



ROTARY YOUTH WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINAR

June 22nd – June 28th, 2024

Carroll University Waukesha Wisconsin USA



Since 1976 the Rotary Youth World Affairs Seminar has provided a unique forum where nearly 40,000 future leaders from 30 different countries have debated some of the most complex global problems in the stimulating environment of Carroll University, Wisconsin.

After living through nearly two years of one of the strangest times in Global History, students will get to debate the complexities of: -

Democracy and Governance: Evolving Global Perspectives

Current events across the globe have exposed significant differences in how many countries approach such critical issues as political representation, human rights, and governance. For many political scientists, the end of the Cold War in the 1990s was



supposed to usher in an era of unparalleled political democracy; with authoritarianism vanquished, the voice of the people would finally be heard.

Yet the twenty-first century has not seen global democracy flourish. In fact, a number of countries have embraced models of governance rooted in autocracy and totalitarianism.

Even in well-established democracies, developments like the War on Terror, the refugee crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic have called the concept of democracy – and the systems of governance that often support such a concept – into question.

The 2024 theme, “**Democracy and Governance: Evolving Global Perspectives**”, will allow delegates the opportunity to survey how these important matters are playing out around the world.

Attention will be paid to theoretical models of governance, along with the ways that political systems work – and perhaps don’t work – on a day-to-day basis.

It is no longer a given that democracy is the final destination for global political development.

Such a conclusion will come to have a profound impact on how all global citizens think about such things as elections, political parties, rights, and responsibilities.

The question of “DEMOCRACY”, in other words, has yet to be fully answered.

“YOUR” ROTARY CLUB has an opportunity to help shape the world by nominating or sponsoring a 16–18-year-old student to attend face to face at the 2024 Rotary World Affairs seminar where, with fellow students from around the globe, they will debate: -

Democracy and Governance : Evolving Global Perspectives

- **Rotary District 1100** will pay **all transport costs** to Chicago and onward to Carroll University for *two students to the 2024 World Affairs Seminar* but the student will be expected to pay accommodation/tuition fees of **£705 app.** Clubs or others may be required/offer to assist with this.
- **Your Rotary Club** may also sponsor their own students air fares etc. to help send a larger team.
- **Your Rotary Club, along with YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS and YOUR YOUTH GROUPS,** can have an influence on the future of the world by encouraging students to apply.

District 1100 has a reputation for sending the most exceptional and challenging students - help us to continue this record.

At the Seminar – Students will look at the timely and important topics of *“Democracy and Governance : Evolving Global Perspectives”* from a variety of viewpoints.

Working with delegates from around the world, they will define issues & problems within these topics.

They will take field trips to see how business & organizations are these addressing issues.

They will discover what you can do to make your community and the world a better and safer place.

They will explore how technology and new opportunities come together, as the world adjusts to the problems of the present – and the needs of the future.

They will study the impact of race, class, and gender on *“Democracy and Governance”*.

- *Post seminar they can present their conclusions to your Rotary Club, other schools and organisations in your area and in District 1100 as a whole.*
- *Please contact your Schools, Colleges & Youth Groups and encourage 16-18 yrs. old students to apply: thus ensuring that we have excellent applications to select from.*

For further information see: - <http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org>

or contact PDG Paul Charter - as below

Students should apply by January 2nd 2024 with a FULL C.V. AND BRIEF RESUMÉ on why the Seminar on *“Democracy and Governance : Evolving Global Perspectives”* appeals to them to: -

PDG Paul Charter (Tel. 01452 751161) - Bleak House, Oakle Street, Churcham, Glos. GL2 8AG
pcharter@thechartergroup.co.uk

Closing Date for applications: – January 2nd 2024

Selection/Interview Date – Late January (TBC)

“What we as Rotarians do today should benefit those who inherit our world tomorrow