



International Youth Conference  
2019 - UKRAINE



**Dear Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and friends of Rotary International,**

A little over two years ago, a Ukrainian-American named Andrew (Andrij) Lenec arrived in Ukraine from Colorado to begin his service in the United States Peace Corps as an NGO Advisor. Upon completing his in-country training, he was providentially assigned to work with the Rotary Club of Truskavets, Ukraine, where he could put his language and cultural skills, his passion for working with youth, and his 25+ years as a Rotarian in the United States to work.

A vision and a mission quickly arose for Andy; specifically, to create an International Youth Conference in Ukraine. This conference would bring together youth from the United States, Ukraine and other countries with the goal of promoting harmonious international cooperation between the future leaders who attend the event. Andy had observed that young leaders learn best from each other, especially in international settings, and thus he began his work in the Peace Corps, which quickly spread from Truskavets to other Rotary Clubs in Ukraine. With the encouragement and support of District Governor Serhii Zavadsky, the project evolved to include a reintroduction of the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) program in Ukraine. More importantly, this vision spread to other Peace Corps volunteers, enabling it to live on after Andrij's service in Ukraine ended, and when current volunteer Shannon Carter took up the mantle of project leadership.

The vision is now a reality. Rotary District 2232, encompassing Ukraine and Belarus, and Peace Corps volunteer Shannon Carter and her team are pleased to invite you to participate in the first Ukraine International Youth Conference, which will take place this summer in Lviv, Lvivska Oblast, in western Ukraine, from July 22nd – July 27, 2019. As with other RYLA programs throughout the world, our conference will bring together young adults to study and perfect skills such as leadership, volunteerism, communication, public speaking, conflict resolution and team building, to name just a few, plus it will offer a fascinating glimpse into Ukraine's rich culture and history.

We are inviting youth leaders ages 15-19 from the United States and other countries to come and meet their counterparts from Ukraine – to share strategies, explore each other's culture, and to learn new skill sets from each other and from the best youth trainers and moderators available from the participating countries and partner groups. Conference participants may be selected from Interact and Rotaract Clubs, or from the communities that Rotary Clubs serve.

The cost of the RYLA Ukraine conference is extremely reasonable in US terms at \$360 per person. This includes conference fees, supplies, food and lodging, in-country transportation, and all excursions and cultural events.

Airfare to and from Ukraine is not included, but is also fairly reasonable and convenient via several carriers. The best city to fly into would be Lviv. We will provide assistance with ground transportation from your airport of arrival to the venue.

Please distribute this invitation to all of your Rotary contacts and to other youth leadership groups. If you have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact any of the signatories below, and especially the project organizers, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and American correspondent Andrew Lenec, current Peace Corps Ukraine Volunteer Shannon Carter, Program Director. Andy can be reached via telephone at 845-797-7286 (USA) and Shannon can be reached at +380731421810.(Ukraine) Conference email: [rylaukraine@gmail.com](mailto:rylaukraine@gmail.com).

In closing, we thank the 8 Rotary Clubs of Lviv for taking lead roles in this project, and the 10 additional current Peace Corps Volunteers in Ukraine who have signed up to assist in the planning and implementation of the conference. We would also like to thank United States Rotarians Steve Werner (Rotary Club of Denver Southeast, two time Peace Corps volunteer and founder of Partnering For Peace, an organization of Rotarians who have also served in the Peace Corps) and Bill Meyer (past president of the Rotary Club of Boulder) for their support and advice in planning this conference, as well as John Hewko, Rotary International Secretary General, who provided encouragement and ideas to Andy when he first started his work.

**Fill out the registration packet sent to your email or it can be found at**

**<https://events.eply.com/rylaukraine>.** Successfully registered and paid applicants will receive further instructions to travel, packing, and event information in May 2019 by email.

**Space is limited!**

We look forward to seeing you in Ukraine in July 2019, and we promise you and our youth leaders an experience of a lifetime!

