



2020 Annual Report

OUR MISSION

The World Affairs Council advances global understanding and engagement. The Council's programs are powerful tools for building an engaged, inspired, and connected global citizenry in greater Seattle. The Council truly brings the world to Seattle and helps inform local debates about global issues.

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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 2020, Community Programs hosted events that offered 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 2020 included the COVID-19 pandemic, trade, U.S.-China relations, and geopolitics. 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 2020.



A Rapid Response Discussion on the Coronavirus and Global Health Emergencies
February 13, 2020



A Rapid Response Discussion
with General (ret.) McCaffrey
January 16, 2020



An Update on Turkey
January 30, 2020

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2020

Public Programs

A Conversation with Ambassador Samantha Power

September 16, 2019

Perkins Coie, LLP

Samantha Power

Administrator, United States Agency for International Development

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

It's Not Business as Usual: A New Europe?

October 1, 2019

Russell Investments

Brad Staples

CEO, APCO Worldwide

Shelley McKinley

Vice President, Technology and Corporate Responsibility Group, Microsoft

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The Future of U.S. Nuclear Policy

October 4, 2019

The Seattle Foundation

Stephen Miles

Executive Director, Win Without War

Michelle Dover

Program Director, Ploughshares Fund

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The Chinese Repression of Muslim Uighurs in Xinjiang

October 16, 2019

Fourth & Madison

Brad Adams

Executive Director, Asia Division, Human Rights Watch

Moderated by Anita Ramasastry

Professor of Law, University of Washington

Pocket Democracy – Conference Pop-Up

October 25, 2019

Gothe Pop Up Seattle

In partnership with The Seattle Public Library

How Putin Will Manipulate Us: A Conversation with John Sipher

November 5, 2019

Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

John Sipher

Co-founder, Spycraft Entertainment

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The Politics of Japan's Military Power and East Asian Security

November 12, 2019

Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Sheila Smith

Senior Fellow, Japan Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Two Generals

November 14, 2019

Rainier Club

Barry McCaffrey

General (Ret.), U.S. Army; President, BR McCaffrey

Associates LLC

Peter W. Chiarelli

General (Ret.), U.S. Army

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

America's Credibility at Stake: How the World Views U.S. Foreign Policy

November 20, 2019

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Thomas Countryman

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of State

Moderated by Celes Eckerman

Managing Partner, Galvanize Partners

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2020

Assessing U.S. - China relations in the 2020 election year

December 17, 2019

Perkins Coie, LLP

James McGregor

Chairman of Greater China, APCO Worldwide

Moderated by Heather Hwalek

Senior Program Officer, Global Policy and Advocacy, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation;

Former FSO

A Rapid Response Discussion on Iran with General (ret.) McCaffrey

January 16, 2020

Fourth & Madison

Barry McCaffrey

General, U.S. Army (Ret.); President, BR McCaffrey Associates LLC

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

An Update on Turkey

January 30, 2020

Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Reşat Kasaba

Jackson School Director, University of Washington

Moderated by Rebecca Yang

Business Advisor, Amazon Web Services

Global Networking Happy Hour with Global WA, Pangea, and the WGHA

February 4, 2020

Optimism Brewing Company

Global Cafe: Iran & U.S Tensions

February 5, 2020

Panama Hotel and Tea House

The Future of Work

February 6, 2020

Foster Garvey

Daniel F. Runde

Senior Vice President and Director, the Project on Prosperity and Development

Moderated by Maura O'Neill

Innovator, Businesswoman, Former Chief Innovation Officer and Senior Counselor to the

Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development

A Rapid Response Discussion on the Coronavirus and Global Health Emergencies

February 13, 2020

Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Gabrielle Fitzgerald

Founder and CEO, Panorama Global

Ann Marie Kimball

Strategic Adviser, Rockefeller Foundation

Dennis Worsham

Prevention Division Director, Public Health, Seattle & King County

Moderated by Jeff Hall

Deputy Director - Strategy, Planning, & Management - China Country Office, Bill and

