

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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## Rotary France-USA Intercountry Committee (ICC)

### Positive Peace Seminar

Orleans, France, October 14-17, 2025

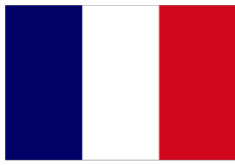
### Concept Note

#### General objectives:

In continuity with the first four France-USA ICC Seminars (Paris, France October 2016, New Orleans, LA, USA October 2018, Rennes, France, October 2021, Chapel Hill, NC USA October 2023), this peace seminar is intended to give the opportunity to the younger generations to prepare themselves to reflect on peace in the world and global issues and to work on relationship with climate change and environmental threats. This seminar will be done in cooperation with French and American Rotary Districts, with the [Institute for Economics and Peace](#) and the [Rotary France-USA Intercountry Committee](#). It will be a 2 1/2-day, interactive workshop, conducted in English, aimed at deepening participants' understanding of Positive Peace and its relevance for their own work and communities, and of climate change and ecological threats impact on our global world. The ultimate goal will be to enhance their capacity to serve as peace building and world leaders. 10 American applicants and 10 minimum French applicants will be selected for this event.

#### 1. Participant objectives:

- Gain knowledge and tangible tools to enhance their own work, and to be better able to manage conflict when it occurs, and recognize climate change impact in their own lives
- Apply and amplify the message of Positive Peace - including the value of local investments in and collaboration around - Positive Peace within their own networks and communities,
- Develop relationships with other participants beyond the seminar.
- Student voices from across the social and political spectrum, from USA and France, will convene to discuss issues of common interest in facilitated dialogue. Participants will engage in experiential and meaningful dialogue, in a proven model for civil discourse. Also, they will gain facilitation skills, so they can foster civil discourse in their own communities.
- Gain insight into the Promotion of Peace Building and Conflict Resolution, and into the ecological threats and commitment to supporting activities that



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strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. These are two of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus.

2. **Location** : Polytec Orleans Ecole d'ingénieurs de l'université d'Orléans 8 rue Léonard de Vinci 45072 Orléans Cedex 2.
3. **Dates & Costs**: Tuesday evening through Friday evening, October 14-17, 2025. Arrival of participants and opening of the seminar on Tuesday, later afternoon for introductions and a reception. American participants will arrive two days before the seminar and will be hosted by members of the local Rotary Club members with interaction by members of the Orleans Rotaract Clubs. The seminar will be held all day, Wednesday Thursday & Friday, morning and will be concluded by a Gala Dinner on Friday evening, open to all Rotarians and friends. Return to USA will be on Saturday 18 October. Meals will be provided for both French and American applicants during the seminar. Airfare will be provided for participants chosen from USA (up to 1,000 dollars). French applicants will be responsible for travel. Their lodging by Rotarian local families, will be provided except for local applicants
4. **Participants**: **Approximately 20 young adults will be selected from France and the United States to participate. 4th year undergraduate and all post-graduates may apply. Participants must meet the following requirements:**
  - Be fluent in English, as this seminar will be held in English.
  - Have a master's level of education or presently in a Masters' Program or be a young professional. American undergraduate seniors are eligible.
  - Demonstrate some experience working in peace, public service, social change, and/or community development.
  - Can be members of Rotaract or students sponsored by Rotary Clubs in French or American Rotary ICC Districts.
  - Can be young professionals.
  - Intellectual preparation will be organized a few months before the seminar and will include readings on the seminar subject and preparatory work for all participants.



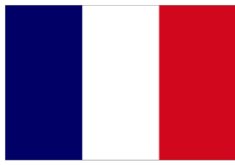
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5. **Organization experience:** In the past, IEP and Rotary have jointly sponsored many workshops on Positive Peace in Mexico and Colombia, Europe and Africa. This one will be the third one with our ICC.
6. **Seminar content:** The chosen topic will be positive peace and impact of climate change and ecological threats. The organization of the Seminar will be led by the Institute for Economics and Peace, and with the participation of Peace Center Alumni.
7. **Proposed content includes:**
  - An introduction to the Institute for Economics and Peace and an overview of the methodology and key findings from the latest Global Peace Index and Positive Peace Report.
  - A deep dive into Positive Peace, including an overview of systems thinking and an examination of the eight Pillars of Positive Peace.
  - Facilitated discussions about the relevance of each of the pillars with regards to participants' own communities, sectors, etc.
  - A full detailed presentation and content of the last year's Ecological Threat Report which analyses ecological threats in 207 countries and territories.
  - Interactive activities to strengthen the aforementioned contents as well as participants' capacity for dialogue and leadership. Participants will engage in experiential and meaningful dialogue, in a proven model for civil discourse. They will gain facilitation skills, so they can foster civil discourse in their own communities.
8. **Background:**
  - The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that develops methodologies and indices to measure and monitor peace. Rotary International and IEP entered a strategic partnership in 2017 to bring IEP's empirical research and tools to Rotary's network of 1.4 million members globally. IEP has pioneered a conceptual framework for 'Positive Peace,' which forms the foundation of this partnership. Positive Peace captures the attitudes, institutions and structures that are necessary to create and sustain peaceful societies. This framework is in direct alignment with Rotary's seven areas of focus. Its versatility lends its application to peacebuilders and community leaders of unique geographies, cultural considerations, professions, etc.

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- . The 2025 Positive Peace Seminar will be the fifth Positive Peace workshop organized through the ICC model, and will serve as a “proof of concept” for Positive Peace workshops conducted outside of the Global Grant structure.

**If interested, please complete the “Invitation to Apply” at:**

<https://ricomiteinterpaysfranceusa.home.blog/>

**and send your CV/Bio, letter of motivation, headshot photo and completed application to [FranceUSAICC@gmail.com](mailto:FranceUSAICC@gmail.com)**

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**Regarding acceptance, you will be notified by email or phone within 30 days of receipt of your application. Thank you for your interest. Deadline for applying is April 30, 2025 for French applicants and May 30th, 2025 for American Applicants.**