



2021 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 2021, 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 2021 included the Presidential Election, climate security, vaccines, 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 2021.

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2021

Public Programs

A Conversation with Richard Haass on Understanding Global Challenges

September 11, 2020
Virtual event

Richard Haass
President, Council on Foreign Relations

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The Civic Experience: Fake News and Social Media Disinformation

September 17, 2020
Virtual event
In partnership with Northeastern University

McKay Coppins
Staff Writer, The Atlantic

Peter Hamby
Host of the Snapchat series "Good Luck America"

Tara McGowan
Political Strategist; Co-founder/CEO, Acronym

Moderated by Davey Alba
Technology reporter, New York Times

A COVID-19 Update

September 18, 2020
Virtual event

Gabrielle Fitzgerald
Founder and CEO, Panorama Global

Moderated by Jeff Hall
Deputy Director, US Policy and Advocacy, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

HBO Advanced Screening: Agents of Chaos

September 21, 2020
Virtual event

Alex Gibney
Director, "Agents of Chaos"

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Challenges facing Sub-Saharan Africa with Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield

September 24, 2020
Virtual event

Linda Thomas-Greenfield
U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

Moderated by Jamaica Corker

Program Officer, Data and Evaluation, Family Planning Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Nuclear Policy and Presidential Power

September 29, 2020
Virtual event

Tom Z. Collina
Director of Policy, Ploughshares Fund

William J. Perry
Secretary of Defense (1994-1997)

Moderated by Kathleen Doty
Advisor for Treaties & Agreements, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Rapid Response Roundtable: Conflict Between Armenia and Azerbaijan and Protests in Belarus

October 8, 2020
Virtual event

Stephen Sestanovich
George F. Kennan senior fellow for Russian and Eurasian studies, Council on Foreign Relations

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Past, Present, Future: A look at Putin's Russia

October 13, 2020
Virtual event

Catherine Belton
Investigative Journalist

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2021

Securing the U.S. Election with General Clapper

October 14, 2020
Virtual event

James Clapper
Fourth Director of National Intelligence

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The Future of Afghanistan with Ambassador Olson

October 22, 2020
Virtual event

Richard Olson
Senior Advisor, United States Institute of Peace; Formerly
U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan
(SRAP) (2015-2016)

Moderated by Vanda Felbab-Brown
Senior Fellow, Center for 21st Century Security
and Intelligence, Foreign Policy program,
Brookings Institution

Dethroning the Dollar with Eswar Prasad, Cornell University and Ted Alden, Council on Foreign Relations

October 30, 2020
Virtual event

Catherine Mann
Global Chief Economist, Citibank

Eswar Prasad
Tolani Senior Professor of Trade Policy and Professor of
Economics, Cornell University

Moderated by Edward Alden

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

Rapid Response Roundtable: Protests in Nigeria

November 2, 2020
Virtual event

Anietie Ewang
Nigeria Researcher, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Climate Security

November 13, 2020
Virtual event

Annallise Blum, PhD
AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow, Lecturer, Johns
Hopkins University

Marcus DuBois King
Professor of the Practice in Environment and International
Affairs, Georgetown University

John O. Rankin
Associate Professor of International Affairs, Elliot School,
George Washington University

David Title
Affiliate Professor of Meteorology and International
Affairs, Pennsylvania State University

Moderated by Jill Brandenberger
Senior Research Scientist, Pacific Northwest
National Laboratory

Social Justice at Home and U.S. Influence Abroad

November 17, 2020
Virtual event

Bishop Garrison
Director of National Security Outreach, Human Rights
First

Uzra Zeya
CEO and President, Alliance for Peacebuilding

Moderated by Nicole Bibbins Sedaca
Deputy Director of the Master of Science in
Foreign Service program, Georgetown University

The U.S.-Japanese Relationship

December 1, 2020
Virtual event

Michael Jonathan Green
Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair, Center for
Strategic and International Studies