Melinda Gates Foundation

The U.S. Agenda in Advancing Women's Global Economic Empowerment

February 25, 2020

Russell Investments

Anthony Welcher

Vice President for Compact Operations, Millennium Challenge Corporation

Moderated by Kimberly Davies Lohman

Senior Manager, Sustainability, Resonance

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2020

Trade under Trump in 2020

March 3, 2020
Fourth & Madison

Jennifer Hillman
Senior Fellow, Trade and International Political Economy,
Council on Foreign Relations

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

World Affairs Council 2020 Annual Meeting

March 18, 2020
Virtual Event

The U.S. - Russian Relationship

April 10, 2020
Virtual Event

Eugene Rumer
Director, Carnegie's Russia and Eurasia Program

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

IVP Volunteer Host Virtual Happy Hour

April 14, 2020
Virtual Event

Rethinking National Security in the Age of Pandemics

April 16, 2020
Virtual Event

Joseph Cirincione
President, Ploughshares Fund

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Pandemic Powerplay

May 1, 2020
Virtual Event

Joshua Kurlantzick
Senior Fellow for Southeast Asia, Council on Foreign
Relations

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Misinformation, Fake News and COVID-19

May 6, 2020
Virtual Event

Jim Ludes
Executive Director, Pell Center

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

May IVP Volunteer Host Virtual Happy Hour

May 19, 2020
Virtual Event

The Public Health Response to Covid-19 in Zhejiang Province and Washington State

May 20, 2020
Virtual Event

Wenfeng Gong
Fellow, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Moderated by Jeff Hall
Deputy Director - Strategy, Planning, & Management -
China Country Office, Bill and
Melinda Gates Foundation

Global Health Security and COVID-19

May 22, 2020
Virtual Event

Bonnie Jenkins
Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs, Bureau of
International Security and Nonproliferation, U.S. Department
of State

Moderated by Cristin Gordon-Maclean
Associate Director, Global Program Manager, Seagen

The Future of Globalization

May 27, 2020
Virtual Event

Edward Alden
Bernard L. Schwartz senior fellow, Council on Foreign
Relations; Ross Distinguished Visiting Professor, Western
Washington University

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2020

Ambassador Nicholas Burns on Global Leadership and the COVID-19 Pandemic

June 4, 2020

Virtual Event

Nicholas Burns

Goodman Family Professor of the Practice of Diplomacy and International Relations, Harvard Kennedy School

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Geopolitics and Global Alliances

June 10, 2020

Virtual Event

Jaap de Hoop Scheffer

Former Secretary-General, NATO

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

China Emboldened?

June 16, 2020

Virtual Event

Steven Lee Myers

Veteran foreign and national security correspondent, The New York Times

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The U.S.-Korean Relationship

June 18, 2020

Virtual Event

Mark Lippert

Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy, APAC; Former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Vulnerability Amplified: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on LGBTIQ People

June 23, 2020

Virtual Event

Jessica Stern

Executive Director, OutRight Action International

The Taiwanese Response to COVID-19

July 9, 2020

Virtual Event

Leonard Chuech

Director of Medical Affairs, Taiwan Adventist Hospital

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

An Update on Latin America

July 14, 2020

Virtual Event

Michael Camilleri

Director, Peter D. Bell Rule of Law Program, Inter-American Dialogue

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

YPIN Events

International Trivia Night

October 2, 2019

Jellyfish Brewing Company

Global Cafe: Corporations and Geopolitics

October 24, 2019

Panama Tea House

Annual Fundraiser 2019: Havana Nights

November 10, 2019

The 101

Global Cafe: Lebanon Protests 2005 - 2020

December 5, 2019

Optimism Brewing

Global Book Club

January 23, 2020

Ada's Technical Books & Café

Czech Beer Night: Brewery Tour and Tasting

January 29, 2020

Obec Brewing

Careers at the State Department

January 30, 2020

Global Washington

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2020

International Trivia Night

February 27, 2020

Outer Planet Craft Brewing

Global Book Club: Never Let Me Go

March 3, 2020

Ada's Technical Books & Café

Global Book Club: Sapiens

April 21, 2020

Virtual Event

Movie Discussion: Roma

May 7, 2020

Virtual Event

America Dissected - Homelessness, Incarceration, and COVID-19

May 14, 2020

Virtual Event

Cooking Around the World During COVID - Italy!

