



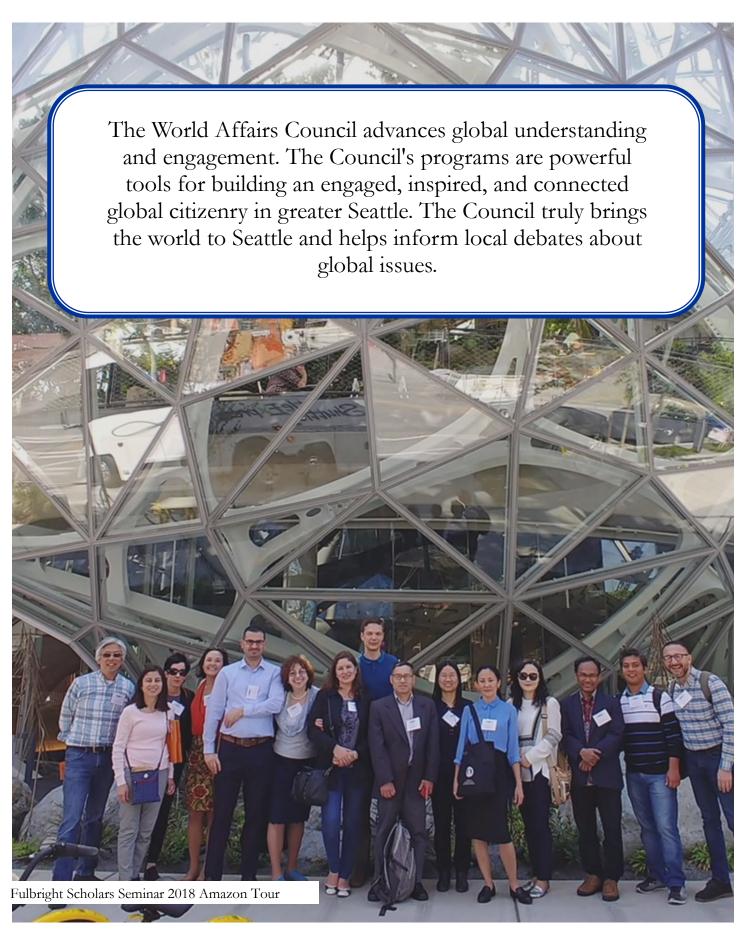




ANNUAL REPORT

2018

OUR MISSION



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community Programs is the platform through which the World Affairs Council engages its members and the greater Seattle community by providing opportunities for discussion, dialogue, and debate on global issues. The Council is nonpartisan and hosts events on a broad range of issues that feature experts with diverse perspectives. In 2018, Community Programs hosted over a hundred events, offering frequent opportunities for community members to become more knowledgeable about international issues and how they resonate in Seattle. Members were inspired to learn more and to become more connected to others who share an interest in global issues and the roles of the United States and Seattle in the international community.

Events

The Council's events are formatted as discussions, rather than lectures, enabling attendees to engage directly with the speakers and each other.. Topics in 2018 included national security, trade, international development, elections, and cybersecurity. Events include panel discussions, town-hall meetings, discussion groups, trivia nights, and networking events as well as high-level receptions and private gatherings. No matter the size of the program, participants at every event are able to address their specific interests in a meaningful conversation through moderated Q&A. In keeping with its mission, the World Affairs Council created opportunities for the Seattle community to engage and better understand the many global developments that shaped 2018.







Turkey and the West: Navigating a Troubled Relationship

with **Kemal Kirici**, Director of the Turkey Project and a TÜSİAD Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. Moderated by **Resat Kasaba**, Director, The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, on January 17, 2018 at **Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt**.

U.S. Sovereignty: Negotiating our Future in the World Community

with **Stewart Patrick**, The James H. Binger Senior Fellow in Global Governance and Director of the International Institutions and Global Governance Program at the Council on Foreign Relations. Moderated by **Jacqueline Miller**, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on January 25, 2018 at **Dorsey & Whitney LLP**.

Update on the Sustainable Development Goals

with Mark Suzman, Chief Strategy Officer and President of Global Policy and Advocacy for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Moderated by Jacqueline Miller, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on January 30, 2018 at Perkins Coie, LLP.

"Hearts and Minds" in Vietnam: Lessons for Afghanistan and Iraq

with Max Boot, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Senior Fellow in National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Moderated by Ted Van Dyk, Former Senior Advisor to Vice President Hubert Humphrey, on February 16, 2018 at Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

Fulbright Talks: Stories from Fulbrighters

with **Farah Nadeem**, Visiting Fulbright Student from Pakistan. **Arthur Reber**, Former U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Austria; **Robert Wetherington**, Former U.S. Fulbright Scholar in the Slovak Republic.; **Dipti Rai**, Visiting Fulbright Student from Nepal; **Karen Eng**, Former U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Germany; **Joe Figel**, Former U.S. Fulbright Student in Colombia.

Hosted by Folio: The Seattle Athanaeum, on February 21, 2018.

