

## Young Friends



**Quote from "Letters of recommendation"  
from West Balkan Ambassadors in Oslo:**

***"...we support this project...  
It is good for our region..."***

*"We are working on  
peace and reconciliation  
with our neighbors in  
former Yugoslavia and  
strongly support  
Rotary's "Young  
Friends-project.""*



The President of Serbia  
**Boris Tadic**  
visiting Oslo



"Young Friends" participants enjoying a garden party organized by Oslo Vest Rotary Club, mingling with local Rotary and Rotaract members, as well as West Balkan Ambassadors and International Summer School Management.



Oslo Vest Rotary Club has more than 50 members with long experience and expertise from vocations such as law, finance, oil & gas, shipping, management, IT, communications etc.

**We meet on Wednesdays from 17.00 - 18.00 at:**  
Schafteløkken, Zahlkasserer Schafts plass 1,  
N-0267 Oslo, Norway.

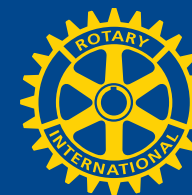
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**OSLO VEST ROTARY CLUB's**

*Young Friends*

**ROTARY PROMOTES  
PEACE AND RECONCILIATION  
THROUGH THE "YOUNG FRIENDS" PROJECT**



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**Oslo Vest Rotary Club** now offers students and young professionals from former war-torn countries in the West Balkans an opportunity to live and study together.

For seven weeks each summer, these "Young Friends" are enrolled in the Nansen dialogue project.

The project is organized jointly by the **Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue** at Lillehammer and **The International Summer School (ISS)** at the **University of Oslo**.

After an initial, one week seminar focusing on democracy, human rights and peaceful conflict resolution, the participants join 550 students from close to a hundred countries. The program lasts six weeks at ISS in Oslo.

They will be focusing on international politics, peace and reconciliation, human rights etc.

Oslo Vest Rotary Club's former "Shalom Salam"-project for young people from Israel and Palestine and our current project "Young Friends" for West Balkan youths, serves as examples of our club's long standing engagement in the peace and reconciliation efforts still needed in former conflict-ridden regions.



**Nansen Fredssenter**  
Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue

## *Young Friends*



*"We will serve as an example of  
positivism and good energy, peace  
and friendship."*

*"We have accomplished so much, and  
therefore are proud of ourselves."*

*"Our gratitude cannot be measured or  
said in words, but only felt deep  
within our minds and hearts."*

*"Best project for  
our district I've  
ever heard of!"*

**Toni Hilscher**  
Past Governor  
RD1910 (Balkan)



*"...an outstanding  
project. This is  
how peace and  
reconciliation is  
built.."*

**Thorvald Stoltenberg**  
Former Norwegian  
Minister of  
Foreign Affairs