May 21, 2020

Virtual Event

American Factory Movie Discussion

June 4, 2020

Virtual Event

Dance with YPIN!

June 24, 2020

Virtual Event

Cooking Around the World During COVID - Japan!

June 25, 2020

Virtual Event

2019-2020 Spanish Conversation Table

September - June

Virtual Event

2019-2020 French Conversation Group

September - June

Virtual Event

2020 July Networking: Board Recruitment

July 22, 2020

Virtual Event

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

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.

IVP SNAPSHOT 2020

XX International Visitors

XX International Visitor
Programs

XX Home Stay Volunteers

XX Hosted Dinners for XX
International Visitors



Brazil Youth Ambassadors on MLK Day 2020

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

Thanks to our community partners!

50 Miles More	Foundation for International Understanding Through Students	Refugee Artisan Initiative	University of Washington Center for an Informed Public
5G Open Innovation Lab	Glacier Peak High School	Refugee Women's Alliance	University of Washington Center for Information Assurance & Cybersecurity
Amazon	Global Visionaries	Renton Teacher Academy	University of Washington Center for Korea Studies
APCO Worldwide	Greater Seattle Partners	ROOTS Young Adult Shelter	University of Washington Department of Political Science
Baltimore City Youth Commission	Henry M. Jackson Foundation	Satsuma Designs	University of Washington Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies
Biomedical Device Innovation Partnership Zone, City of Bothell	Highline College	Seattle Central College	University of Washington Nancy Bell Evans Center on Nonprofits & Philanthropy
Blomquist International	Isabel Callejas, Program Leader, World Learning	Seattle Counseling Service	University of Washington Undergraduate International Admissions
Boeing	Justice Mary Yu, Washington State Supreme Court	Seattle Information Technology, City of Seattle	Vera Project
Burke Museum	Microsoft	Seattle Municipal Court	Visit Seattle
Cathy Allen, Co-Founder and Chair, Center for Women & Democracy	Milwaukee Youth Council	Seattle Pacific University Digital Education Leadership	Washington Education Association
Center for Children and Youth Justice	Moonbeam Information Technology & Services	Seattle Public Library	Washington Policy Center
Centralia College	Museum of Pop Culture	Seattle University	Washington State Auditor's Office
Chief Judge Martinez, U.S. District Court of Western Washington	NAACP Youth Council Seattle	Seattle University Nonprofit Leadership Program	Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Chief Seattle Club	National Alliance for Youth Organizing	Seattle Works	Washington State Department of Commerce
City of Seattle Office of Intergovernmental Relations	National Program Evaluation	Seattle Youth Commission	Washington State Department of Commerce Office of Economic Development and Competitiveness
City of Seattle Office of Crime Victims Advocacy	National Urban Indian Family Coalition	Shoreline Community College	Washington Supreme Court
City of Seattle Office of Economic Development	Northwest Asian Weekly	Sno-Isle TECH	Washington Technology Industry Association
CoMotion Lab	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	Social Venture Partners	Young Women Empowered
Cultivate	Northwest Sewn	Solid Ground	Zulily
Disability Rights Washington	Office of U.S. Congressman Adam Smith	Starbucks	
Dr. Erika Massaquoi, OULA Company	OneAmerica Votes	T-Mobile	
Formative	Pacific Northwest Economic Region	Team STEM, Central Washington University-Des Moines Center	
	Pacific Science Center	The Washington Bus	
	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	Theo Chocolate	
	Port of Seattle	Tilth Alliance	
		Tulsa Mayor's Youth Council	
		University of Washington Bothell COIL	

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

Virtual Pakistan-American Youth Exchange

January

The PAK-USA Virtual Classroom Exchange connects Pakistani and American high school students in a virtual exchange to help them develop relationships and increase knowledge about each other's cultures. During the three-month exchange, teams of Pakistani and American students will create projects designed to transform specific cross-cultural conflicts in their communities. Students will also create short videos and presentations about their projects, which will be evaluated by a panel of conflict resolution experts. The leading Pakistani team will then travel to the United States for a two-week face-to-face exchange program, ideally meeting their American counterparts in-person.

