

A first English-speaking Rotary Club in Luxembourg



The members of Luxembourg Hearts Rotary Club

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Luxembourg's only English speaking Rotary club is looking for dynamic new members as it expands its activities to bring positive change to the community and begins fundraising.

Luxembourg Hearts Rotary Club – www.rotaryhearts.com - was started 18 months ago and is one of 14 Rotary clubs in the Grand Duchy. While English is the common language of communication in the group, its 21 existing members represent 12 different nationalities with an average age of 35.

Marc Debois, a Belgian national and former Rotaract member who moved to Luxembourg two years ago, founded the group. He met several expatriates who were “Rotaractors”, young Rotary members, who had been involved in Rotary activities before moving to Luxembourg.

He said: “I noticed there were a lot of Rotaract people that didn't go to Rotary because they can't find a club where they fit in language wise. They were coming from outside of Luxembourg. Most of the time they spoke another language than Luxembourgish and there was no English club where they could come and understand.”

Marc got to work and, with the help of other Rotary Clubs (or better Luxembourg Vallées), Luxembourg Hearts Rotary Club was born.

International Community

Rotary Club is an international community where members work to create positive, lasting change in their communities and around the world.

In Luxembourg Hearts, the goal is no different. Since launching they have partnered with the Luxembourg Red Cross to support activities such as food distribution among the homeless in winter. They have also recently helped to plant trees at a newly created youth centre.

“It's really small little things. Of course you put in the time you want. The main thing is that you're a Rotarian in your daily life as well. You always need to be true. You need to make sure what you do is beneficial for your community.”

During the official charter of the club, on the 4th of October 2014 – you are invited - the group decided to fundraise for youth telephone advice line the Kanner Jugend Telefon, which will offer an English hotline service from January next year.

There is also a social element to the club as members get to meet people from a range of different backgrounds, an important element for any club, Marc said. “It puts you in touch with different types of people. That's an advantage of Rotary. It's not only banking people but you're talking to engineers of satellites or aircraft salesmen,” he said.

Anyone interested in joining Luxembourg Hearts Rotary should fill out the contact form on their website rotaryhearts.com/member-information

The club meets every two weeks on Wednesdays at the hotel Melia in Luxembourg City.

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