

Group Study Exchange to Norway!

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Bordering the North Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, Norway has one of the most rugged and longest coastlines in the world. Because of its geographical location, Norway endured two centuries of Viking raids to become a prosperous bastion of welfare capitalism with a government controlled petroleum sector. Yet, it remains richly endowed with natural resources. Norway has maintained strong industries, including supporting and promoting palliative and hospice care.

Rotarians in Norway - District 2250 (the District which stretches from Arna and Bergen to Stavanger) will welcome a Group Study Exchange team from our District from August 26 - September 25, 2005. *This exchange will be vocationally specific to professionals serving end-of-life matters. The variety of services addressing end-of-life issues include, not limited to, outpatient care, day care centers, home care, and bereavement centers.*

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40. For four weeks, team members will experience Norway's ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

The team leader, the only Rotarian, acts as advocate, confidant, mediator, organizer, intermediary, consultant, colleague, friend, motivator, arbitrator, and protector of team members. The team leader must:

- be an experienced Rotarian;
- remain with the team for the duration of the exchange;
- be willing and able, physically and mentally, to keep pace the GSE;
- not be accompanied by a spouse, companion, or other relatives or dependents.

An ideal team leader:

- possesses outstanding interpersonal communication skills;
- has presentation and public-speaking skills and is able to help the team prepare for speeches at Rotary clubs;
- has the ability to imbue a team with a sense of mission.

It is not mandatory to speak Norwegian; it is only necessary to have a willingness and a desire to embrace the country and its culture.

Team members must:

- be between the ages of 25-40;
- be employed full-time in a recognized profession;
- not be a Rotarian or ex-Rotarian.

Ideal team members are:

- a citizen of the country in which they reside;
- in good health;
- interested in and clearly enthusiastic about their chosen vocation and in possession of outstanding vocational skills;
- open-minded, tolerant, and flexible;
- comfortable working as part of a team with a schedule that is physically and emotionally demanding.

The success of this exchange depends on outstanding team members and a dynamic Rotarian team leader. If you are interested in this opportunity or know of others who might be, the applications for both team leader (**due to the District Office on Feb. 4; interviews Feb. 19**) and team members (**due to the District Office on Feb. 18; interviews March 12 & 13**) are available on our website, www.rotary5450.org/gse. For more information, contact Linda Kay Nedved at mseqlkn@aol.com (303-446-3465).