Brazil Youth Ambassador Program 2020

January

The Youth Ambassadors Program is a 3-week leadership exchange for teenagers, ages 15-18, and adult mentors from participating countries throughout the Western Hemisphere. The program provides full scholarships for participants to take part in cultural-educational programming focused on civic engagement and social entrepreneurship. In addition, for the adult participants, it addresses adult leadership and mentoring.

Advancing An Open, Reliable, and Secure Digital Economy

January

22 visitors from around the world visited Seattle to examine current and potential policies to advance an open and secure Internet. The visitors met with public and private sector representatives from the information and communications technology arena.

Global Economic Cooperation

January

21 visitors from around the world visited Seattle to examine private sector and local, state, and federal government strategies for stimulating economic growth. The visitors met with representatives of a range of start-up and established businesses, banks, chambers of commerce, community groups, NGOs, government agencies, think tanks, and universities to discuss trade, investments, incentives, taxes, and fiscal policy.

The Role of School Teachers in the 21st Century

February

5 visitors from Georgia visited Seattle to explore ways to attract and retain qualified teachers and school administrators, and to incentivize service in poorer and rural communities. They also analyzed ways to incentivize continuing education and professional development for principals and teachers.

U.S. Higher Education Study Tour for Korean High School Guidance Counselors

February

10 visitors from Korea examined U.S. policy towards college internationalization, the flexibility and variety of liberal arts education institutions, college admission requirements, and the American college experience overall.

Regional Responses to Refugee and Migration Issues in the Indo-Pacific.

February

8 visitors from the Indo-Pacific region examined federal, state, and local government policies and initiatives and inter-governmental action to resettle and integrate refugees that arrive both through the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program and through unofficial channels.

Rule of Law and the U.S. Judicial System 2020

February

6 visitors from Africa and the Middle East examined the U.S. commitment to the promotion of transparency, ethics, and judicial independence in a democracy. They observed the judiciary's role in preserving democratic practices such as due process, trial by jury, the right to representation and a fair trial, the role of the public defender, the appeals process, judicial appointments and elections, and governmental accountability.

U.S. Foreign Policy in the Indo-Pacific

February

8 visitors from the Indo-Pacific region visited Seattle to examine issues of mutual interest and assess the concept of a "free and open" Indo-Pacific. They also explored U.S. national interests in the region, while evaluating federal and state-level foreign policy roles.

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

NGO Management I 2020

February

A group of 22 visitors from around the world visited Seattle to examine innovative NGO, non-profit, public service, and advocacy organization management strategies in the United States. The visitors also explored the diversity of the non-profit sector in the United States and the dynamic relationships between business, government, and non-governmental organizations.

Minority Participation in the Democratic Process

February

11 visitors from Latin America visited Seattle to examine locally based initiatives and public-private partnerships that engage minority communities and promote inclusive political participation and coalition building in the democratic process. The visitors explored how citizen groups, community and political organizations, and social entrepreneurs across minority groups organize local and regional partnerships and mobilize volunteers for engagement.

Beyond the Border: Utilizing Technology to Disrupt Terrorism & Transnational Crime

March

6 visitors from Indonesia visited Seattle to examine how U.S. borders are protected through the use of technology, personnel, intra- and inter-agency information sharing, and infrastructure. They also observed how stakeholders coordinate and share information acquired through variety of sources across the federal, state, and local government as well as with partner nations in an effort to protect against global criminal organizations and terrorism.

Combating International Crime

March

8 visitors from Asia and Australia visited Seattle to learn about the U.S. criminal justice system and the legal framework for combating a range of transnational crimes. Additionally, they examined ways in which U.S. policy makers and law enforcement agencies can collaborate with international partners to counter transnational threats.

Education in the Digital Age

March

7 visitors from around the world came to Seattle to review current technological trends in education and assess how new technologies impact student learning. They also examined partnerships between educational institutions and private businesses or philanthropic organizations.

Political Analysis: Its Role in Policy Formation and Public Discourse

March

A group of 3 visitors from Kazakhstan visited Seattle to examine how U.S. think tanks work with each other, governments, policy makers, key influencers, and the public.

