



Rotary International - District 1070 Central England Cultural Youth Exchange Camp 2026

LIVE ENGLAND !

FORGE GLOBAL FRIENDSHIPS !

SHARE YOUR WORLD !

The Central England Cultural Youth Exchange Camp is a ten-day immersive experience designed for curious, open-minded young adults who want to experience England beyond the surface.

This is not a standard sightseeing trip. It is a shared cultural journey. You will blend history, nature, city life, conversation, and connection, alongside a small group of peers.

This camp brings together just **8 participants from 8 different countries**. This intimate size is deliberate as it creates an environment where meaningful friendships form quickly, conversations go deep, and every experience is truly shared.

This camp is designed to:

- **Encourage true cultural exchange** through lived experiences.
- **Explore England's layers its history, landscapes, and modern identity** as an active explorer.
- **Build your confidence, independence, and global awareness** in a supportive setting.
- **Create lasting friendships** that become your global network.

The Heart of The Exchange

At the heart of the exchange is people and connections. The small group size guarantees you won't be a face in the crowd. It allows for **real connection, strong bonds, and a sense of belonging from the very first day.**

WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE !

Over ten days, you will experience England through movement, stories, and shared discovery. **This is learning by being there**, history and culture experienced together. Your shared adventure will include:

- **Canal Journeys:** Glide through beautiful countryside and historic towns by water. The slow pace is perfect for conversation and bonding with your new friends.
- **Castles & Estates:** Walk in the footsteps of kings and queens. Explore historic sites of power and conflict.
- **Ancient Cathedrals & Heritage:** Stand in spaces that have shaped England for centuries, feeling the weight and wonder of history.
- **The Stories of England:** Discover where key chapters of history unfolded, bringing context to the landscape around you.
- **Natural Landscapes:** Breathe in the fresh air of scenic national parks and rolling hills. This is your space to walk, reflect, and connect as a group.
- **The London Experience:** A full day exploring the iconic energy and landmarks of London, from its historic heart to its modern buzz.



Key Information

Organiser

District 1070, United Kingdom (England)

Registration Deadline

30th April, 2026

We will let you know as soon as possible if you have been selected.

Participants

- 8 participants total
- One participant per country
- Age range: 18–25
- We are looking for independent, culturally curious young adults, comfortable travelling as part of a close-knit international group.

Language

English (a working conversational level is required to ensure full participation and bonding)

Camp Fee

Once informed of your selection, the £500 camp fee will have to be paid within 28 days. We advise participants to bring additional funds for personal expenses.

Cancellations & Refunds

As places are limited, cancellations after payment is made do not guarantee a refund. If a place can be filled by another applicant, a refund may be considered.

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Base Camp

You will need to make your own travel arrangements to Leicester City, in the East Midlands (Central England) where you will be welcomed.

Camp Dates

3-13 August, 2026

Arrivals and departures are permitted only on the specified dates. Participants are responsible for organising their own travel. All arrivals must be to Leicester St Margaret's Bus Station or Leicester Railway Station by 6:00 pm on 3rd August. Participants will be collected from these arrival points. All departures should be planned from Northampton Bus Station or Northampton Railway Station from 12:00 pm onwards on 13th August. Participants will be dropped off at these departure points prior to midday departures.

Accommodation

You will stay at our *main camp hotel* for nine nights in same sex rooms (two participants per room). On the final day you will relocate to *another hotel*, in same sex rooms (two per room) prior to departure the following day.

Participants' Responsibilities

You will be responsible for:-

- Your own travel plans and arrival at St. Margaret's Bus Station in Leicester or Leicester Railway Station.
- Rotary recommended insurance cover
- Passport and visa costs (if applicable)
- Personal spending money
- During free time, participants can organise their own transport to Leicester or Loughborough town centres.

Camp Theme & Description

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