

## **Inter-Country Committees and the US\$10K Peace Project Challenge**

Inter-Country Committees promote peace, friendship, and long-term relationships between Rotarians in two countries. An ICC between two countries at peace is primarily social and cultural and an ICC with a developing country will more likely involve service projects. Service projects in any of the areas of focus can promote peace. ICCs put peace in practice; they bring people together to foster inter-cultural understanding.

Austrian Rotarian Tony Polsterer has offered to contribute US\$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation for a select peace project proposed by representatives of Inter-Country Committees (ICCs). Proposals must meet the following criteria:

- The project must be bilateral: demonstrate how the project will create an environment for peace by improving mutual understanding between people of two countries.
- The project must involve clubs from both national sections of the ICC. Ideally Rotarians and Rotaractors will be involved as well as Peace Fellows, where possible.
- Both National Sections must be equal partners.
- Describe the impact: how many people in each country are involved and what are the demographics?
- Describe how the project will be promoted? (PR)
- Please use the TRF forms & guidelines to prepare your proposal

In addition, proposals will be reviewed through the Global Grant process. Successful Global Grants are:

- Sustainable communities are able to address their peace and conflict needs after the Rotary club/district has completed its work.
- Measurable sponsors can select standard measures for their area of focus from the Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit or use their own measures to show the good results of their work.
- Community driven designed by the host community based upon the needs they have identified.

Some examples of project types as defined by the Rotary policy statements are:

- Community activities targeting non-Rotarian participants, including conferences, trainings, and camps, in support of nonviolence, peace-building, and human rights;
- Facilitated conflict resolution workshops related to topics addressing community needs such as policy development, business activities across conflict lines, educational reform, and peace journalism.
- Supporting initiatives addressing psychological effects of conflict.
- Educating youth on preventive measures to avoid conflict.
- Training programs or campaigns to address negative social dynamics in a community, including but not limited to anti-gang efforts and those to overcome radical differences.
- Communication and arbitration among parties previously engaged in direct conflict.
- Vocational training teams supporting the above activities.

Submit applications to <a href="mailto:bruno.scovazzi@fastwebnet.it">bruno.scovazzi@fastwebnet.it</a> on or before 15 April, 2016.