Police Professionalization Exchange Program (PPEP)

July

Memorializing History Through Museums

August

For this virtual program, a team of Ukrainian museum experts and fundraising professionals met with their U.S. counterparts to garner support and ideas as they engage in the development of the Holodomor Victims Memorial. The Holodomor, which means death by hunger in Ukrainian, was a man-made famine in Soviet Ukraine in 1932 – 1933. It is also known as the Genocide of Ukraine where 3.3 – 7.5 million lives were lost.

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Workforce Development

September

For this virtual program, a group of 4 professionals from Canada had virtual meetings with their Seattle counterparts to exchange views about the the impending impact of artificial intelligence on workforce planning and adaptation as well as how to prepare future generations to adapt to the new creative economy.

eLearning: Educating in Virtual Spaces

September

For this virtual program, a group of 15 visitors from Brazil, Cabo Verde, and São Tomé and Príncipe had a virtual program that assessed how new technologies can be integrated into existing curriculum and how it impacts student learning, including the advantages and disadvantages.

Youth Empowerment and Civic Engagement

September

For this virtual program, a group of 9 alumni of the Patchwork Foundation Masterclass program in the United Kingdom had virtual meetings with thought leaders in the United States to explore new and innovative approaches to ensuring political, civic, and economic empowerment of young people from diverse backgrounds.

Virtual and In-Person Museum Exhibits

October

A group of 8 professionals affiliated with four science museums in South Africa had virtual meetings to learn from their U.S. counterparts about funding models for revenue generation and how science centers in the United States are generating income to sustain themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic. They also explored effective ways of redeveloping science exhibits to no-touch virtual exhibitions and how to extend the reach of museums to marginalized communities.

A Transatlantic Approach to Safe, Secure, and Innovative 5G Technology

October

For this virtual program, a group of 15 professionals from Europe had virtual meetings to highlight the transformative impact of 5G technology, both economically and from a political and security perspective. They also discussed the importance of network security in a hyperconnected, digitized economy, and elaborate on 5G-specific risks to communications networks and critical infrastructure.

Community, Library, and Youth Engagement Centers and Programs

October

For this virtual program, a group of 15 visitors from the Near East and North Africa region had virtual meetings to explore the extensive roles of U.S. community centers, libraries and programs that inspire youth engagement and to examine the role of community programs that address the digital divide and bridge social and cultural gaps among diverse populations.

Education in the Digital Age II

October

For this virtual program, a group of 23 visitors from around the world participated in a virtual program to examine how technology is changing the U.S. educational process from primary schools to universities by providing content through online platforms. The visitors explored how technology is promoting educational opportunities for disadvantaged students, older adults, and rural populations and how policy makers, the private sector, school administrators, and teachers evaluate, fund, and support technological innovation in classrooms.

Creating Lasting Social Change: Protests Movements and Models

October

For this virtual program, a group of 30 visitors from around the world participated in a virtual program to discuss their efforts to create social change in their respective countries and also share their insights and perspectives on best practices using protest to create lasting social change that's reflected in both changing public attitudes and influencing public policy.

U.S. Higher Education and Opportunities for Future Partnerships

November

For this virtual program, a group of 11 participants from Honduras had virtual meetings with U.S. higher education administrators and policy-makers to explore the diversity of U.S. tertiary education institutions, their administration, the current issues, trends and challenges that they face, and perspectives on internationalization in pandemic and post-pandemic times.

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

U.S. Elections

November

For this virtual program, a group of 12 participants from Lebanon had virtual meetings with U.S.-based scholars, partisans, think-tanks, community-based organizations, and journalists to examine the electoral process, results, and reactions in the aftermath of the U.S. Presidential Elections.

Strengthening Economic and Commercial Ties: Fashion Ecosystems

November

For this virtual program, a group of 8 participants from Senegal had virtual meetings to examine the evolution of the fashion industry in the United States and factors that support fashion ecosystems and international commercial ties.

Global Economic Cooperation II

November

For this virtual program, a group of 36 participants from around the world had virtual meetings to take a comprehensive look at ongoing efforts to reinvigorate the U.S. economy and to enhance the overall stability and strength of the international economic system during employment and health crises.

