



SERVE

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About Us

Old Royalist Groups Associations and Clubs Organizers (ORGACO) is a Statutory Committee of the Royal College Union (RCU) and acts as the conduit that connects RCU affiliated groups, associations and clubs and The Royal College. We serve and collaborate across borders. With the objective of solely and wholeheartedly serving The Royal College and the RCU, we endeavour to add value to our members and derive synergies to achieve the objectives set forth.

Given the diversity and the expansive global presence of our membership we always foster secularism, unity, camaraderie, and the passion to 'repay the debt we owe', as our core values.

We will work steadfastly and with all our might to achieve common goals that will nurture well rounded, value-centric citizenry; create a better place, for present and future Royalists; and will benefit broader communities.



Eligibility for ORGACO Membership:

Any Old Royalists Group, Association, Club, Society or Organisation that has been established and functions as a collective of Old Royalists is eligible to obtain membership of ORGACO.

Membership is subject to a joining fee and an annual renewal subscription.

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Inaugural RCU SERVE Awards Night 2025

Honoring Excellence, Inspiring Collaboration, Strengthening Bonds

On a memorable evening in June 2025, the Inaugural RCU SERVE Awards Night brought together Royalists from across generations to celebrate service, commitment, and collaboration. Hosted by the Royal College Union (RCU), the event shone a spotlight on the incredible contributions of its affiliated groups, associations, and clubs, all united by a shared purpose—the betterment of our beloved Alma Mater.

The ceremony opened with the stirring College Anthem, filling the hall with pride and nostalgia. Guests were warmly welcomed by ORGACO, followed by inspirational addresses from the Principal and the RCU Secretary, both praising the tireless dedication of Royalists worldwide. A slide presentation highlighted the remarkable projects undertaken by ORGACO member bodies, reflecting a tradition of service and excellence.

The evening also featured two major milestones:

- The official launch of SERVE Magazine, a publication dedicated to celebrating the achievements of Royalists.
- The unveiling of the RCU-ORGACO Website, designed to further strengthen engagement and collaboration among RCU affiliates.

At the heart of the night was the Awards Ceremony, honoring exceptional initiatives across multiple categories:

SERVE Challenge Trophy

* Group of '91

SERVE Financial Commitment Award

* Group of '91

SERVE Collaborative Excellence Award

* Dr. Sukumar Nagendran

* Group of '96

* The Royal College Old Boys' East Coast

* Foundation, USA

Special Appreciation

* Chandimal Fernando

* Dr. Suku Nagendran

Most Outstanding Project

* Over 55: Group of '85

* 45–55: Group of '92

* 35–45: Group of 2003

* Under 35 Runner-Up: Group of 2010

* Under 35 Winner: Group of 2013

The evening concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, leaving attendees inspired to continue the proud legacy of Royal College. The SERVE Awards once again reinforced the RCU’s mission to foster unity and innovation among its affiliates, encouraging impactful projects that uplift both the school and its community.

The night was not just about recognition—it was a celebration of the enduring Royalist spirit, built on teamwork, service, and the unwavering commitment to give back to College.







RCU Members Night 2025

The Royal College Union's Membership Development and Services Committee brought together Royalist alumni for its annual Members Night at Ape Gama, Battaramulla. The evening saw a distinguished gathering, with the Principal of Royal College, the Union's Secretary, and ExCo officials gracing the occasion.

A Night at the Quadrangle

The RCU Dance 2025

Mark your calendars! The Royal College Union is all set to host its much anticipated annual dance on Saturday, 11th October 2025, and this year's theme promises something truly special: "A Night at the Quadrangle."

For every Royalist, the Quadrangle is more than just a space, it's where memories were made, friendships forged, and stories created that still echo long after school days. This October, the RCU brings that spirit alive in a grand celebration, blending tradition, elegance, and revelry in one unforgettable evening.

Expect an atmosphere brimming with energy, fantastic music to keep you on the dance floor, and the perfect chance to reconnect with old friends while making new ones. With a touch of Royal nostalgia woven into every detail, this is not just another event—it's an experience.