Saori N. Katada
Professor of Political Science, International Relations, the
University of Southern California

Mireya Solís
Director of the Center for East Asia Policy Studies, Philip
Knight Chair in Japan Studies, Senior Fellow in the Foreign
Policy program, Brookings Institution

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2021

Pioneers of the Deaf Community: Actions for the Human Rights of Deaf Women in Chile

December 9, 2020
Virtual event

Vianney Sierralta
Lawyer; Activist

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The Food Crisis in Latin America

December 11, 2020
Virtual event

Laura Melo
United Nations World Food Programme Representative in Guatemala

Angela Montoya
Private Sector Partnerships Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, World Food Programme

Maria Nelly Rivas
Vice President of Government Relations, Latin America, Cargill

Moderated by Chris Megargee
Latin America Ambassador, Covenant House International

A Conversation with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on China's Global Strategy

January 6, 2021
Virtual event

Kevin Rudd
Prime Minister of Australia (2007-2010)

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Biden's Priority List: U.S. Foreign Policy and the New Administration

January 14, 2021
Virtual event

Ellen Laipson
Director, International Security program, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University

Thomas Wright
Director, Center on the United States and Europe; Senior Fellow, Project on International order and Strategy, Brookings Institution

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The United States, Canada, and Mexico: The Future of the Trilateral Relationship

January 21, 2021
Virtual event

Brandon A. Lee
Consul General of Canada to Pacific Northwest

Hector Ivan Godoy Priske
Head Consul, Mexican Consulate in Seattle

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Vaccine Nationalism

January 27, 2021
Virtual event

Thomas J. Bollyky
Director, Global Health Program and Senior Fellow for Global Health, Economics, and Development, Council on Foreign Relations

Jennifer Huang Bouey
Tang Chair for China Policy Studies, RAND Corporation

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2021

Rapid Response Roundtable: Unprecedented Protests in Russia

January 29, 2021
Virtual event

Jill Dougherty
Former Moscow Bureau Chief, CNN; Global Fellow,
Woodrow Wilson Center

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

Yemen's Humanitarian Crisis with Ambassador Barbara Bodine

February 3, 2021
Virtual event

Barbara K. Bodine
Director, Institute for the Study of Diplomacy,
Georgetown University

Moderated by Payton Knopf
Advisor, European Institute of Peace

Reviving the Iran Nuclear Deal: The Challenges for the Biden Administration

February 10, 2021
Virtual event

Jessica Mathews
Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The Future of the Transatlantic Relationship

February 25, 2021
Virtual event

David O'Sullivan
EU Ambassador to the United States (2014-2019)

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The Future of the U.S.- Russia Relationship with Fiona Hill

March 3, 2021
Virtual event

Fiona Hill
Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe,
Brookings Institution; formerly Deputy Assistant to the
President and Senior Director for European and Russian,
National Security Council

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

World Affairs Council Annual Meeting 2021

March 17, 2021
Virtual event

The Implications of the Myanmar Coup

March 19, 2021
Virtual event

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

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

From Global to Local: Informing Seattle's Pandemic Response

March 24, 2021
Virtual event
In partnership with Global Washington

Dr. Jill Hilty
Family Practitioner; Volunteer, Medical Teams
International

Vidya Sampath
Global Team Lead, Data Analytics Technical Team,
VillageReach

David Sarley
Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Nicky Smith
Executive Director, International Rescue Committee in
Seattle

Moderated by Kristen Dailey
Executive Director, GlobalWA

COMMUNITY EVENTS 2021

Navigating India's Global Rise

April 14, 2021

Virtual event

Vikram Singh

Senior Advisor, Asia Program, U.S. Institute of Peace

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

The Limits of Recalibrating the U.S.-Saudi Relationship

April 21, 2021

Virtual event

Yasmine Farouk

Visiting Fellow in the Middle East Program, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Kristin Smith Diwan

Senior Resident Scholar, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington

Moderated by Cheryl Steele

VP, Global Security & Resilience, Starbucks

The Implications of China's Engagement in Africa

April 27, 2021

Virtual event

W. Gyude Moore

Senior Policy Fellow, Center for Global Development

Moderated by Andrew Pacelli

Regional Director, International Strategy & Business Development, Boeing Commercial Airplanes

Biden's First 100 Days

April 30, 2021

Virtual event

Ellen Laipson

Director, International Security program, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University

James M. Lindsay

Senior Vice President, Director of Studies, and Maurice R. Greenberg Chair, the Council on Foreign Relations

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

This is How They Tell Me the World Ends: A Discussion on Cybersecurity and the Cyber Arms Race with Nicole Perlroth

May 5, 2021

Virtual event

Nicole Perlroth

Journalist, New York Times

Moderated by Jonathan Tepperman

Editor at Large, Foreign Policy

An Update on Chinese Repression of Uighur Muslims

May 13, 2021

Virtual event

Brad Adams

Executive Director, Asia Division, Human Rights Watch

Moderated by Heather Hwalek

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

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

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.

Global Leadership Exchange

GLX'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.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

Thanks to our community partners!

5G Open Innovation Lab	University of Washington	Technology Services	Shoreline Community College
Adrienne Hampton, Climate Policy and Engagement Manager of the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition	Dr. Scott Radnitz, Associate Professor, University of Washington Jackson School of International Studies	National Association for Media Literacy Education	Simone Bruni, Founder, Demo Diva
Adventure Travel Trade Association	Dr. Wasser, Center for Conservation Biology, University of Washington	Net Your Problem	South Seattle Emerald
Amazon	ecoSPEARS	New York Times	Stanford History Education Group
American Councils for International Education, Lithuania & Belarus	Edmonds College	NOAA Seafood Inspections	Tamra DeBrady, President, Colorado Black Women for Political Action
Ben Hunter, Founder, Hillman City Collaboratory	Educational Service District 101	North Cascades National Park	Tamra Ryan, CEO, Women's Bean Project
Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture	Edward Alden, Western Washington University	Northwest Seaport Alliance	Technology Access Foundation
Business Impact NW	Fernow Consulting	Office of Economic Development & Competitiveness	Tulalip Tribes
Rebecca Lovell, CEO, Denali Financial Consulting	FIUTS	Pacific Northwest Economic Region	TVW Washington
Capria Ventures LLC	Formative	Pivotal Presentations	U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
Center for an Informed Public City of Blaine	Gay City	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	UnCruise Adventures
City of Seattle Office of Sustainability and Environment	Gillian Muessig, CEO, Outline Ventures Group	Port of Seattle	University of Washington - Bothell
City of Seattle Seattle Public Utilities	Global Classroom at the World Affairs Council	Poynter Institute, International Fact-Checking Network	University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs
Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women	Ingersoll Gender Center	Puget Sound Regional Council	University of Washington Foster School of Business
Coast Salish Youth Stewardship Corps	Jaren Schwartz, Chief of Staff, Logixboard	Rainier Avenue Radio	University of Washington Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations
Commodity Forwarders Inc.	Jill Dougherty, Former Moscow Bureau Chief, CNN	Real Change	Vicente Rodriguez Aranda, Pro Bono Chile Foundation (Chile)
CoMotion Labs	King County Superior Court	Refugee Artisan Initiative	Washington Black Lives Matter Alliance
Converge Media	KUOW	Refugee Women's Alliance	Washington BLM Alliance
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Councilwoman Ana Sandoval, San Antonio City Council	Maritime Blue Innovation Accelerator	Reuters	Weber Shandwick Workshop
Crosscadia	Mark Hertsgaard, Executive Director of Covering Climate Now	Richard Stengel, Former U.S. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs	Woodland Park Zoo
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	Microsoft	Seattle Indian Health Board	Young Women Empowered
	Migo Inc.	Seattle Municipal Courts	Zulily
	Moonbeam Information &	Seattle People's Academy for Community Engagement (PACE)	
		Seattle University	
		Seattle Works	
		Shelf Engine	

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

Human Rights - LGBTI Advocacy and Cross-Sectoral Alliances

January

A virtual program for 8 participants from Central and South America explored U.S. foreign policies that advance respect for human rights for LGBTI people and the free exercise of speech, the press, assembly, and political participation.