Gold Star--ADA 30th Anniversary, Vianney Sierralta Aracena, Chile

December

Vianney Sierralta who visited the United States on an IVLP in 2017 participated in a speaking event to discuss the impact of the IVLP experience and share updates on her work to support the rights of people with disabilities in Chile.

Towards a More Safe and Secure World Master Series

December

A group of 35 participants from around the world heard from a panel of speakers from communities across the United States about the recent protests for racial justice and renewed efforts to reimagine policing.

Open World Alumni Exchange Event

December

For this virtual program, Kosovar delegates from the 2019 Open World Leadership Center program, Community-Led Tourism, reconnected with the Seattle community to provide updates on how the program impacted their work and to hear from representatives of Seattle's tourism sector about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local tourism industry.

Transparency and Accountability in Government

December

For this virtual program, a group of 15 participants from the Near East and North Africa region had virtual meetings to explore the role of citizens, traditional and new media, academia, and civil society in fostering transparency and accountability in government. Their meetings with their Seattle counterparts also highlighted the mechanisms that enable citizens to foster good governance, ethical standards, and accountability at the local, state, and federal levels.

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.

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 2019-2020 book club read...

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.

Professional Development Workshops and Resource Packets

- Choice, Voice, and Power: Increasing Gender Equality Through Design
- North Korea Book Club
- 21 Century Global Competence Workshop (Session 2: Teaching Collaboration)
- Crisis, Challenge and Change in the European Union
- Mr. Toilet: The World's #2 Man
- Empowering Refugee Students: How We Can Help
- Keeping Informed as Teachers: What We Need to Know About Xinjiang Today

Download resource packets at world-affairs.org/resources

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 2020, the Council asked students to answer: If you were hired by the United Nations to lead a project addressing gender equality by empowering women and girls, what would you do? Where would you work and why? Finally, what specific steps would you take to achieve your goal?

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Teacher Training

x educators from x schools participated in Global Classroom professional development workshops, benefiting over x students.

2020 World Citizen Essay Contest

Nearly x students entered representing x schools and

GLOBAL CLASSROOM

Euro Challenge Orientation

October 7th, 2019

The Center for West European Studies and EU Center, in partnership with the World Affairs Council and W!se hosted a Euro Challenge Orientation on October 7, 2019 for high school teachers and students at the University of Washington to learn about the Euro Challenge Competition. The orientation included an introduction to Euro Challenge from W!se, a review of the challenge issues and key economic concepts, a Q&A session with Euro Challenge Alumni, and more.

Mr. Toilet: The World's #2 Man

November 26th, 2019

Not having a place "to go" isn't just an inconvenience; it's a problem that impacts 2.4 billion people worldwide. In India alone, 200,000 children die each year from lack of safe sanitation, while women are regularly raped because they have to defecate in public spaces. Jack Sim founded the World Toilet Organization and has spent the last 13 years lobbying 193 countries to raise awareness about proper sanitation. Global Classroom and SIFF with generous support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the University of Washington Center for Global Studies hosted an exclusive educator workshop with Jack Sim and filmmaker Lily Zepeda.

North Korea Book Club for Educators

December 3rd, 2019 - December 5th, 2019

How can we begin to understand the complex history of North Korea and its leader? We dove deeper into this question by engaging in a dynamic discussion with other educators, explored contemporary challenges facing North Korean society, and shared diverse strategies for bringing North Korea into the classroom. This book club was led by Tese Wintz Neighbor and by Ryan Hauck, and was sponsored by the East Asia Resource Center and the World Affairs Council in Seattle, and funded by a Freeman Foundation grant in support of the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA).

Empowering Refugee Students: How We Can Help

January 23rd, 2020

The World Affairs Council's Global Classroom, in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Discovery Center, hosted an engaging educator workshop exploring refugee issues. Isra Chaker, one of the ten young leaders featured in We the Future, the current exhibit at the Discovery Center, discussed her work as an activist supporting refugees and the curriculum she developed with Oxfam to support educators across the U.S. Luis Ortega, Founder and Director of Storytellers for Change, moderated a discussion with a panel of local organizations who support refugee students, including a student and a teacher.