Understanding China's Global Ambitions

with **Scott Tong**, Correspondent for Marketplace's Sustainability Desk. Moderated by **Nelson Dong**, Partner, Dorsey and Whitney LLP, on February 21, 2018 at **Dorsey & Whitney LLP**.

International Development Networking Happy Hour

In partnership with **Global Washington**, February 22, 2018.

How to Handle Russia: Keep Calm and Carry On

with Matt Rojansky, Director of the Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. Moderated by Jill Dougherty, former CNN Moscow bureau chief, on February 28, 2018 at Folio: The Seattle Athenaeum.

Free Press Under Attack: Stories from African Journalists

with Vivienne Louise Marara, National Coordinator, Zimbabwe Association of Community Radio Stations; Brian Hatyoka, Bureau Chief, Times of Zambia Newspaper. Moderated by Christine Willmsen, Journalist, The Seattle Times, on March 8, 2018 at the Seattle Times.

On Behalf of Themselves: Syrian Women Organize for Justice

with **Rula Asad**, Co-Founder and the Executive Director of the Syrian Female Journalist Network; **Anna Fleischer**, Advocacy and Communications Manager at Women Now for Development. Moderated by **Sara Curran**, Professor at the University of Washington Jackson School of International Studies on March 20, 2018 at **Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce**.

Annual Meeting 2018

Hosted by **Folio: The Seattle Athanaeum,** on March 21, 2018.

Impact Travel Launch: Strengthening Communities Through Sustainable Tourism

with Katherine Cheng, Head of Global Corporate
Citizenship & Community Relations, Expedia Inc.;
Bradley Murg, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political
Science & Director of Global Development Studies
School of Business, Government, and Economics,
Seattle Pacific University; Emilie McGlone, UN Liaison
& Executive Director, Peace Boat US. Moderated by
Jacqueline Miller, President and CEO of the World
Affairs Council, on March 27, 2018.at Miller, Nash,
Graham and Dunn LLP

The Future of Solar and the Clean Energy Revolution

with **Varun Sivaram**, Philip D. Reed Fellow for Science and Technology at the Council on Foreign Relations. Moderated by **Allison Arnold**, Executive Director of the Solar Installers of Washington, on April 5, 2018 at **Folio: The Seattle Athanaeum**.

Washington State and Trade Dependency with Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib

with **Cyrus Habib**, 16th Lieutenant Governor of Washington. Moderated by **Karl Ege**, Senior Counsel, Perkins Coie, on April 10, 2018 at **Perkins Coie**, LLP

U.S. Priorities in the Americas

with **Francisco Palmieri**, Acting U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, at the **Rainier Club** on April 26, 2018.

A Conversation with the President of Iceland

with **Guðni Th. Jóhannesson**, President of Iceland. Moderated by **Jacqueline Miller**, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on May 4, 2018 at **Amazon**.

Banking on Women – Financing the Future for Economic Growth

with **Greta Bull**, CEO of CGAP and a Director at the World Bank Group; **Kari Dohn Decker**, Managing Director, Corporate Responsibility, Western Region, JP Morgan Chase; **Murium Hadi**, Women Financial Inclusion Advisor at Karandaaz Digital. Moderated by **Saara Romu**, Founder of Selkea, on May 10, 2018 at the **Rainier Club**. In Partnership with **Global WA**.

U.S. Military Power in the Pacific: New Challenges, New Opportunities

with **Stephen Lanza**, Former Commanding General, I Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Moderated by **Jaqueline Miller**, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council. Hosted by **Stoel Rives LLP**, on May 16, 2018.

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The Future of U.S.-China Relations: A Debate

with **Eugene Gholz**, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Notre Dame; **Bonnie Glaser** Senior Adviser for Asia, Director, Project on Chinese Power, CSIS; **Ryan Hass**, David M. Rubenstein Fellow, Foreign Policy, Center for East Asia Policy Studies, John L. Thornton China Center;

David Kang, Professor, International Relations and Business, University of Southern California; Director, Korean Studies Institute, University of Southern California. Moderated by Jacqueline Klimas, National Security Reporter with POLITICO; Mona Locke, VP Strategy and Business Development, MG2, on May 21, 2018 at Bell Harbor International Conference Center.

From Cold War to Hot Peace: Looking Back and Forward in the U.S.-Russia Relationship

with Ambassador **Michael McFaul**, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia. Moderated by **Jacqueline Miller** President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on May 23, 2018 at **Perkins Coie**, **LLP**.

Prospects for the Korean Peninsula

with Mark Lippert, Former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea. Moderated by Todd Hinnen, Partner, Perkins Coie, on June 14, 2018 at Perkins Coie, LLP.

Breaking Down the US-China Trade Relationship: Consequences at Home and Abroad

with **Amy Celico**, Head of the Albright Stonebridge Group's China practice in Washington D.C. Moderated by **Nelson Dong**, Partner, Dorsey & Whitney, on September 12, 2018 at **WSU West**.