Edward R. Murrow Program: Media Responsibility in an Age of Disinformation

February

A virtual program for ten participants from around the world examined efforts to counter the dissemination of disinformation and explore ways to verify reliable sources of information and counter misinformation.

Social Media - Creatively Connecting Communities

February

A virtual program for seven participants from North Africa and the Middle East discussed the transition of traditional media in the digital age through the adoption of online content and use of social media as a platform to engage, entertain, and inform.

Safe, Secure, and Innovative 5G Technology

March

This virtual project examined 5G technology from an economic and security perspective with the goal of economically building and maintaining a secure 5G telecommunications infrastructure in Tunisia. The participants, Tunisian government officials and telecommunications providers, examined how the United States is building its 5G infrastructure.

Women as Drivers of Social and Economic Change

March

This virtual project explored the role of women leaders in politics, business, public service and civil society play as agents of change and advancement in their communities. Participants looked at examples of how women have led change on social, political, gender, family, youth, and health related issues.

NGO Management

April

This virtual project highlighted the role of the non-profit sector in U.S. society and the ways that non-governmental organizations (NGOs) promote an educated, engaged civil society as a cornerstone of democracy. Participants explored innovative non-profit management strategies, including strategic planning, use of social media and new technologies, fundraising, board development, and the effective use of volunteers.

Smart Ports

April

This virtual project introduced government and port officials from Panama to strategies to maintain the security and sovereignty of their ports, build their institutional capacity, and promote the economic viability of ports and supply-chain management.

U.S. State and Local Government

April

This virtual project explored how the United States' decentralized governmental structure engages citizens in local, state, and federal policy development. Participants explored the responsibilities of state and local government in public outreach and administering public services such as elections, justice, health, and education.

Promoting Climate Resilience in Pacific Island Countries

April

This virtual project showcased U.S. experience and expertise in climate adaptation and resilience to natural disasters at the national level and in coastal communities. Policymakers and on-the-ground practitioners from the Pacific Islands learned about the diverse nature of the U.S. response to climate change and how different regions utilize their local knowledge, experience, and political context to shape adaptation responses and programs.

Domestic Violence Salon Series

April

This virtual project came in response to the dramatic worldwide increase in violence against women and girls, particularly domestic violence, seen following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants explored methods and tools to determine cases of violence against women, meet with institutions dedicated to issues of violence against women, and engage with judicial actors involved in the criminal prosecution of domestic violence cases during COVID-19.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

Biosecurity and Agricultural Import/Export

April

This virtual project examined the intersection of U.S. policies on international trade, sustainable agriculture, and consumer health and safety. Participants explored how U.S. farmers and ranchers meet the complex economic and environmental challenges of providing affordable, high quality, and safe food products for both domestic consumption and international export.

NGO Management III

April

This virtual project highlighted the role of the non-profit sector in U.S. society and the ways that non-governmental organizations (NGOs) promote an educated, engaged civil society as a cornerstone of democracy. Participants explored innovative non-profit management strategies, including strategic planning, use of social media and new technologies, fundraising, board development, and the effective use of volunteers.

#FriendsPartnersAlliances

May

This virtual project targeted up-and-coming Canadian political leaders identified for an in-person program later in the year who examined the many facets of the U.S. - Canada relationship. The virtual portion of this project included a roundtable discussion with public officials from Blaine, WA, Detroit, MI, and International Falls, MN to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and border closure on cross border trade and tourism.

Community Connections - Media Literacy During the COVID-19 Infodemic

May

This virtual program explored strategies for preventing misinformation and disinformation, fostering media literacy, and communicating effectively about COVID-19.

