

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 13-

To request the RI Board to consider lowering the Youth Exchange age limit to 17

Proposed by the Conference of District 1650, Rennes, I.-et-V., France
December 2011

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider amending the 2010 *Manual of Procedure*, Part Two, section 10:
3 New Generations Service – Rotary Youth Exchange, as follows:

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5 2010 *Manual of Procedure*, page 120

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7 **Rotary Youth Exchange**

8 Youth Exchange is an RI Structured Program that gives youth ages ~~15-19~~15-17 (must
9 not turn 18 during the program) an opportunity to visit or study in a country other
10 than their own.

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PROPOSER'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The change in mentality and the legislation of several countries where one becomes an adult at 18 translate into a total loss of control and authority by the host Rotary club, its president, the host families and the district over any student who turns 18 during his/her stay abroad.

In loco parentis authority becomes *de facto* null and void once the student turns 18 and the commitment form signed by the student before his/her departure loses its value once the student turns 18 and might want to assert himself/herself.

This resolution would have no financial impact to RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY