

Call for Proposals from Rotary Peace Fellows

Rotary Peace Projects Incubator – Pecha Kucha Style!

Zones 30 and 31 Conference (Institute)

Saturday October 2, 2021

Deadline for [Applications](#): June 30, 2021

About the Peace Projects Incubator

The Peace Projects Incubator is a concept that was developed through the sponsorship of the three Rotary Districts in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, in collaboration with the Rotary Action Group for Peace, and the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association. In November of 2020, they hosted a virtual Peace Projects Incubator, featuring 43 projects proposed by Peace Fellows from around the world, and selected one project for funding. Follow this link for an overview of the November 2020 Peace Projects incubator and projects here: [Peace Projects Incubator Switzerland and Liechtenstein](#)

Inspired by what she experienced as an attendee of that incubator, Rotary International Director Elect Elizabeth Usovicz incorporated a micro-version of the European event into the program for “**Pathways to our Future**,” the Zones 30 and 31 conference (Institute) scheduled for September 30-October 3, 2021, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Information about Pathways to our Future is available here: [Pathways to our Future](#)

The Peace Projects Incubator at the Zones 30 and 31 Conference

The Peace projects incubator is a micro-version of the original event held in Europe. The incubator will be conducted as a session at the Zones 30 and 31 conference in Chattanooga, TN on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

Participating Peace Fellows will each briefly present a project that can be sponsored, engaged in and funded by a Rotary district, club or multiple districts and clubs in Zone 30 and 31.

The purpose of the session is collaboration – to pair the knowledge expertise and passion of Peace Fellows together with Rotary club, district and zone leaders in a fun and interactive session – **with a Pecha Kucha twist!**

Pecha Kucha (“small talk” in Japanese), is a visual storytelling format. It is based on a 20x20 slide deck format - 20 slides that are primarily images, each displayed while the presenter provides narrative for each slide in 20 seconds. Presenters have a total about 6-7 minutes to present the project, with the visual images on the slide guiding the way.

Pecha Kucha began as nighttime get-togethers in Tokyo in 2003 by two renowned architects. Since then, three million people have attended Pecha Kucha events worldwide.

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Peace Fellows who are selected to present will be fully briefed on the Pecha Kucha format and will receive ongoing guidance and coaching in preparing their Pecha Kucha-style presentations for the Zone 30 and 31 conference,

Session Overview

The session will feature three peace projects, selected from the proposals submitted by Peace Fellows. **The Peace Projects Incubator is scheduled for Saturday morning, October 2 for 90-105 minutes.**

Each project will be presented in the Pecha Kucha format, either in-person or virtually, by the Peace Fellows, followed by 5 minutes of Q&A. Following the presentations, conference attendees will have the opportunity to participate in one of three facilitated breakout sessions to discuss how clubs and districts can both fund and participate in the project, and have a more in-depth conversation with the presenting Peace Fellow.

The session facilitator will capture key points from each breakout, summarize decisions, commitments, clarifications and next steps that develop in the breakout.

In Person vs. Virtual Participation

Peace Fellows may present the project, and participate in the subsequent breakout discussion, either in person or virtually. Rotary Zones 30 and 31 will consider covering the travel costs of Peace Fellows who are selected to participate and who are based in the United States. The ability to attend virtually or in-person is a neutral factor for submitting a proposal or being selected to present.

Overview of Project Criteria

Proposals are intended to be opportunities for collaboration between Peace Fellows and Rotary clubs or districts. Clubs or districts that choose to become involved in a project will actively participate in the implementation of the project, provide funding, manage financial transactions and complete any reporting requirements. Peace Fellows who are from or who are located within Zones 30 and 31 are especially encouraged to submit an application, although this is not a requirement for selection.

Projects must fulfill the following criteria:

- Meet an urgent need or address a growing issue in the target community. Target communities can be outside of the United States, or based within one of the 31 districts in Zones 30 and 31.
- Have the possibility to be adapted in other communities experiencing a similar need or issue.
- Demonstrate the potential for a sustainable impact on the community.
- Address peace building and conflict prevention.

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- Meet the project criteria of a Rotary Foundation global or district grant, so that they are (potentially) fundable in part through the Rotary Foundation. Rotary Zones 30 and 31 will provide information and ongoing advising on Global and District grants.

Preferred criteria include projects that incorporate one or more of the following:

- Projects that address peacebuilding and conflict prevention as well as one of the other areas of focus of the Rotary Foundation:
 - Disease prevention and treatment
 - Water, sanitation, and hygiene
 - Maternal and child health
 - Basic education and literacy
 - Environment and Sustainable Development
 - Community economic development
- Projects that address the specific needs of girls, which is a beneficiary focus for club and district service projects in Rotary year 2021-2022.
- Partner organizations who can work alongside clubs and districts and the Peace Fellow to implement.

Submitting a Proposal: Deadline is June 30, 2021

Peace Fellows are welcome to submit a proposal using the attached [proposal form](#).

Conference organizers are available via Zoom videoconference, phone or email to answer questions or provide information before the proposal deadline. Contact information is provided on the proposal form.

- Proposals will be reviewed between July 1 and July 15, 2021.
- All Peace Fellows who submit a proposal will be notified of the review results by July 15, 2021.

Requirements for Peace Fellows Selected to Present

- Be available to meet virtually with conference organizers between July 15 and September 15, 2021. Meetings include the following:
 - An initial post-selection meeting to discuss the project in more detail and provide an overview of The Rotary Foundation's district and global grant funding requirements.
 - A private overview of the Pecha Kucha format, and guidance/coaching on preparing a slide deck.
 - A private practice session for the project presentation. The final slide deck must be submitted by September 15, 2021.

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Conference organizers will also publicize the project through vehicles such as [Rotary Showcase](#), social media channels, submissions of stories to The Rotary Voices blog and Rotary magazine, and other channels as identified.

Key Contacts for More Information:

Conference organizers are also available by phone, videoconference and email to assist and support Peace Fellows as they prepare their presentations.

Contact the Conference Organizers

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