So gather your partners, your batchmates, dust off your dancing shoes, and don't miss out on what promises to be the most memorable night of the year. After all, "A Night at the Quadrangle" comes only once.



ROYAL COLLEGE UNION
INVITES YOU TO A

Night at the Quadrangle

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Date

11TH OCTOBER 2025

Venue

SHANGRI-LA BALLROOM

Time

8:00PM ONWARDS

Bands

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Stage Drama Fundraiser Held for **Royal College Table Tennis**

Table Tennis Advisory and Management Committee of the Royal College Union successfully organized its annual fundraising initiative, a staging of the popular drama "Lokka Leda Wela," on the 27th of July at the Nawaragahala Hall. All proceeds from the event will be fully directed towards the development and upliftment of table tennis at Royal College. These funds are allocated to support both infrastructure improvements and enhance student engagement in the sport.

Bradby Express 2025

Continuing the Legacy of Group of 2007

The Bradby Express 2025, a vibrant, chartered train ride organized by the Royal College Group of 2007, once again served as the main transport for students and alumni en route to the Kandy leg of the Bradby Shield. Departing Colombo Fort at 7:00 AM on August 23, 2025, the service carried over 700 passengers, arriving in high-spirited fashion at Kandy for the much-anticipated first leg of the rivalry.

The atmosphere was electric as the train traversed through Kandy towards Pallekelle. Passengers' cheers reverberated behind the goal posts, their voices swelling in unity and school pride, an unmistakable call of Royal spirit.









Royal Dominates 16th Royal - Thomian Badminton Encounter:

A Clean Sweep from U - 13 to U - 20

In what turned out to be a display of sheer dominance and school spirit, the 16th Annual Royal–Thomian Badminton Encounter for the Ranil Wijesekera Trophy unfolded with flair on Saturday, 16 August, at the Royal College Sports Complex.

Organized by the Badminton Advisory and Management Committee, the fiercely contested event once again underscored the enduring rivalry and camaraderie between Royal College and S. Thomas' College.

From the under-13 squads to the under-20 stars, Royal College delivered an exceptional performance, emerging victorious over all age categories and defending their stronghold on the coveted Ranil Wijesekera Memorial Trophy.



40KW Solar Power System at the Royal College Pool Complex Powered by the Group of 92

The official commissioning of the 40kW Solar Power System at the Royal College Pool Complex took place on the 20th of June 2025. The occasion was marked by the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by the Principal of Royal College, Mr. Athula Wijewardena, in the esteemed presence of the Secretary of the Royal College Union, Mr. Aruna Samarajewa. Members of the Executive Committee of the Royal College Group of 92, office bearers of ORGACO, the Board of Management of the Swimming Pool, and the generous donors who made the project possible were also in attendance.

The RCU fraternity wishes to extend its heartfelt gratitude towards this significant initiative, driven and led by the Royal College Group of 1992 which serves as a shining example of the enduring bond among alumni and their unwavering commitment to the betterment of their alma mater. It stands as a testament to the power of unity, vision, and purpose, showcasing what can be achieved through dedication and collaboration toward a shared goal. The newly commissioned solar power system not only enhances the sustainability of the Pool Complex but also underscores the College's commitment to green energy and responsible environmental stewardship.



Fostering Future Leaders:

RCG 2005 Champions Sports Guild Leadership Development

The Royal College Group of 2005 proudly announced the successful conclusion of the LPMC Sports Guild Leadership Development Training Camp 2025. Held on June 21st and 22nd, 2025, at the state-of-the-art MAS Athena Training Center, the event was a testament to RCG 2005's commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders.

The Loyalty Pledge Management Committee (LPMC) Sports Guild, a flagship initiative of RCG 2005, was officially launched under the esteemed approval of the Royal College Union (RCU). This annual training camp is a cornerstone of the LPMC Sports Guild, fully sponsored and meticulously managed by the dedicated members of RCG 2005.

The intensive two-day program saw the enthusiastic participation of 40 captains and vice-captains, representing a diverse range of sports within Royal College.