Global Competence Certificate – Virtual Information Sessions

May 28th, 2020

The Global Competence Certificate for students was administered by the Global Classroom Program at the World Affairs Council of Seattle. It was developed together with the Seattle Public Schools International Schools Leadership Team (ISLT) in 2016-2017. It was recognized as a model on Global Education Certificate. The Global Competence Certificate Program was created to track students' development of competencies that are critical to their success as global citizens who can contribute meaningfully to resolving global issues and ensuring a prosperous and equitable global economy. Upon successful completion of a website portfolio and presentation, eligible students will receive a Global Competence Certificate, issued by the World Affairs Council of Seattle. Students who present their portfolios in 9-11th grades also have the opportunity to continue developing their portfolios, and to earn the certificate later in their high school careers.

Ambassador Nicholas Burns on Global Leadership and the COVID-19 Pandemic – Virtual Program

June 4th, 2020

By their nature, transnational crises require concerted global efforts for an effective response. We have seen such responses before, including responding to 2008's Great Recession. The COVID-19 pandemic was striking for the lack of global leadership—a role frequently taken by the United States or the G-20 countries—to pull the world together in common cause. Instead, EU governments closed their borders to each other; President Xi kept a veil of secrecy about the true nature of the crisis within China's borders; and the U.S. president engaged in a global blame game. Was it too late to foster a cooperative and effective global response to this pandemic? And what country or countries have the standing and will to step in and forge a global path forward?

Keeping Informed as Teachers: What We Need to Know About Xinjiang Today – Virtual Program

June 11th, 2020

You read the headlines: "The Chinese government has reportedly detained more than a million Muslims in reeducation camps." Who are the Uyghur? When did mass detentions of Uyghurs and other Muslims begin? What does Beijing say about these incarcerations? What was happening inside and outside the camps? We were joined by Professor Darren Byler, a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Asian Studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder, as he discussed these and other issues facing Uyghurs as they struggle to maintain their religion and cultural identity. Following Professor Byler's Xinjiang overview, Tese Wintz Neighbor, who has been taking American groups to Xinjiang annually for more than a decade, moderated a discussion with questions regarding what American travelers and teachers can do in learning about Uyghur culture and teaching its ancient history. This program was co-sponsored by University of Washington's East Asia Resource Center and the World Affairs Council's Global Classroom.

Student Diplomacy Simulation

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Led by facilitators from the Global Ties Network, this National Museum of American Diplomacy interactive simulation guided students through role-playing scenarios as they took on the role of key stakeholders to a hypothetical crisis and the factors that led to it. The exercise developed skills in critical thinking, collaboration, problem-solving, persuasive communication, and global competence. The theme of this Diplomacy Simulation was: Refugees & Migration.