Strengthening Educational Collaboration & Promotion of U.S. Higher Education

May

This virtual project engaged Australian career advisors to raise awareness about the U.S. higher education system with a view towards strengthening educational collaboration among U.S. and Australian institutions and promoting Australian students to pursue U.S. higher education opportunities.

Higher Education Cooperation

May

This virtual project addressed higher education in the United States and was also an opportunity to establish new connections between academic institutions in Panama and the U.S. that could potentially lead to new exchanges or cooperative programs.

Minority Participation in the Democratic Process and Human Rights

May

This virtual project explored how citizen groups, community and political organizations, and social entrepreneurs across minority groups organize local and regional partnerships and mobilize volunteers for engagement.

Best Practices in Court Operations and Court Security

June

This virtual project familiarized representatives of Ukraine's High Anticorruption Court (HAC) and the Court Security Service (CSS) with U.S. court operations and court security at the federal, state, and local levels.

Refugee Artisan Initiative + Fashion Entrepreneurs

June

Virtual Program

Global Economic Cooperation

June

This virtual project examined private sector and local, state, and federal government strategies for stimulating economic growth and took 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.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

Skills Building and Partnership Models - Fashion Ecosystems

June

This virtual IVLP activity for Senegalese participants from a November 2020 IVLP Virtual project built on their previous contact with the Seattle-based Refugee Artisan Initiative who presented their organizational model to promote skills building and work opportunities for home-based, small batch manufacturing and engage participants in a dialogue of how such models could be useful in

Video Games for STEAM and Entrepreneurship

July

This virtual project highlighted U.S. leadership in the emerging technology and business of video games, virtual/augmented reality (VR/AR), and educational technologies. Participants from the Western Hemisphere explored the U.S. video game business model, VR/AR applications in diverse industries like medicine and real estate, the development and distribution of educational games, and the career pathways from game design clubs and universities through AAA game publishers.

21st Century Changemakers: Countering Disinformation in Older Americans

July

This virtual project offers English-language teachers and adult education administrators an overview on current American English language and media literacy instructional curricula, trends, and developments. European participants explored strategies to engage senior citizens on using social media, on-line ethics, privacy concerns, and management of e-mails and social media posts from known and unknown sources.

Youth Ambassadors Caribbean

July

For more than a decade, the Global Leadership Exchange has welcomed hundreds of international youth leaders from countries throughout the world, including Mexico, Brazil, Iraq, South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, China, and Zambia, to Seattle to participate in exchange programs designed to empower the next generation of global leaders. These high school and college-aged youth leaders are typically selected through a highly competitive application process and receive full scholarships sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and private sector partners. During their Seattle-based program, youth leaders live with volunteer host families, participate in engaging workshops, site visits, and discussions with local leaders and youth, and connect with the Seattle community through volunteer projects and cultural outings.

Combating Wildlife Trafficking

August

This virtual project examined wildlife trafficking as a serious transnational crime that threatens security, economic prosperity, the rule of law, long-standing conservation efforts, and human health. This project focused on the U.S. State Department's strategic goal of combating wildlife trafficking, and protecting and conserving the environment while preserving the sustainable livelihood of critical populations. African participants examined efforts to combat international wildlife trafficking, best practices in U.S. anti-poaching and species recovery measures, and the roles of public and private sector stakeholders engaged in the protection of wildlife resources.

Promoting Economic Growth and Trade in the Fashion Industry

August

This virtual project for Nigeria highlighted current trends and successful business practices in the U.S. fashion industry, examine U.S. methods of business development in the fashion industry, and explore effective networking and advertising that leverages social and traditional media to increase sales.

Collaborative Solutions to Waste Management and Marine Debris

August

This virtual project assessed U.S. solid waste management practices, particularly efforts to reduce, recycle, or otherwise control the amounts and kinds of toxins reaching freshwater and marine environments.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

Human and Civil Rights Advocacy and Awareness 2021

September

This virtual project examined the historical context of human rights advocacy in the United States, the influence of human and civil rights activists on policy at the national, state, and local levels through lobbying, media, and grassroots campaigns, and the role and organizational structure of associations, NGOs, and religious organizations in advancing U.S. civil rights and equal opportunity.

