

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

MULTI-DISTRIKT 1910-1920

## JUGENDDIENST – YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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### **Alternative procedure instead of criminal background check:**

Every **Rotary District, Sub-District** and **Club** appoints a **Protection Officer**.

This Protection officer reports directly to the immediate head in the YE function, ie. the District PO to the DG, the Sub District PO to his Asst. Governor, the Club POs to their District or Sub District POs.

The Protection officers are responsible for implementing and maintaining **risk management procedures**, protection and health and safety policies and ensuring that, when required, Rotarians receive adequate **training** in the implementation of the policies.

The Protection Officer may appoint specialists to assist him/her in the task.

The Club YEO may serve as **Club Protection Officer**, not the Club Counsellor.

The District Protection Officer is responsible for receiving a **compliance statement** from clubs participating in Youth Exchange, the signed declaration and the Youth Volunteer Affidavit.

### **Enhanced interview:**

The host family will be visited by Rotarians, the first interview will be announced and all family members living in the same household need to be present. The interview takes place in the home of the possible future host family.

Further interviews to screen the host family are not announced which means that the family will be visited by Rotarians several times without any appointment.

As guidelines for the interview questions the recommendations from RI are applied and further questions are added depending on the family situation and the address of the family e.g. regarding transportation to and from school, participation in free-time activities, involvement in the community etc.

### **Increased personal contact:**

- Regular attendance of exchange students at club meetings
- Permanent support and frequent personal contact with the country co-ordinator (personal meetings at least once a month, in between by e-mail or phone)