



Rotary Denmark Youth Exchange and the Corona virus situation.

The situation is sadly that the Corona virus pandemic is still not over and no one knows when the situation will be back to normal. We all try to minimize the spread and have imposed restrictions and in most countries the vaccination has started.

The student's well-being and security is our first priority.

We cannot offer our outbound students to travel abroad if the advice from Foreign Office is not showing green lights. Most countries have blocked foreigners from entering. Visa processes are suspended. It is also not fair to students to be held in uncertainty about when to go on exchange as this may last for a long time, and the students may have alternative plans for their education.

Rotary Denmark Youth Exchange have consequently decided to put a **stop to long term youth exchanges for one year**. This means that Rotary Denmark is not sending students in summer 2021 and is not receiving students in summer 2021 and January 2022.

We plan to open for new applications for 22/23 soon. This is a necessary break to let the situation return to a stage where youth exchange again is possible.

Dear friends and partners, we hate to disappoint you and your students, and we understand that you may have other views on this. From our perspective this is the timely and right thing to do now.

We count on your understanding and hope that we can make exchanges again in 2022/23.

Denmark, February 2nd 2021.

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Holger Heldbo
Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Poul Risager".

Poul Risager
Chairman Long Term