Racing to the Top: Accountability, Transparency, and Sustainability in Global Trade

with Everette Anderson, Senior Commercial Manager, Marine Stewardship Council; Robin Barr, Global Director, The Forest Trust; Katie Cava, Corporate Sustainability Analyst, Weyerhaeuser. Moderated by Leigh Anne DeWine, Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of State, on September 13, 2018 at MG2.

Kai-Fu Lee: China, Silicon Valley, and the Dual Visions of AI

with **Kai-Fu Lee**, Author of *AI Super powers: China, Silicon Valley, and the New World Order*. Hosted by **Town Hall**, on September 27, 2018.

Mexico's Landslide Election: What to Expect from Andrés Manuel López Obrador

with Jorge Madrazo Cuellar, former Head Consul of Mexico in Seattle; Antonio Ortiz-Mena, Senior Vice President, Albright Stonebridge Group. Moderated by Jacqueline Miller, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on October 3, 2018 at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt in partnership with the Port of Seattle.

Happy Hour With the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative

October 8, 2018.

A Conversation with Brad Smith on Digital Privacy and Cybersecurity

with **Brad Smith**, President and Chief Legal Officer, Microsoft. Moderated by **Heather Redman**, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Flying Fish Partners, on October 18, 2018 at **Perkins Coie**, **LLP**.

The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyberage

with **David Sanger**, New York Times National Security Correspondent. Moderated by **Tom Burt**, Corporate VP, Customer Security and Trust, Microsoft, on October 24, 2018 at **MG2**.

The Need for American Ingenuity in Global Peacebuilding with Rick Barton

with **Rick Barton**, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Conflict and Stabilization Operations. Moderated by **Jacqueline Miller**, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on October 31, 2018 with **Rotary Seattle**.

America Alone: The Consequences of an America First Foreign Policy

with James Lindsay, Senior Vice President, Director of Studies, Maurice R. Greenberg
Chair, Council on Foreign Relations. Moderated by
Jacqueline Miller, President and CEO of the World
Affairs Council, on November 1, 2018 at Stoel Rives
LLP.

Gamechangers: Growing an Economic Revolution

with **Christabell Makokha**, Country Director for Mercy Corps' AgriFin Accelerate program in Zambia. Moderated by **Sara Veltkamp**, World Affairs Council Fellow on November 7, 2018 at **Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce**.

Seattle: A Global Hub for Entrepreneurship and Technology

with Jenny Durkan, Mayor of Seattle. Moderated by Christine Gregoire, Former Governor of Washington, on November 13, 2018 at Cambia Grove.

Challenges in Nuclear Nonproliferation

with **Ambassador Wendy Sherman**, lead U.S. negotiator on the JCPOA and Senior Counselor at Albright Stonebridge Group. Moderated by Jaqueline Miller, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on Novermber 14, 2018 at **Perkins Coie**, **LLP**.

Fake News: Why Lies Spread Faster Than the Truth

with Alexander Sangerlaub, Leader of the Measuring Fake News project, Jevin West, Assistant Professor in the Information School at the University of Washington, Mellina White Cusack, writer for The Seattle Conservative. Moderated by Jacqueline Miller, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on December 3, 2018 in partnership with and held at Goethe Pop Up Seattle

The Worrying Paradox of Modern Medical Miracles

with **Thomas Bollyky**, Director of the Global Health program at the Council on Foreign Relations. Moderated by Jacqueline Miller, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on December 7, 2018 at **Cambia Grove**.

North Korea: What Now?

with Joseph Yun, Former U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Policy; Yong-Chool Ha, Korea Foundation Professor of Korean Social Science, UW. Moderated by Jacqueline Miller, President and CEO of the World Affairs Council, on December 14, 2018 at Perkins Coie, LLP. In partnership with the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea and Center for Korea Studies at the Jackson School of International Studies.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



YPIN's International Women's Day Speed Mentorship

Young Professionals International Network

The Young Professionals International Network (YPIN) hosts events catering to individuals interested in expanding their globally-oriented professional networks. YPIN works to provide a platform for those with an interest in global topics and issues to connect with their peers. In 2018, YPIN programmed a number of ongoing series, including monthly networking events; Global Cafe, a series of roundtable discussions; and monthly Spanish, French, and Arabic discussion groups. YPIN held panel discussions on Asia-Pacific economic relations, diplomatic work at Seattle's foreign consulates, and the importance of covering international issues in local schools. YPIN continued its longstanding annual holiday party, a fundraiser for Global Classroom, as well as its International Womens' Day mentorship event.

