

Information for Corporate & Business Sponsors

The Rotary Young Leaders Awards – Rotary District 9999 <https://rotarydistrict9999.org/>

Christchurch Course 18 January – 22 January 2026



Investing in your Rising Stars



RYLA (The Rotary Young Leaders Awards) is an invaluable programme that brings together individuals to harness creativity, diversity, inspiration, energy, and leadership to cultivate personal growth, challenge limits and empower.

Do you believe in investing in your young leaders? Do you see potential in someone within your workplace that needs to be unleashed and positively developed? If you understand the value these young people will bring to your business, then RYLA is the right choice to help grow them and your business.

RYLA is a 4 day live-in residential leadership course and is probably the most competitively priced leadership programme available at just \$1,100pp +GST.

Values

To harness diversity and utilising strengths in others | To inspire courage | Tolerance and understanding uniqueness

Aim

To empower young adults to create growth within themselves and their communities.

Participants will

- ★ Grow and develop as a leader and how to effectively lead others
- ★ Discover their own personal skills and strengths
- ★ Challenge themselves physically and mentally to extend their capabilities
- ★ Interact with and learn from inspirational business and community leaders
- ★ Network with like-minded individuals from varying backgrounds
- ★ Develop and learn public speaking techniques
- ★ Advance their ability to operate and communicate effectively in a team environment

Get in touch

Further enquiries can be directed to your local Rotary Club Representative or

The Christchurch Facilitators -
Cashmere Rotary Club

Contact: Alan Morgan

Email d9999rylachch@gmail.com

★ Corporate / Industry Course Fee
\$1,175 +GST per person

★ Applications close 18th November 2025.

★ Send applications to
d9999rylachch@gmail.com

★ Course Dates 18 - 22 January 2026

★ Access to FULL INFO PACK [here](#)



The Rotary Young Leaders Awards Christchurch, Empowering Young Leaders Aged 18-25

**The next RYLA course to be held in Christchurch is on
Sunday 18 January - Thursday 22 January 2026**

RYLA Christchurch is a high-energy, four-day residential program for young leaders who are already showing leadership potential or currently in leadership roles. It's designed to build confidence and stretch the skills, and sharpen the mindset needed to take leadership to the next level. Through interactive workshops, outdoor challenges, group projects, inspiring guest speakers, and guided self-reflection, participants explore what leadership really means.

We know leadership isn't one-size-fits-all. It's more than just being the one out front — and that path isn't for everyone. At RYLA, participants will discover other powerful ways to lead like sparking new ideas, driving change, inspiring others, or making an impact quietly from behind the scenes. Different styles, same influence.

Along the way, lasting networks and friendships will form, with many past RYLarians calling the experience life changing. The program is led by a dedicated committee and returning alumni who act as peer mentors, support participants, and help deliver the program.

Every year, more than 25,000 young leaders worldwide take part in the RYLA experience.

Simply put, RYLA empowers young leaders with confidence, skills, and a mindset to thrive—and inspire the next generation to do the same

RYLA Values: Harnessing diversity and utilising strengths in others | Developing self-leadership & self-responsibility | Inspiring courage | Tolerance and understanding uniqueness | Empower long-lasting meaningful change

Our Aim: To empower young individuals to create growth within themselves and their communities through harnessing their leadership potential

Participants can expect to cover:

Self – Who am I? How can I be the best I can be?

Career – What is expected of me? How can I develop leadership skills to get ahead? And to lead others?

Leadership – Aspirations: What do I want to achieve? How will I accomplish my goals?

Community - What is Community? What groups do I identify with? How can I make a difference?

Participants will explore how to:

- ✓ Advance their ability to operate and communicate effectively in a team environment
- ✓ Grow and develop as a leader and how to inspire others
- ✓ Discover and develop their own personal skills and strengths
- ✓ Challenge themselves physically and mentally to extend their capabilities
- ✓ Interact with and learn from inspirational business and community leaders
- ✓ Network with like-minded individuals from varying backgrounds

Enquiries can be made to: District 9999 RYLA Christchurch Facilitator, Alan Morgan a.morgan@xtra.co.nz

RYLA – FAQs for participants

What does it cost?

Nothing for the applicant – successful applicants are fully sponsored by a local Rotary club or can be corporate, or industry sponsored.

All that applicant is required to provide is 5 days of their time, a positive attitude, an open and engaging mind, and lots of enthusiasm.

Do I qualify?

Yes, if you are aged 18-25 and have the desire to be a leader of the future, have the will to invest in your own growth and have the passion to be the best you can. There is some physical activity, but equally, we encourage applications from persons with physical difficulty who are self-sufficient.

What's in it for me?

This course will benefit you if your intention is to:

- Grow and develop as a leader
- Discover and develop your own personal skills and strengths
- Challenge yourself physically and mentally to extend your capabilities
- Interact with and learn from inspirational business and community leaders
- Network with like-minded individuals from varying backgrounds
- Advance your ability to operate and communicate effectively in a team environment

What can I expect?

No two days at RYLA are the same.

Expect inspiring speakers, group discussions, team challenges, physical activities, off-site visits, and a hands-on community project. Along the way, you'll discover new strengths, build lasting friendships, and connect with a diverse group of future leaders.