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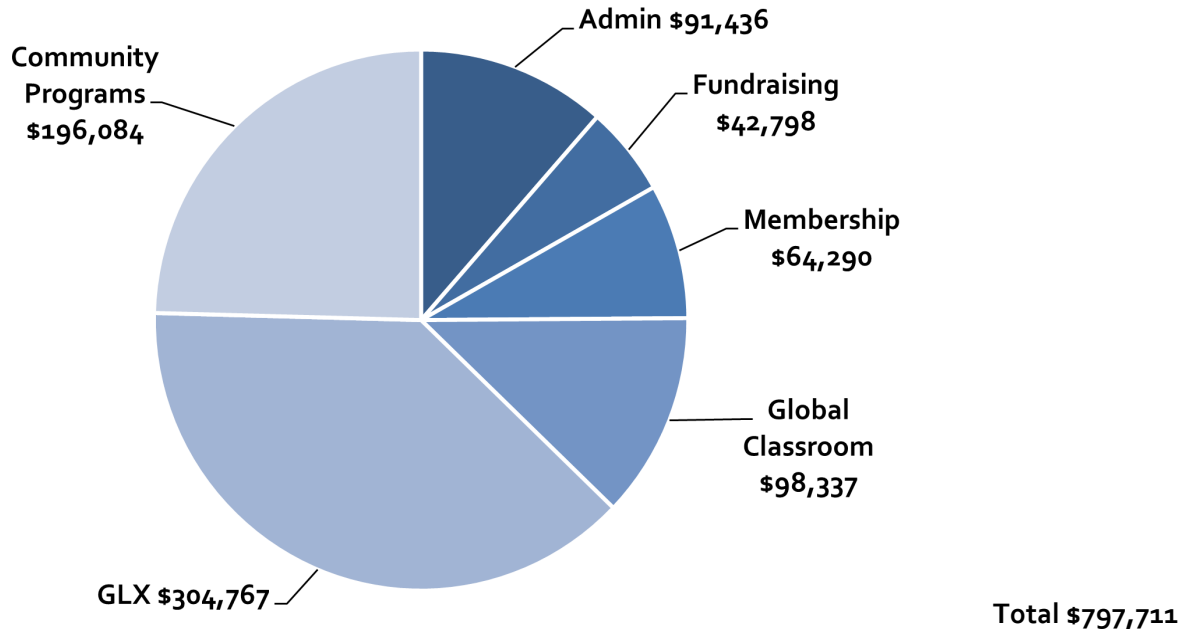
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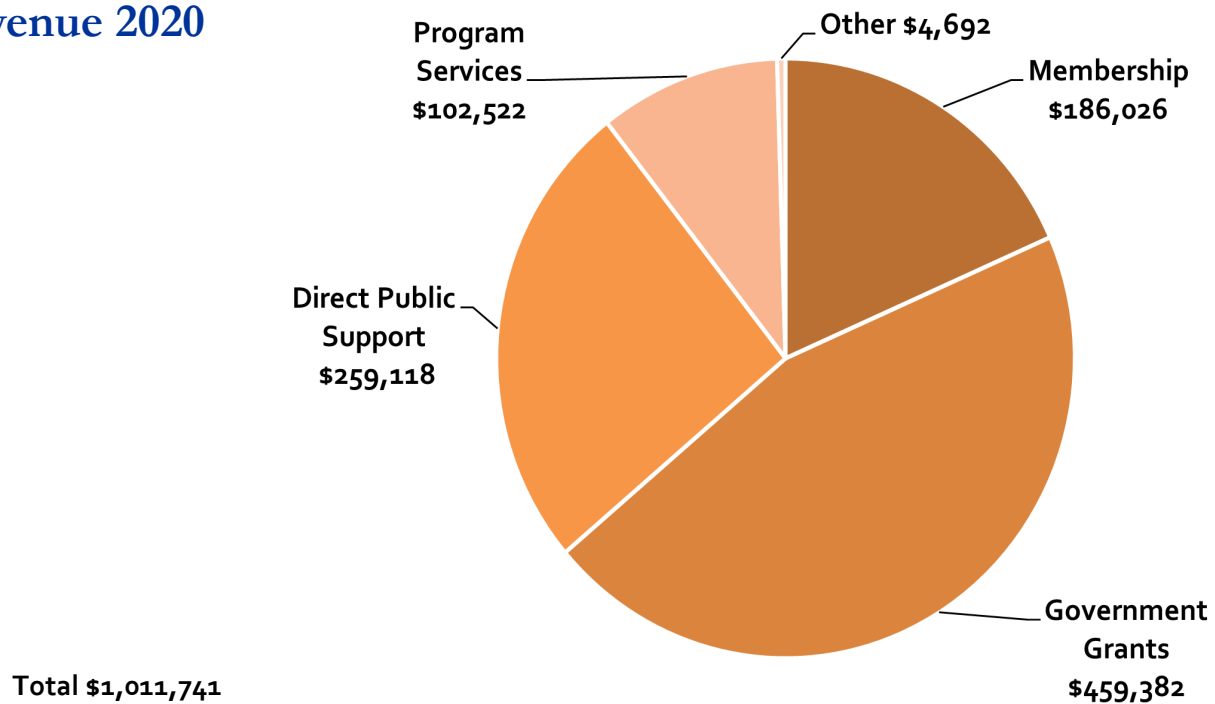
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