Fellows Program

The World Affairs Council's Fellows Program is a unique professional development opportunity for a carefully selected cohort of greater Seattle business and community leaders. The Fellows cohort this year met with:

- Carlos Sada, Undersecretary for North American Affairs,
 Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
- Steven A. Cook, Eni Enrico Mattei Senior Fellow for Middle East and Africa studies at the Council on Foreign Relations
- Kirsti Kauppi, Ambassador of Finland to the United States
- Gerry Simpson, Associate Director of Refugee Rights, Human Rights Watch
- Kemal Kirişci, TÜSİAD Senior Fellow, Director, The Turkey Project at the Brookings Institution
- Francesco Femia, CEO and Co-Founder, The Council on Strategic Risks; Co-Founder, The Center for Climate and Security;
 Caitlin Werrel, CEO and Co-Founder, The Council on
 - Caitlin Werrel, CEO and Co-Founder, The Council on Strategic Risks; Co-Founder, The Center for Climate and Security
- Admiral (Ret.) Samuel J. Locklear, Commander of U.S. PACOM from 2012-2015
- Francisco Palmieri, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- Michael McFaul, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia; Professor of Political Science, Director and Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, and the Peter and Helen Bing Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution
- Mark Lippert, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

The International Visitor Program (IVP) advances global understanding by connecting the Seattle community with emerging leaders from around the world. Through professional and youth exchanges, these people-to-people connections allow emerging leaders to build the foundation for addressing critical global issues. International exchanges allow Seattle residents and visitors alike to recognize their shared values and to powerfully diminish the boundaries of language, culture, and nation.

International Visitor Leadership Program

IVP's core initiative is the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). Launched in 1940, the IVLP helps strengthen U.S. engagement with countries around the world and cultivates lasting relationships by connecting current and emerging foreign leaders with their American counterparts through short-term visits to the United States. Typical exchanges include visits to four U.S. communities over three weeks.

Participants meet with professional counterparts, visit U.S. public and private sector organizations related to their professional field, and participate in cultural and social activities. The World Affairs Council partners with the U.S. Department of State and national program agencies to administer the program in Washington state. The Council brought over 700 participants to Seattle in 2018, making it one of the highest volume community partners in the country.

Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative

In October and November, IVP administered the U.S. Department of State's Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative's (YLAI) Professional Fellows Program for its second full year. As part of the Fellowship, 16 young business and social entrepreneurs from Latin America and the Caribbean traveled to Seattle and built lasting partnerships with local entrepreneurial organizations and companies such as Cambia Grove, the College Success Foundation, and Pacific Market International. Visitors spent several weeks in Seattle working with fellowship hosts, meeting with local leaders, and studying entrepreneurial strategies.

Highlight: Combating and Preventing Human Trafficking

In May, the Council hosted a cohort of nonprofit, educational, and political visitors from Ukraine and a multi-regional group consisting of leaders and experts in anti-trafficking from across the globe. Program participants learned the history of House Bill (HB) 1175, passed in 2003, which made Washington the first state in the U.S. to criminalize human trafficking. Participants discussed the State's laws in meetings with former Washington State Representatives. The visitors also met with the nonprofit API Chaya to discuss its work on issues such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking to Asian and Pacific Islander community members. Through these personal meetings, the international visitors and their Washington-based counterparts envisioned a shared goal of providing empathy and support for survivors and fostering a global community free from human trafficking and exploitation.



2018 IVP SNAPSHOT

724 Global Leaders visited Seattle through **76** exchange programs

935 local volunteers donated more than **24,000** hours to support cross-cultural dialogue

\$2.5 million economic impact was generated by IVP visitors in Washington state.

Half of all visitors joined local Seattle families for a homecooked meal.



"Thank so much for including us! As always, the group had incredibly incisive questions, and displayed an impressive knowledge of trafficking issues."

Local resource that met with a program focused on combating human trafficking.



Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management

January

A group of seven visitors from around the world came to Seattle to examine the local, state, and federal approaches to disaster management, emergency preparedness, and emergency response. Visitors learned how these organizations align to advance their plans and the communication network during a widespread disaster or emergency.

El Salvador-U.S. Exchange Programs and the Industries of the Future

January

A group of 11 visitors from El Salvador examined best practices for expanding international student exchange programs and the varying functions of universities, community colleges, and vocational/technical schools in preparing young people to enter the marketplace.

Uzbekistan – Library Management

January

A group of five visitors from Uzbekistan visited Seattle to establish ties with U.S. libraries, study the role and functions of libraries and information specialists in the United States, and learn about the newest training models for librarians at U.S. institutions of higher learning.

Colombia – Accessing Foreign Markets: Export Logistics from Rural Roads to Ports

February

A group of five visitors from Colombia visited Seattle to examine how local companies benefit farmers through direct importing and sourcing and how shipping and export logistics enable rural communities and small scale producers to sell their products to foreign markets.

Qatar – Cyber Security and Capacity Development

February

A group of five visitors from Qatar traveled to Seattle to explore different approaches to cybersecurity and the legal and policy framework for data protection and privacy in the United States.

Indian Women Entrepreneurs as Drivers of Economic Growth

February

A group of seven visitors from India visited Seattle to examine trends in leadership training, public private partnerships, social entrepreneurship, corporate initiatives, and other mechanisms through which women are empowered and encouraged to foster economic development and promote social change.

Africa – Murrow Program For Journalists: 21st Century Approach

March

The Council hosted 15 visitors from Africa to examine the rights and responsibilities of a free press in a democracy and the challenges and opportunities in harnessing the power of social media.