Planning, Financing, and Delivering Transportation Infrastructure

September

This virtual project for Indonesia brought together decision makers from provincial, regency, and municipal planning agencies and public works and transportation offices to learn U.S. approaches and practices in delivering large multimodal infrastructure projects. The project aims to enhance the technical knowledge of local officials to develop projects attractive to foreign investors and to present U.S. challenges and achievements in delivering creatively and innovatively funded transportation projects.

Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Commercialization

September

This virtual project for Egypt introduced U.S. best practices as a way to improve Egyptian efforts to transfer new technology from academia to industry and demonstrate the value of intellectual property to a 21st century economy and the importance of protecting inventions.

Arctic Sustainable Tourism

September

This virtual project for participants from Arctic states discussed current issues related to sustainable tourism and the successful engagement of indigenous populations. The project also examined the relationships among businesses, federal and local government, NGOs, activists, and indigenous communities in balancing economic development with environmental concerns and the rights of indigenous populations.

Central and Eastern Europe Journalism Fellowship (CEEJ)

October

The Central and Eastern Europe Journalist Fellowship Program (CEEJ) pairs Central and Eastern European journalists for a virtual two-month fellowship with U.S. media organizations and professionals to expand their capacity as journalists and improve the sustainability of citizen-generated media. Through conferences, skills building workshops, networking, and professional fellowships, CEEJ supports these journalists in their efforts to increase professional standards, advance the credibility and accuracy of their reporting, build cross continental partnerships, and bolster sustainability of an independent media sector in the region.

Community Connections - Youth Leadership Program

November

U.S. Foreign Policy & Decision Making

November

This virtual project for participants from around the world examined U.S. foreign policy processes and priorities, and trends in U.S. international relations; domestic political and socioeconomic forces and stakeholders that influence U.S. foreign policy decisions; and the role of media in informing the public and influencing the policy process.

Leadership Development for Young Indigenous Leaders

November

This virtual project facilitated sharing the knowledge and experiences of rural leaders and representatives of indigenous organizations from Bolivia and the United States to help them engage with public policies, particularly those concerning land rights.

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 2020-2021 book club read "Beyond Guilt Trips: Mindful Travel in an Unequal World" by Anu Taranath. 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

- Europe in the Age of COVID-19: Public Health, Social
 - Solidarity, and the Role of Government in a New International Environment
 - Social & Emotional Learning: Culturally Responsive Teaching
 - Introduction to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
 - Yemen's Humanitarian Crisis
 - Banishing the Stigma of HIV/Aids
 - Arctic Series 2021 :
 - Inuit Homelands & Arctic Indigenous Peoples
 - Ice & Climate Change
 - Leadership & Communities
 - Language & Education
 - Innovative Teaching Strategies & Resources
 - On the Edge of the World: Stories from the Russian Arctic
- 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 2021, the Council challenged students to discuss an issue of global significance, explain its impact on a specific context (local, national, regional, or global), what steps you would take to address it, and how you would inspire others, especially youth, to take action on this important issue. Global Classroom recognized the 9 contest winners in grades 3-12 as well as the 2020 Fall Educators of the Month, and another student who has completed their Global Competence Portfolio received their certificate. The Keynote speaker was Akash Patel with moderator Noah Zeichner.

GLOBAL CLASSROOM

Global Competence Certificate Portfolio

October-June

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Migrant/Bilingual Department has awarded a first-ever Heritage Language Program Grant to Evergreen Public Schools in Vancouver, WA, to develop a year-long remote-learning program for Heritage Language speakers of Romanian, Russian, and Spanish. The project will support the students in developing their language proficiency and literacy in their Heritage Language while also preparing a portfolio for the Global Competence Certificate the Heritage Language (and English too, if they like) through the World Affairs Council of Seattle. Upon completion of the program, students will also have the opportunity to complete World Language Competency-Based Credit testing to earn high school credits in their language and potentially qualify for the Washington State Seal of Biliteracy. They may also qualify for the Global Seal of Biliteracy.