Their presence underscored the wide-reaching impact of the initiative. Guiding the aspirin leaders throughout the camp was Mr. Jaliya Yasarathne, Assistant Principal and Senior Games Master, whose invaluable experience and mentorship were greatly appreciated by all participants. The presentation ceremony, a highlight of the camp, was graced by the presence of distinguished guests. Mr. Nishantha Piyumaarachchi, Deputy Principal (Extra & Co-Curricular activities), and Mr. Uday Ruwan Mallikarachchi, Deputy Principal, Middle School, joined to commend the efforts of the participants and the organising committee. Their presence underscored the significance of the program in the broader educational landscape of Royal College.

The LPMC Sports Guild Leadership Development Training Camp is a shining example of how alumni groups can contribute meaningfully to the development of their alma mater. By investing in the leadership potential of young athletes, RCG 2005 is not only strengthening the sports culture at Royal College but also shaping well-rounded individuals who will undoubtedly make significant contributions to society. This successful event marks another milestone in RCG 2005's ongoing dedication to fostering excellence and leadership within the Royal College community.



Group of 2005 Supports the Annual Art Exhibition

The Group of 2005 supported "The Beyond Horizon" annual art exhibition of the college, with a financial donation.

A vibrant showcase of young artistic talent from across Sri Lanka, the "Beyond the Horizon 2025" art exhibition, organised by the Royal College Art Circle, recently concluded. Held from August 27th to 29th at the prestigious J.D.A. Perera Art Gallery, the event featured an impressive collection of nearly 2,000 student artworks. This grand celebration of creativity was made possible, in part, by a generous financial donation from the Royal College Group of 2005, contributing to the exhibition's resounding success.



"We will learn of books and men, and learn to play the game"

Junior Grounds Pavilion Donated by the Group of 1994

Principal Royal College opened the Royal College Class of '94 pavilion on the 9th of July 2025. The EXCO, RCU and SDS officials as well as the JRJ Pavillion committee chairman Joined the opening ceremony. The RCU fraternity is grateful and appreciative of this project carried out by Class of '94 to celebrate its 50th Birthday year celebrations. This pavilion worth Rs.1.5 Mn is dedicated to the Sportsmanship, Spirit and future generations of Royal College, our beloved alma mater.



ROCOHA Scholarship Programme -

“Flourishing Teens, Create Future”

The Royal College Old Hostellers' Association (ROCOHA) continues its Scholarship Programme to uplift hostel welfare by supporting 27 hostellers in 2025, including 10 new Grade 6 entrants. Each hosteller receives LKR 7,500 monthly, representing an annual investment of LKR 2.43 million. Launched in 2023 with 10 hostellers, the initiative has grown through the generosity of past hostellers, overseas Royalists, and the wider Royal Brotherhood. A formal SOP now ensures transparency, with hostellers' progress monitored quarterly and shared with donors. The highlight of the year was the Scholarship Awarding Ceremony on 17th August 2025, attended by the Principal, ROCOHA President, donors, and committee members, reaffirming ROCOHA's pledge to “Flourishing Teens, Create Future.”







Building Memories: Group of 2000's Landmark Donation

To enhance the spectator experience at the Royal College Sports Complex and expand the available seating, the Group of 2000 proudly undertook a transformative project. Commemorating 25 years since inauguration, this initiative stands as a lasting testament to our enduring bond as Royalists and our commitment to giving back to the institution that shaped us. Through the collective efforts of its members, the Group raised an impressive Rs. 3,700,000 to bring this vision to life. This project celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Group of 2000, leaving a legacy for generations of students to come.





Cybots 2025: OREPA empowers Next Generation of Robotics Innovators

The Old Royalists Engineering Professionals' Association (OREPA), in collaboration with the Royal College Computer Society, successfully hosted Cybots 2025—a dynamic series of robotics workshops and a culminating competition designed to inspire and nurture young Royalists with a passion for robotics and innovation. This initiative was conducted as part of the “Tesseract 25” project, with sessions held online from March 4 to March 28, 2025.

The Cybots curriculum was thoughtfully designed to bridge the gap between traditional school education and entry-level robotics engineering. Participants were introduced to the fundamentals of robotics and Arduino-based programming, progressing to advanced concepts in robot design. The program concluded with a hands-on design competition, allowing students to put theory into practice.