Europe – Transparency and Accountability in Government

March

A group of seven visitors from Europe visited Seattle to enhance their understanding of ethical systems and accountability in government and business in the United States and to illustrate the principles underlying transparency and accountability.

South Korea – U.S. Export System – Korea Customs Service & Country of Origin

March

A group of four visitors from South Korea observed U.S. Customs and Border Protection efforts to establish uniformity of practices across ports of entry, to facilitate the timely resolution of trade compliance issues nationwide, and to strengthen critical agency knowledge on key industry practices.

Azerbaijan – Vocational Education: Workforce Development and Public Private Partnerships

March

Two visitors from Azerbaijan came to Seattle to explore the role of government, business, and the academic community in promoting workforce development.

Armenia – Protection of Whistleblowers in the U.S.

March

A group of five visitors from Armenia visited Seattle to learn about the importance of whistleblowing and protections for whistleblowers in the U.S. legal system.

Latin America – Women Leaders: Drivers of Economic and Social Change

March

The Council hosted 12 visitors from Latin America to explore the contributions of women to the social and economic advancement of communities and society at large through their leadership in gender, youth, family, and broader social issues.

Africa - Public Health: Infectious Diseases

March

A group of nine visitors from Africa shared public health preparedness, education, and response strategies, as well as examined health education and disease prevention programs, research and development, and the treatment and care of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Ebola, and Tuberculosis.

Indonesia - Faith Based Education

March

A group of six visitors from Indonesia visited Seattle to explore the relationship between U.S. religious organizations, educational institutions, and local government and examined best practices for educating youth on pluralism within a democratic society.

Africa – Emerging African Leaders: Entrepreneurship & Business Development

April

A group of 14 visitors from Africa visited Seattle to explore various business models, support mechanisms and innovations such as micro lending, multi-level marketing, and the use of the internet for business development.

Saudi Arabia – Development of Public-Private Partnerships

April

A group of three visitors from Saudi Arabia examined best practices in establishing and maintaining effective public-private partnerships and the required technical expertise for implementing major infrastructure projects.

Europe – Towards a More Safe and Secure World: International Crime Issues

April

A group of eight visitors from Europe examined the structure of the U.S. criminal justice system and how its principles are applied to the prosecution of transnational crime.

Ukraine – Preventing Trafficking in Children

May

A group of five visitors from Ukraine visited Seattle to explore the role of multi-level government efforts in addressing trafficking in children, U.S. anti-trafficking policies and legislations, and multi-sector collaboration in supporting child victims.

Europe – Regional Responses to Refugee and Migration Issues

May

A group of 12 visitors from Europe examined intergovernmental policies and initiatives to resettle and integrate refugees, as well as explored opportunities for international cooperation on refugee issues, including combating discrimination.

Combating Trafficking in Persons

May

A group of 21 visitors from around the world came to Seattle to meet with government agencies, law enforcement, educators, NGOs, and advocacy groups to examine how the U.S. public and private sectors collaborate to end trafficking, both domestically and internationally.

Japan - Disability Access and Inclusion

May

A group of six visitors from Japan observed American values of inclusion, U.S. policies that support people with disabilities, and learned from organizations that empower this population through work opportunities, technology, and protection of rights.

U.S.-UK CVE Community Leaders

May

A group of 10 visitors from the United Kingdom examined community-led strategies and advocacy efforts for addressing hate speech, discrimination, and extremism.

ASEAN: Development of Effective Multi-Lateral Coalitions

May

A group of eight visitors from East Asia and the Pacific visited Seattle to examine U.S. foreign policy strategies and identify characteristics of effective international organizations in relation to developing multilateral coalitions.

China – IPR Enforcement and Protection in the US

June

A group of seven visitors from China came to Seattle to explore public and private sector methods for implementing and enforcing higher standards for intellectual property rights.

Promoting Cyber-Security

June

Seven visitors from around the world connected with their counterparts in Seattle to explore cyber education, research, and development efforts and to discuss strategies to collaborate and counter cyber threats.

China – Public Hygiene and Health

June

10 visitors from China visited Seattle to observe public awareness and advocacy campaigns and strategic partnerships that promote sanitation innovation.

Energy Security

June

11 visitors from around the world visited Seattle to review U.S. national energy and climate policy challenges. They also explored international cooperative efforts to develop secure and transparent global energy markets and climate frameworks.

Accountability in Government

June

12 visitors from around the world toured Seattle to examine how the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights protects the rights of citizens and explored government standards of ethical conduct.

Trafficking In Persons Heroes

July

7 visitors from Qatar visited Seattle to examine the roles of agencies involved in combating TIP (trafficking in persons) and how they work together and independently at the local, state, and national level.

Global Economic Cooperation

July

Seven visitors from around the world visited Seattle to examine international economic cooperation in the context of the growth and integration of emerging markets into the world economy.

China – Sustainable Eco-Tourism in the United States

July

Six visitors from China examined concepts of sustainable and responsible tourism and the role of small businesses in the tourism industry.

