

5 Reasons to Create a “Former Leo” Lions Club Branch

Whether you’re a Leo that’s aging out of the Leo Club Program or have decided to make the step to become to a Lions member, here are 5 reasons why a Lions Club Branch is a great route for Leo to Lion transition

1. You only need 5 members to charter a branch! A regular Lions club requires 20 new members, so there is no need to delay looking for a base number of members. It is that easy.
2. A branch club can structure their club to fit what is best from them, organizing their own projects and selecting charities that interest them.
3. Club branch members do not have to be former Leos so you can invite anyone to become a member. It is a great way to recruit both young people that were former Leos and someone that does not know anything about Lions to join and become actively engaged in their community.
4. A club branch can operate independently from the sponsoring Lions club, including separate meeting times, membership requirements and club structure
5. Club branch allows you to have a strong connection to another Lions club which like the Leo club structure can provide mentors and guides your club in understanding the Lions network

Benefits of a Former Leo Club Branch to a Sponsoring Lions clubs

1. Create a lasting connection and network of young people who can continue the tradition of Lions
2. Benefit from interaction between various age groups and bridge the generation gap
3. Leverage ideas and skills of young people and former Leos who can bring new approaches and innovation to your service
4. Give existing Lions members the possibility to serve as guiding Lions to gain mentoring experiences
5. Embrace change and take a leading position in the Leo to Lion transition

Examples of Successful Lions Club Branch

The below two examples are possible set ups of a former Leo Lions club branch. A Lions club branch is an accessible option to further stimulate this variety in the future of Lions Clubs International.

Lions Branch Club Ad Tempus Vitae

We are happy and proud to introduce Lions club branch Ad Tempus Vitae (Latin: for a lifetime). Our eight founding members have been setting up a club branch since the summer of 2019 and hopefully chartered in the beginning of 2020. The founding members of the club were all former Leos, after getting to know each other from organizing the Leo Europa Forum 2017 together. Through that intense process, deep friendships were formed. Friendships with the ambition to cultivate for a lifetime. This felt that the logical next step in their ‘life of service’ was to transition into Lions together. The members of Lions club branch Ad Tempus Vitae are based in different cities across the Netherlands. The club will come together every month in a different city. *Lions club Ad Tempus Vitae: “connected for a lifetime”.*

Lions Club Goslar Unitas Mundi

Lions Club Goslar Unitas Mundi, founded in Germany, is not a classic Lions club. It consists of fifteen members from different countries. It’s a hybrid club between ‘classic’ and ‘cyber’, meeting both on- and offline. Living on three different continents, this Lions club will establish club branch in each constitutional area. Unfortunately, current bylaws do not provide for this yet. By changing our Lions minds we can create opportunities in order to attract and retain more new and young members.

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