Where & when is RYLA held?

RYLA Christchurch is held at College House, Waimairi Road, Christchurch. The venue has comfortable and modern facilities. You will have a room of your own, with a shared bathroom.

Please arrive at 12pm on Sunday 18th January 2026
Concludes at 4.30pm on Thursday 22nd January 2026.

There is plenty of parking on site.

See you there!

CHRISTCHURCH APPLICATION FORM

- **Candidate** - completes sections 1 to 8, or to access full info pack and apply online click [HERE](#)
- **Employers & Industry Sponsors** - complete section 9 (*Clubs can also do this on behalf*)
- **Rotary Clubs** - complete section 10
- Email your handwritten application, a signed Commitment & Consent form, and a profile photo to d9999rylachch@gmail.com by **18 November 2025**
- Late applications may be accepted if spaces are still available.
- All personal information is confidential unless needed for your health or safety. Please answer honestly—this won't affect your acceptance.

Feel free to email if you have any questions d9999rylachch@gmail.com or call 0274 356 615

Thank you

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname	
Given Name	
Preferred Name	
Address – Street # and name	
Town / City	
Mobile Phone	
Email Address	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Sex (M/F/Other)	
Shirt Size (S/M/L/XL)	(Sizing is what you normally wear)

2. EMERGENCY CONTACT

(CAN BE A FAMILY MEMBER, PARTNER, OR NOMINATED ROTARIAN)

Contact Name	
Relationship	
Mobile Phone	
Alternative Phone	
Email Address	

3. HEALTH (*Optional) *Discretion is available if this application will be handled by other parties outside of the RYLA committee. You will be asked about this again during the final interview with the RYLA Committee member handling your application.*

For the safety of all candidates, all medication must be disclosed to the RYLA Organising Committee and third-party providers relevant to the programme.

Any information disclosed will not affect your acceptance onto the course.

* Any Health / Medical Conditions	
*Current Medication	
*Dietary Requirements AND/OR Allergies	
*Is there anything we need to be aware of? (ie triggers, phobias, fears)	

4. EDUCATION

Tech/University attended	
Courses Taken Or Degrees Obtained	
Year Currently in or final Year Attended	
Special Awards or Recognitions	

5. OCCUPATION

Current employer	
Position held and are you Full Time or Part Time?	
Period of employment	
Do you need to ask for time off?	

6. RECREATIONAL INTERESTS & INVOLVEMENT

Sport	
Organisations / Clubs	
Hobbies	
Community Volunteering groups	

7. NOMINEES QUESTIONS

Are you able to bring all the necessary equipment? <i>You can ask your Rotary club sponsor to help if necessary.</i>	
Describe your level of fitness: 1 -5 (5 being awesome)	
You will be sponsored into this leadership programme. Briefly, why do you think you are a worthy candidate?	
Who will be paying for you to attend RYLA..... <i>Please select one</i> • Yourself • A Rotary Club • Employer or Corporate • I am looking for a sponsor	<i>I understand that I may be asked to speak to the Rotary Club who nominated me.</i>

8. DECLARATION

I, ... **being the Applicant, acknowledge and understand the following**

Requirement	Details
Code of Conduct	I have read and understand the Code of Conduct (HERE) and will adhere to the course requirements and the instructions of the RYLA committee and/or venue managers
Accommodation	I understand I will have a private room but will share a bathroom with others.
Privacy Act	I agree to my name and contact details being used on a list of awardees for RYLA follow-up, administration, and Alumni list
Photos	I authorize the RYLA Christchurch Committee to use appropriate photos in future presentations or publicity
Medical consent	I authorise the RYLA Christchurch Committee and give consent on my behalf to any necessary medical or surgical treatment, and I undertake to meet any costs incurred.
Photo submission	I will include a head and shoulders passport style photo in .jpg or similar format along with application

Signed:

Date:

9. FOR EMPLOYER OR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP USE *Employer/Industry Sponsor please complete*

Name of Business/Industry	
Name of Sponsor/Contact	
Position	
Mobile Phone	
Other Phone	
Email	
The corporate contact is aware the course fee is \$1,175pp (plus GST)	☐ YES – Please provide invoice to the contact and email above ☐ NO – Please make contact or provide more information

10. FOR THE NOMINATING ROTARY CLUB USE *Club please complete and return this page, along with the Interview Sheet if applicant has applied online*

The Rotary Club of recommends and endorses this Applicant be selected for the RYLA 2026 Programme

Rotarian Contact Name	
Position in Club	
Rotarian Mobile Phone	
Email	

NOTES FOR NOMINATING ROTARY CLUB, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SPONSORS

- Clubs are required to endorse any corporate sponsored nominees.
- Clubs are to use the correct forms and are responsible for interviewing, completing, and submitting the paperwork including a head shot photo of applicant (unless application has been made online).
- Corporate sponsors can independently submit an application on behalf of their nominated staff member. Please complete section 9.
- Final acceptance of applicants remains with the RYLA Queenstown Operational Committee.
- Completed forms are to be emailed to d9999rylachch@gmail.com by **18th November 2025**. Late registrations will be accepted if maximum course numbers have not been reached.
- The application fee per awardee: **\$1,175** (GST exempt) for Rotary Clubs & charities
\$1,175 (Plus GST) for corporates