Japan – Human Resources Technology and Evaluation

July

Six visitors from Japan traveled to Seattle to understand how leading U.S. businesses reflect women's empowerment in their HR practices and systems and to discuss optimal ways to create performance review evaluations that are fair for all employees, free of unconscious bias, and that help support a diverse workforce.

Indonesia – Sustainable Ecotourism

July

Five visitors from Indonesia visited Seattle to assess the link between tourism and economic development and to explore ecotourism standards and practices, including strategies and policies to promote ecotourism.

Resilient Cities: Strengthening Minority Gender Communities

July

12 visitors from around the world visited Seattle to explore equal access to educational, economic, and healthcare opportunities for citizens with diverse gender identities and sexual orientations.

Mexico – Jóvenes en Acción

July

24 youth leaders from Mexico explored leadership and teamwork styles, with a focus on addressing environmental issues, including reforestation and air and water quality, while developing their cross-cultural experience and awareness.

Africa – African Women Entrepreneurship Program (AWEP)

July

Nine visitors from Africa visited Seattle to examine the role the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) plays in encouraging U.S.-African exports from Department of State, Congressional, and private sector perspectives, as well as highlighting the contributions of women to local economies and technology development.

Qatar – Trafficking in Persons

July

Severn visitors from Qatar toured Seattle to examine the roles of the various agencies involved in combating TIP (trafficking in persons) and how they work together and independently at the local, state, and national level.

Iraq – Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP)

August

A group of 23 students from Iraq visited Seattle to explore youth activism in civil society, especially in support for refugees and internally displaced people.

South and Central Asia – Empowering Youth to Strengthen Communities and Prevent Violence

August

A group of 10 visitors from South and Central Asia visited Seattle to explore the efforts of schools, community-based programs, and faith-based groups to support at-risk youth and their families through specialized programs and afterschool activities.

The U.S. Justice System – Protecting Women and Children

August

A group of six visitors from around the world visited Seattle to examine the role of state government in protecting women and children, identify best methods of addressing discriminatory practices based on gender, and create linkages among professionals in the legal field working to promote international cooperation on justice for women and children.

Indonesia – The Creative Economy and Entrepreneurship Incubators

August

A group of six from Indonesia came to Seattle to gain insight on successful incubator models and identify common factors for successful business practices in fostering entrepreneurship and a creative economy.

Mexico – Police Professionalization Exchange Program

August

A group of 14 visitors from Mexico visited Seattle on a study tour that allowed for focused dialogue and sharing of knowledge between U.S. and Mexican law enforcement practitioners on the evolution of modern policing and police systems, analysis on their own communities and roles as law enforcement professionals, and reflection on best practices and lessons learned.

Poland

August

A program for a single visitor from Poland explored best practices in social engagement and outreach by cultural institutions.

Health Care and Marginalized Populations

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A group of 12 visitors from around the world examined how the U.S. healthcare system aids marginalized populations, provides training and development programs for healthcare professionals, and offers cutting-edge urban and rural healthcare strategies and programs.

Latin America – International Trade and the Global Economy

August

A group of 11 from Latin America visited Seattle to analyze international trade and capital investment trends, emerging economies and markets, and the role of the United States and Latin America in the current and future global economic order.

Near East and North Africa – Interfaith Dialogue and Religious Freedom

September

Six visitors from the Near East and North African region came to Seattle to explore conflict resolution and mediation approaches to interfaith and cross-cultural cooperation.

Malaysia – Transparency and Accountability in Government

September

10 visitors from Malaysia examined the effect of transparency on trade, investment, and economic development; and explored the range of institutions that hold government accountable, including private sector organizations and the media.

South Korea – Labor Reform: Key Challenges and Next Steps

September

The Council hosted five visitors from the Republic of Korea to examine labor reform best practices and lessons learned in the United States, as well as exploring innovative ideas for addressing policy challenges that affect youth, women, and irregular workers.

East Asia Pacific – Law of the Sea: Fisheries Management and Marine Protected Areas

September

Eight delegates from the Asia Pacific region visited Seattle to explore fisheries management and marine protected areas.

LATAM & Caribbean — Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAI) Professional Fellowship 2018

September

16 visitors from Latin America and the Caribbean traveled to Seattle for month-long fellowships with local companies and organizations to strengthen their capacity to advance their ventures and contribute to the social and economic development of their communities.

Cambodia – Empowering Women Entrepreneurs

September

12 visitors from Cambodia examined best practices in promoting women's entrepreneurship, including access to training, financing, networks, and mentorship.

Water Resources Management

September

Nine visitors from around the world came to Seattle to examine innovative strategies for assessing, monitoring, and conserving water resources.

Nepal – Connecting Nepali Producers to the American Market

September

Six delegates from Nepal visited Seattle to explore opportunities to connect goods produced in Nepal with buyers and consumers in the Seattle marketplace.

Moldova – Empowering Minority Groups

October

Four visitors from Moldova traveled to Seattle to explore strategies to empower minority groups.