Yours in service,

**Sergii Zavadskyi, RC Kyiv-City,**

District Governor,

District 2232 Ukraine-Belarus 2018-19

**Mykola Steblianko, RC E-Club of Ukraine,**

District Governor Elect

District 2232 Ukraine-Belarus 2019-2020

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Membership attraction and engagement committee Chair,

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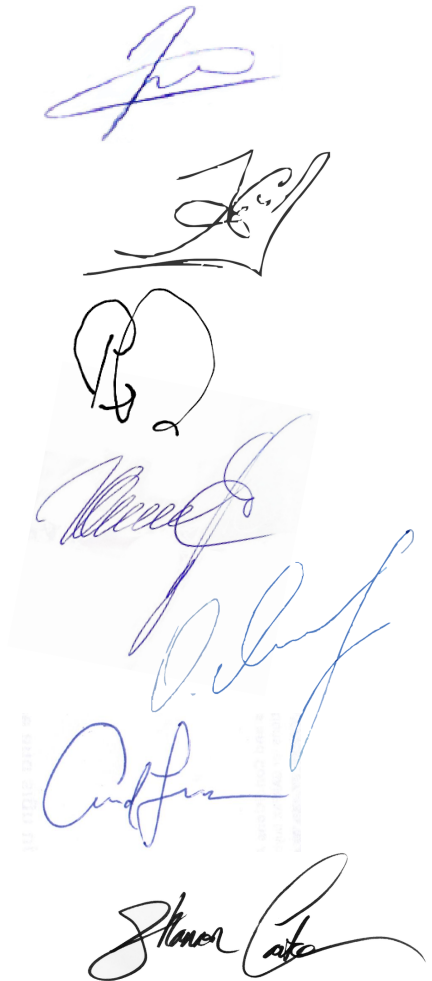
**Andy Lenec, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer & Rotarian**

**Shannon Carter, Peace Corps Volunteer**

**PS A few words from Rotary Ukraine's leadership...**

*We have all been working diligently to assure that you will have a rewarding, safe and very comfortable experience during your visit to Ukraine! Our event is "all-inclusive" and participants are assured a healthy and delicious cuisine and a stay in comfortable accommodations. You will enjoy an city wide excursion the beautiful historic city of Lviv, the cultural capital of Ukraine.*

*And of course, you will enjoy four and a half days of top quality, interactive workshops on topics such as communication, leadership, volunteerism, team building, conflict resolution, and other skills that our precious youth must master in order to take on the leadership positions that will bring our respective countries to ever higher levels of economic and social success. And while our youth and our adult visitors are honing their skills, we will all be, in the words of Rotary International, 'building good will and better friendships'!*







International Youth Conference

Lviv, Ukraine

July 22-27, 2019

## Program Highlights:

### Real World Simulations



Participants will have the opportunity to sharpen their skills in communication, decision-making, goal setting, and negotiation, and put them into practice during a real-world simulations. In teams, participants will create an organization or business designed to address a need in a local, national or global community. They will need to research, develop a plan, and pitch their idea to a panel of "investors." at the end of the conference. The end goal will be to creatively come to a consensus on a business idea that addresses an issue of worldwide importance.

### Interactive Leadership Workshops



The heart of this conference is designed to build concrete leadership skills that will help youth to succeed in their future endeavors. Through interactive lectures and small-group workshops they will learn to harness their leadership potential in order to effectively motivate and communicate with others.

*Example Leadership Seminar Topics:*

Persuasive Communication

Team Building & Navigating Group Dynamics

The Distinctions of Leadership Styles

Vision and Goal Setting

Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

### Guest Speakers



Participants will meet with and learn from recognized leaders in the fields of public service, government, business and community development. These speakers will share their insights on the power of leadership and serving others.

### Meet Local Leaders and Business Professionals



At the conference, participants will meet business professionals in Lviv during exclusive tours. They will go behind-the-scenes during these visits to business incubators, government offices, non profits, and business organizations.

