

Rotary Club Committee for Protecting the Environment



Forming a Club Committee for Protecting the Environment is a great opportunity to support Rotary's New Area of Focus. ESRAG is providing this document as a resource for Club leadership teams forming a committee for Protecting the Environment. The intention is to provide guidelines that will be modified to meet the needs of each Club. Many Clubs have already formed committees, task forces or action teams with various names including Club Environmental Sustainability Committee, Preserving Planet Earth, Environmental Committee, RCAT, etc. The committee will likely be most effective if the committee chair serves on the club board as a director.

Committee Objectives

- Champion Protecting the Environment and Environmental Sustainability (ES) to the Club
- Organize, coordinate, and promote ES service projects, grants, and collaborations
- Motivate club members to incorporate ES into their daily lives and in club activities, events, and projects
- Provide advice and information on ES to the club President and Board
- Recognize club ES accomplishments at the end of the Rotary year

Qualifications of Committee Leader

- Enthusiasm for Protecting the Environment and Environmental Sustainability
- Good leadership and teamwork skills
- Knowledge of how Rotary develops, funds, and implements projects, or a willingness to learn
- Knowledge of how Rotary works at a club and District level, or a willingness to learn
- An interest in developing and building partnerships
- Ability to work respectfully and in a non-confrontational manner

Committee Responsibilities

- Serve as an advisor on Environmental Sustainability activities within the club
- Provide appropriate resources for the club President and Board in the development of Environmental Sustainability programs and projects in conjunction with other committees
- Provide educational learning opportunities about Environmental Sustainability for club members
- Liaise with other club committees as appropriate to ensure that, where possible, Environmental Sustainability is incorporated in all club events, activities, and projects
- Plan and coordinate service projects focused on environmental sustainability
- Attend District meetings and seminars as the club Chair

Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)

ESRAG, an international action group for Rotarians, provides support and information for individuals, clubs, districts and zones in environmental sustainability. This work advances the Object of Rotary through positive impacts in all seven Areas of Focus.

The ES committee may decide to capitalise on the ESRAG resources by:

- Joining ESRAG and promoting individual membership
- Serving as the club liaison person with your ESRAG regional chapter
- Encouraging club members to actively participate with your ESRAG regional chapter
- Educate your club on possible ES projects using the ESRAG & UNEP Handbook - [link](#)
- Learn more about ESRAG resources at esrag.org

