

young professionals



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Important Dates:

Applications for committee – Close September 30

Team Leader Interviews – October 5th

Team member applications close October 25th

Team interviews – November 5th

Professions that will fit with Tasmania include:

Agriculture. Craft Brewing. Education. Emergency Services. Fishing, Parks and Recreation. Forestry. Government. Health. Law. Media. Mining. Policing. Tourism. Transportation,

How do I Apply: application form is available at www.montanarotary.org

Additional information is available from the District 5390 Professional Development Exchange Chair:

(Chair info to be added later)

MONTANA to TASMANIA

An international exchange program to



Develop your professional skills, exchange ideas, improve your networks and grow personally.

What is Professional Development Exchange?

Professional Development Exchange is an exceptional professional and cultural exchange opportunity for professional and business people between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers.

The program will provide funding for exchange visits of four weeks between Tasmania and Montana, USA. Four team members from each region will see directly how their professions are practiced overseas, develop professional and personal relationships, and exchange ideas. They will also experience the history, geography, institutions, culture and the way of life of the host country. The team will be led by an experienced Rotarian selected from Rotary club nominations.

Team members will come from corporations, small businesses, government and community organizations, medical and educational facilities, and non-profit agencies.

Why Should I Participate?

The program is designed to have an invaluable impact on the career of a young professional in the increasingly global workplace by developing skills, creating networking opportunities and lifelong friendships. Individuals who participate in this rewarding once in a lifetime experience will return home with broadened cultural perspective and new understanding of the USA's history, commerce and government. This program offers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, work on team building, and increase self-confidence.

Who is Eligible?

Professional Development Exchange participants should be:

- Between the ages of 25 and 40
- Be fully employed with at least two years of work experience in their chosen field
- Be personable, articulate, cooperative, motivated team players, and enthusiastic about their professions. Team members cannot be the spouse/partner, a lineal descendant or a spouse/partner of a lineal descendant of a Rotarian.

Professional Development Exchange at a Glance:

When: April 2016 **Where:** District 9830, Tasmania, AU **Duration:** 4 weeks

Who: Rotarian leader and four non-Rotarian team members

Age requirement: 25-40 years

Accommodation: Hosted by Rotarians

What's expected of you:

- Be open to new experiences
- Be willing to meet new people
- Give presentations at meetings about yourself, your region and your profession
- Be willing to have long travel days
- Be open to an experience that can be life changing.

What is Required of Me?

Before Leaving:

- Participate in orientation sessions and group meetings, and obtain the necessary documents for travel.

During the Exchange:

- Accept the directions of the Rotarian team leader
- Fulfill any requirements to speak at Rotary host district gatherings
- Remain with the group throughout the exchange visit except when individual activities are planned
- Maintain standards of behavior that reflect positively on Rotary and the USA
- Have sufficient funds to meet personal and incidental expenses.

After Returning:

- Participate in post-exchange debriefing
- Submit a report of the exchange visit
- Speak about your experience to Rotary clubs and other groups.