Near East and North Africa – Resilient Cities and the Challenges of Urban Growth

October

A delegation of seven individuals, from North Africa and the Middle East, came to Seattle for a program on sharing best practices in environmentally-sound creative urban planning.

Japan - Japan Productivity Center

Octobe

A group of 11 from Japan visited Seattle to examine corporate social responsibility and promote cultural exchange.

Vietnam - Food Supply

October

Nine visitors from Vietnam examined the food supply chain from producer to consumer, learned about supply chain logistics, and assessed food safety efforts.

France – The Gig Economy and Labor Issues

October

Two visitors from France learned how labor relations are organized in the U.S. and how businesses and workers are adapting to the "gig economy."

Haiti – U.S. Judicial System

October

Five visitors from Haiti traveled to Seattle to examine the philosophical and practical aspects of the U.S. judicial and legal system.

Jordan – Advancing Women in STEAM

October

Five visitors from Jordan examined women's contributions to and critical inclusion in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics (STEAM) fields.

Global Threat Cooperation: Foreign Terrorist Fighters

October

10 visitors from around the world traveled to Seattle to learn about U.S. security policies and perspectives on pressing global issues.

Russia - Language Preservation

November

Seven visitors from Russia visited Seattle to observe the promotion of indigenous culture, heritage, music, folk art, and performance. They also fostered long-term connections between groups focused on language and cultural preservation.

Poland – Best Practices for Sustainable NGOs

November

The Council hosted six visitors from Poland to learn best practices to build NGOs' missions and to support and sustain civil society development. They also explored NGO methodologies for strengthening leadership and management, training and retaining volunteers, and advocacy.

Iraq – Gold Star

November

A past participant from Iraq, nominated for active participation in the IVLP network and for the impact of their work, traveled to Seattle as a Gold Star alumna to explore best practices in providing psycho-social support and services for traumatized children.

U.S. Electoral Process

November

13 visitors from around the world visited Seattle during the 2018 mid-term elections to observe the U.S. political process in action.

Ethiopia – Access to Justice: Legal Aid and Clinical Legal Education

November

12 visitors from Ethiopia came to Seattle to create an understanding for the Ethiopian regional and federal courts of how an independent public defender service operates in the United States and how this could be replicated in Ethiopia. They also gained a better understanding of how clinical legal education functions within universities and the justice sector.

France – Disability-Related Issues and Accessibility

November

Two visitors from France visited Seattle to examine innovative practices to enhance capacity building and information access for people with disabilities. They also looked at inclusive educational practices for children with a motor, sensorial, mental, psychological, or cognitive disability in schools or universities.

India/Pakistan – Innovation and Incubation on US Campuses

November

10 visitors from India and Pakistan examined how business incubators on college campuses promote innovation and economic dynamism.

Kyrgyzstan – Maker Movement in STEM

November

10 visitors from the Kyrgyz Republic toured Seattle to develop an understanding of the Maker Movement in the United States and determine ways to foster a similar movement in Kyrgyzstan.

China – Transportation and Infrastructure Standards and Financing in the United States

November

Nine visitors from China traveled to Seattle to discuss how private industry contributes to the development and implementation of infrastructure to connect people, move goods, and drive growth.

Asia – Human Rights Advocacy

November

Three visitors from Asia came to Seattle to examine the historical context, legal framework, and current issues in human rights advocacy in the United States.

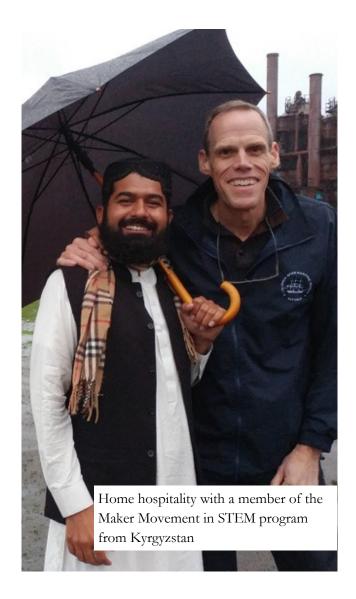
Afghanistan – Enhancing the Capacity of Peace and Reconciliation Leaders

December

The Council hosted seven visitors from Afghanistan to examine peace and reconciliation strategies and explore leadership building for peace activists.











GLOBAL CLASSROOM

Global Classroom (GC) extends the World Affairs Council's message of global understanding to K-12 classrooms. GC empowers teachers with the tools, knowledge, and perspectives to engage students in global studies, cultivate 21st century skills, and act consciously as informed global citizens. Students' lives will be defined by the world within and beyond our borders, and the Council's goal is to ensure that the education system reflects this reality. GC brings the world to the classroom to ensure that students are prepared to live, work, and play in a world of diverse cultures, histories, and economies.



A Conversation with the President of Iceland, Guðni Th. Jóhannesson May 4, 2018

Professional Development

Educator Workshops

GC offers teacher training on a variety of relevant international topics. Monthly programs include guest speakers and meaningful discussion, and participants earn teacher clock hours required for continuous education. Educators leave with a greater understanding of global issues and interdisciplinary resources for bringing them into the classroom as well as stronger connections to their colleagues in the greater Seattle community.