Please Note: Corporate sponsors will be separately invoiced according to the info provided in Section 9 unless advised otherwise here: (add the business name for invoicing, contact & email below if alternative to section 9)

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If you require a receipt, the email address to send receipt to is :

Please make your payment via internet banking for **RYLA Christchurch to:**

Rotary International District 9999 Inc – 01-0635-0320139-02

IMPORTANT: PLEASE REFERENCE your Club/Business and candidate name

Thank you for supporting RYLA and our Future Leaders

This is for the Applicant to keep

RYLA is a space for growth, connection, and leadership. To help create a safe, respectful, and energising environment for everyone, we ask all participants to embrace the following Code of Conduct.

Respect for People and Property

Respect the people, place, and community that make this experience possible. Let's leave the venue better than we found it and treat everyone—staff, fellow participants, volunteers, and Rotarians—with kindness and appreciation.

Noise and Rest

To support wellbeing and full participation, quiet hours are observed from **10:00 PM to 7:00 AM**. While 'lights out' isn't enforced, we encourage everyone to get enough rest to make the most of each day.

Health & Safety

In case of emergency the leadership team needs to be able to account for everyone on site. It is vital therefore, if you need to leave the site, that you advise the leadership team.

Participation

RYLA is a shared experience—your full presence helps create the magic. Please attend all sessions and limit phone use during activities so we can all stay engaged and connected.

Personal Relationships

We value the connections formed while on the course, whether professional or personal, and we encourage interactions grounded in respect, integrity, and inclusivity.

While friendships and relationships may naturally develop, we ask that participants:

- Maintain professionalism in all settings
- Be mindful of others' comfort and boundaries
- Ensure personal interactions don't disrupt the group dynamic

Let's create an environment where everyone feels safe, respected, and empowered to grow.

Prohibited Substances

The University of Canterbury / College House has a total ban on smoking, vaping and drug use on any of its premises or grounds. The RYLA course has a bar license (with conditions); bringing alcohol on to the site is otherwise forbidden.

Code Administration

We take the Code of Conduct seriously to ensure a safe and respectful space for all. If concerns arise, they'll be addressed fairly and promptly, with everyone's voice heard. Serious breaches may result in dismissal from the programme at the participants own expense.

Participant Commitment & Consent

RYLA is a unique opportunity to grow as a leader and connect with others. By joining, you're committing to a shared experience built on respect, engagement, and personal growth.

Participant Agreement

By accepting a place on the RYLA course, I confirm that I have read and understood the accompanying Code of Conduct, and I agree to the following terms:

I confirm that:

- All information I have provided is true and accurate.
- I am enrolling in the Rotary Young Leadership Awards (RYLA) programme and commit to full participation.
- I will be available for the entire duration of the programme and will attend all scheduled sessions and activities.
- I am responsible for arranging my own transport to and from the Queenstown venue.
- I will follow guidance from the RYLA Organising Committee and Leadership Team, especially regarding health and safety.
- I will abide by the course rules and uphold the RYLA Code of Conduct at all times.
- I understand that serious breaches may result in early departure from the programme, at my own expense.
- In the event of a medical emergency or if I require medical treatment, I agree to reimburse the D9999 RYLA Committee for any costs incurred, upon invoice.
- I acknowledge that my attendance is supported by a sponsoring Rotary Club, corporate partner, or employer who has invested in my leadership development. If I withdraw without sufficient notice (approx 3 weeks prior to the course start date), I understand that my sponsor may seek to recover associated costs.
- I give permission for photographs taken of me during RYLA to be used for promotional purposes.
- I consent to my name, contact details, and photograph being included in participant lists for RYLA follow-up, alumni networks, sponsor communications, and administrative use.

NAME:

SIGNED:

DATE:

This Form is to be returned with Application Form

PLEASE NOTE: The application form and this signed Commitment & Consent Form are to be emailed to: d9999rylachch@gmail.com before the advertised closing date – 18th November 2025

Late applications may be accepted if maximum course numbers have not been reached.

Please ensure all items are clearly named. The Christchurch RYLA Committee or the venue staff accept no responsibility for any loss or damage that may occur while you are on the course.

It is recommended you bring:

- 2 Shower Towels
- Personal toiletries
- A small basic personal first aid kit with pain relief and plasters etc
- Any personal medication can be put in a separate plastic bag. If any medication needs to be refrigerated, this can be arranged.
- Sunhat and sunscreen
- Casual comfortable clothing for 5 days
- Sports clothing for daily exercise
- A Polar Fleece and/or a thermal layer over layer
- Shower-proof jacket, and a Beanie
- Semi-formal wear for a social evening and good shoes
- 2 pairs of casual footwear for day to day including one 'closed toe' walking shoes
- Small day backpack
- Torch
- Camera if you wish
- Musical instruments if you wish
- Games (optional)
- Photo ID
- Laptop (optional)

DO NOT BRING:

Anything Valuable

Alcohol or Drugs