### Cultural Excursions



Participants will have the opportunity to experience Ukrainian Culture, through various performances and interactions. These are designed as both sightseeing and educational opportunities specifically tailored to this program.

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To Apply: All RYLA participants for this conference must be nominated by their local Rotary clubs. Hosted by Rotary District 2232





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Dear Rotarian,

Greetings from Lviv, the beautiful western Ukrainian city we call home. I would like to extend my personal invitation as a deputy city mayor for you to attend the upcoming RYLA Ukraine 2019 International Youth Conference that will take place here from July 20-27.

It is easy for me to see the value of Lviv as a solid choice for you. But I was raised here, I know every cobblestone in the city, I daily appreciate the vibrant youthful energy that is the ether around us.

Newcomers to the city will delight in the surprise and beauty of Lviv, its eclectic mix of architecture, and lively Café Society in the centre of town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. I am sure the city prepares some special hidden attractions to offer those who are not the first time here.

The reason for Lviv however goes beyond its rich heritage and old-world charm. The case for Lviv is the octane and foresight behind the initiative to organize RYLA - Ukraine 2019 International Youth Conference, led by the Rotary Club of Lviv International and the primary partners of the conference from the United States - Peace Corps. Rest assured that all are working diligently to deliver a penetrating, comfortable and memorable experience during your visit to Ukraine.

Join the conference that promises to be a memorable event for every attendee, creating life-long learning opportunities and a roadmap for future cooperation among the youth from the United States, Ukraine, Germany, Denmark, and other European countries, furthering their life skills in leadership and teamwork.

And, of course, you will enjoy four days of top quality, interactive workshops on topics such as communication, leadership, volunteerism, team building, conflict resolution, and other skills that our precious youth has to master in order to take on the leadership positions that will bring our respective countries to even higher levels of economic and social success. And while our youth and our adult visitors are honing their skills, we will be, in the words of Rotary International, 'building good will and better friendships'.

Wholeheartedly express my support to the upcoming RYLA - Ukraine 2019 International Youth Conference in Lviv. Mostly, I want to extend a hearty welcome to you in our city.

In case of questions, do not hesitate to contact the director of Lviv Convention Bureau – Andriy Pavliv, by tel: +380 32 254 60 99 or via email: [pap@lvivconvention.com.ua](mailto:pap@lvivconvention.com.ua).

Thank you,  
Deputy City Mayor of Lviv

Andriy Moskalenko



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\*ALL ROOMS FOR PARTICIPANTS ARE DOUBLE OCCUPANCY & WILL BE ASSIGNED UPON ARRIVAL.

### THE PLACES OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL INTEREST AROUND THE HOTEL

LVIV NATIONAL ACADEMIC OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE BY SALOME KRUSHELNYTSKA;  
NATIONAL ACADEMIC UKRAINIAN DRAMA MARIA ZANKOVETSKA THEATRE;  
LVIV ACADEMIC THEATRE NAMED AFTER LES' KURBAS;  
LVIV REGIONAL PHILHARMONIC;  
ENSEMBLE OF THE ALL SAINTS' CHURCH (THE FORMER BENEDICTINE MONASTERY);  
SAINT GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL;  
ARCH CATHEDRAL THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHEDRAL (ROMAN CHAIR);  
THE ARMENIAN CATHEDRAL WITH THE BELL TOWER;  
CATHEDRAL OF THE VIRGIN OF MERCY (FORMERLY NICHOLAS CHURCH);  
CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL (A FORMER JESUIT CHURCH OF THE ORDER);  
CHURCH OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM;  
CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP (FORMERLY CHURCH OF MARY SNOW);  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST (FORMER DOMINICAN CHURCH);  
CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS CHRIST;  
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION;  
ST. ANDREW' CHURCH;  
POWDER TOWER;  
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