could choose an existing project to collaborate on, but the intention would be to 'upscale' that project across the whole area, rather than everyone focus on the area of one club.

Q Our club thought there was going to be another opportunity to identify the particular clubs we wanted to be grouped with, but we have been put in a group already, why is that?

A The club preferences form was the way clubs could communicate what they wanted – there was no 'part b'.

Q Our club has been grouped with another club/other clubs we don't want to work with, what can we do about that?

A We request that you give it a go. The initial stage of establishing the groups is highly intensive and we won't have the capacity to revisit the allocations until that is completed. Once the groups are underway, if it really isn't working for you, let your Rotary Community Leader know and we will have another look at it.

Q Will the Rotary Community Groups be reviewed?

A Yes, unless there is a particular reason to review the placement of a particular club or clubs earlier, they will be reviewed before the next Rotary Community elections in two years' time.