ILO and Rotary International - Training and Jobs for Youth with Disabilities

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs.

In relation to youth employment, four Rotary programs — Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange — help provide young people with education and valuable life skills to ensure a better future.

Rotary International and the ILO’s InFocus Programme on Skills, Knowledge and Employability (IFP/SKILLS) are assisting local Rotary Clubs to design and implement projects to provide computer skills training and on-the-job work attachments to young people with disabilities. Local Rotary Clubs in developing countries are invited to design and implement a computer skills training project for 20-30 disabled trainees, in cooperation with local employers’ federations, organizations of, or providing services to, disabled persons and with one or more local training providers.

Member Rotarians of participating Clubs make a commitment to take into his or her firm or office, or to place in another enterprise, at least one successful trainee for an on-the-job work attachment of 1-3 months, with a view to providing the trainees with real work experience, allowing trainees to demonstrate their work potential, and introducing employers to potential trained employees.

The ILO provides technical information on disability, training and employment; assists local Clubs in identifying possible local partner organizations and funds part of the project - 6000 US $ per project, cost-shared whenever possible with the relevant ILO Area Office. The joint programme is being implemented in Mauritius, Mexico and Guatemala.