Educator Book Club

Our 2017-2018 book club read Mohsin Hamid's *Exit West*. Since 2016, Global Classroom has offered a Spring Book Club to provide educators with an opportunity to read highly-acclaimed, relevant literature pertaining to major global issues. Educators are often given the opportunity to meet and discuss the book with the author, and are then asked to create a short lesson based around both the book and the issue it addresses.

World Educator Award

Each year, the World Affairs Council honors a local educator who has made exceptional contributions in broadening the global horizons of students and colleagues.

The recipient of the 2017–2018 World Educator Award is Jeff Blair, an eighth-grade Geography and Literature teacher at The Northwest School. He has taught upper and middle school Humanities at The Northwest School since 1989. Jeff has been a leader in developing programs at Northwest including helping transform the school's approaches to professional development, environmental sustainability, and global education.

Jeff also helped found a school in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The International Leadership Academy of Ethiopia, which serves highly capable students from impoverished backgrounds, just celebrated its first graduating class and has joined The Northwest's School's network of international partner schools. Currently, Jeff is working on a project, "The Globe Reads," to link students at Northwest with peers in classrooms around the world to discuss shared readings.

GLOBAL CLASSROOM

Youth Programming

Professional Development Workshops and Resource Packets

- Collaboration in the Classroom and Beyond
- What Does it Take to Eradicate Disease?
- North Korea Past and Present
- Communicating Ideas Across Cultures and Taking Action
- Media Literacy and Press Rights with Visiting African Journalists
- Taiwan in the Balance

Download resource packets at world-affairs.org/resources

School Visits with International Delegations

42 international visitors brought their unique perspectives and ideas about the world directly to the classroom, enhancing the global competence and cross-cultural understanding for students across Washington classrooms.

Student workshops

Global Classroom led leadership development workshops for international youth delegations from Iraq, Brazil, and Mexico. GC also partnered with Seattle Public Schools for the Washington State Global Issues Network Conference to facilitate student-led programming.

World Citizen Essay Contest

This annual essay contest for Washington State 3rd through 12th grade students promotes discussion among students, teachers, families, and community members about the ways that individuals can affect positive change in the global community. In 2018, the Council partnered with Expedia to challenge students to engage with the U.N. Sustainable Development goals and to find ways to address one of the goals in a sustainable manner. The student winners were celebrated at a public awards ceremony with keynote speaker Dennis Macray, COO of Theo Chocolate, and Carol Welch, director of Strategy, Planning and Management at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Teacher Training

219 educators from 37 schools participated in Global Classroom professional development workshops, benefiting over 22,000 students.

2018 World Citizen Essay Contest

Nearly **400** students entered representing **22** schools and **12** Washington school districts



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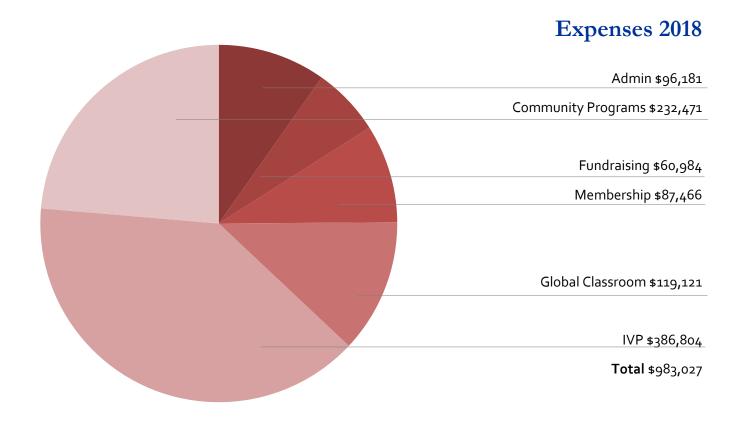
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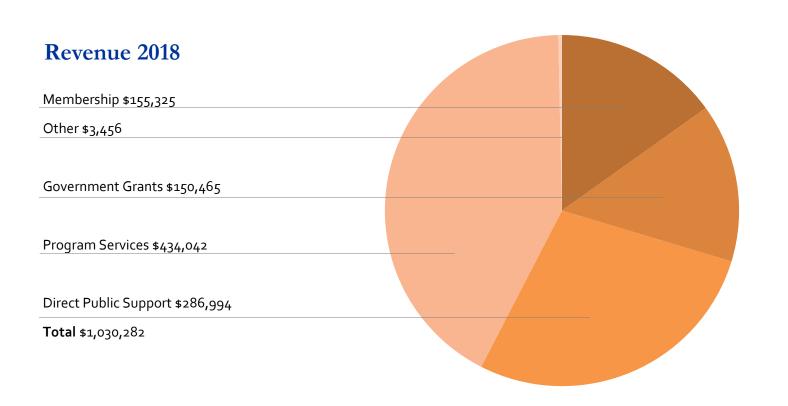
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