

RESOLUTION 23R-05

To request the RI Board to consider setting an upper age limit of 30 for admission into a Rotaract club

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Arouca, District 1970, Portugal
Rotary Club of Figueira da Fóz, District 1970, Portugal
Rotary Club of Gaia-Sul, District 1970, Portugal
Rotary Club of Porto, District 1970, Portugal
Rotary Club of Seia, District 1970, Portugal
Rotary Club of Senhora da Hora, District 1970, Portugal

1 WHEREAS, as a Rotary program, Rotaract was originally designed for young
2 people aged 18 to 30, and

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4 WHEREAS, Rotaract clubs were admitted into RI membership in 2019, and

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6 WHEREAS, there is no longer an age limit for joining or remaining in a Rotaract
7 club, and

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9 WHEREAS, this change was made primarily as a means of attracting younger
10 people to Rotary, and of improving their levels of membership retention within
11 the organization, as well as to foster new ideas and service projects, and

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13 WHEREAS, this should in no way be interpreted as diminishing the value of
14 Rotary clubs

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16 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of RI
17 consider setting an upper age limit of 30 for admission into a Rotaract club.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 By bringing Rotaract into Rotary membership there are now few distinguishing
19 criteria between being a Rotarian and being a Rotaractor. One could misinterpret
20 this to mean that a person of any age, even retired, may join a Rotaract club.

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22 Setting an age limit of 30, will encourage young adults who are older and more
23 developed in their professional lives, to join Rotary clubs. This will, in turn, serve
24 to rejuvenate Rotary clubs, as well as make them more diverse.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
- 2 Per a January 2020 decision, the RI Board provided that a Rotaract club may, but
- 3 is not required to, set an age limit if the club receives the approval of its
- 4 members.