More than 50 enthusiastic students participated in the program, presenting 17 innovative projects that demonstrated exceptional creativity and technical prowess. The creators of the top three projects were recognized for their achievements and awarded ESP and Arduino development boards, encouraging them to continue their journey in robotics and engineering innovation.



Loving Royal Calendar Project:

A Celebration of Unity and Service by the Group of 2000

In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Royal College Group of 2000, the “Loving Royal” Calendar Project stands as a testament to teamwork, talent, and dedication. This fully batch-driven initiative brought together more than 30 members of the Group of 2000, each contributing their expertise across photography, design, branding, logistics, sponsor coordination, and app development.

Adding a meaningful dimension to the project, medical professionals from the group volunteered their support to the Teacher Wellness initiative, reinforcing the batch’s commitment to giving back to the Royal community.

This collective effort not only showcased the group’s diverse skills but also highlighted their camaraderie and shared passion for service proving what can be accomplished when creativity, purpose, and unity come together.



Royal College Group of 2010 Supports Key Events for Students and Alumni Community

The Royal College Group of 2010 proudly continued its tradition of supporting educational and community initiatives with several contributions this year. Demonstrating its commitment to fostering community engagement and student welfare, the group made a financial contribution of Rs. 100,000/- towards refreshments for the Royal College Sports Open Day, held for students of Grades 4 to 9.

In addition, the group sponsored the live streaming of the Royal College Avurudu Celebrations 2025, in collaboration with the Royal College Media Unit, ensuring that students, parents, and alumni could enjoy the festivities remotely.

Further strengthening its connection with the alumni community, the group organized a social gathering and fellowship event in the form of a livestream Watch Party for the 79th Bradby Shield 1st Leg, specifically for members of the group of 2010. This initiative highlighted the group's commitment not only to education but also to fostering lasting bonds within the Royal College community.

Through these contributions, the Royal College Group of 2010 continues to support meaningful events that enrich student experiences and celebrate the spirit of community and sportsmanship.





Royal College Sports Open Day by Prefects Council



Bradby 1st Leg Watch Party





39th Annual Dansela Project

A Gesture of Compassion by the School Social Service League

The 39th Annual Dansela Project, organized by the School Social Service League, was held on 7th September 2025 at Maharagama Apeksha Hospital. This year's initiative focused on bringing comfort and joy to cancer patients and their visitors. Donation packs were distributed to Ward 12, and 300 kg of fresh watermelons were provided to patients and their loved ones visiting the hospital.

The contribution of the watermelons and donation packs was generously made by the Old Royalists Social Service League. Following the event, the League hosted a buffet lunch at the school's main hall to appreciate and thank all those who actively participated in making this meaningful project a success.

Infrastructure projects that require Urgent Attention

The Infrastructure Management Committee of the Royal College Union (RCU) has been working diligently to address the infrastructure needs of the college. The committee has finalized the architectural drawings, Bill of Quantities (BOQs), and costing for several infrastructure projects that require urgent attention. These projects are critical to maintaining the safety and functionality of the college's facilities and ensuring a conducive environment for learning. **The RCU is now seeking the financial and logistical support of its affiliated groups, associations, and clubs in implementing these projects.** The support of these groups are crucial in ensuring that the projects are completed on time and within budget. The RCU recognizes the important role that these groups play in the college community and is confident that they will rise to the occasion to support this vital initiative. The RCU requests the Groups, Associations, and Clubs affiliated to the RCU, both here and overseas, to volunteer their commitments via ORGACO, the coordinating body of the Groups, Associations, and Clubs affiliated to the RCU.

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This newsletter is the relaunched eNews of the Royal College Union (RCU) and is being published by the ORGACO. We aim to connect all Royal alumni living and working across the world with news from the Royal College Union as well as what the old boys are up to in their respective groups, clubs, and associations. We are proud of our alumni and are humbled by the energy and effort all of us channel towards our alma mater, our home away from home. It is this synergy that binds us together. Advertising space is available in the ‘SERVE’ eNews Bulletin. It is circulated to all members of the Royal College Union (RCU) and have registered their email addresses with the RCU secretariat. Currently the database consists of +12,000 emails of members located across the world.

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