Professional Growth Series | SEL: Culturally Responsive Teaching | 2020 - 2021

November-April

With support from OSPI's Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB), the World Affairs Council of Seattle's Global Classroom launched a professional growth series on Social and Emotional Learning: Culturally Responsive Teaching. The goals of this series was to support teachers in their professional growth, reflecting on the way in which cultural diversity was taught in their classrooms; create teacher leaders who can make a difference within their schools and professional learning communities; and examine conversations about race, equity, and power and how to teach about these issues in the context of social and emotional learning. Educators identified a professional growth goal related to SEL and culturally-responsive teaching and developed and Professional Growth Plan (PGP). During the school year, Global Classroom supported teachers with resources, professional development activities, and opportunities to reflect on their pedagogy around culturally-responsive teaching.

Global Classroom Book Club | Winter 2021

1/13/2021

Book: "Beyond Guilt Trips: Mindful Travel in an Unequal World" x Dr. Anu Taranath. Participants discussed issues surrounding identity, social justice, and cross-cultural perspectives with Dr. Anu, a UW professor and racial equity facilitator. Rethinking how we engage in an unequal world both in our own communities and across the globe, Dr. Anu provided the tools and context for developing ethical and thoughtful approaches to mindful travel. This program was co-sponsored by the Center for Global Studies at the University of Washington and the World Affairs Council's Global Classroom.

Yemen's Humanitarian Crisis - Educator Edition | 2021

2/3/2021

The war in Yemen is now in its sixth year, with tens of thousands killed, millions displaced, and many more dependent on humanitarian assistance for survival. Yemen now constitutes one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world, with nearly 80 percent of the country's 28 million residents requiring assistance. How do the dynamics of Yemen's civil war shape the country's humanitarian crisis, how do broader geopolitical divides tie into the conflict? The World Affairs Council hosted a discussion with Ambassador Barbara Bodine, former U.S. ambassador to Yemen, on the war, the humanitarian crisis, and U.S. policy and interests. Educators were invited to attend this CP event for free. After this program, GC held an additional session for educators to talk through the program and go through the supplemental curriculum resource guide.

Arctic Series 2021 | The Arctic Today: Indigenous Peoples, Climate Change and the Environment

2/9/2021

This series introduced educators to the Arctic today including the role of Arctic Indigenous peoples in international relations, their communities and languages. University of Washington's network of scholars in Arctic and Indigenous studies provided a historic context for the circumpolar world as well as addressed the role of ice in nature and culture and the tremendous impact of climate change in the region.

Annual Educator Workshop | Banishing the Stigma of HIV/Aids

2/11/2021

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Discovery Center and the World Affairs Council's Global Classroom collaborated to host an informative educator workshop on banishing the stigma of HIV/AIDS in our classrooms and community. Participants learned more about the work of the Gates Foundation in addressing HIV/AIDS, experience the Discovery Center's "Through Positive Eyes," a new virtual exhibition featuring photography, stories, sculpture, and video by those living with HIV/AIDS and engaged with local leaders who are taking meaningful action in our schools and communities.

On the Edge of the World: Stories from the Russian Arctic

6/1/2021

The World Affairs Council - Seattle and the Canadian Studies Center, Center for Global Studies, and the Herbert J. Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington were thrilled to present, "On the Edge of the World: Stories from the Russian Arctic." This program highlighted the work of National Geographic fellow and photographer, Evgenia Arbugaeva, who shared her experience growing up in the Arctic, the economic and social challenges Arctic communities currently face, and the importance of storytelling through photography to capture how Arctic culture and landscapes are changing. The event was hosted by Sabine Lang, Professor of International and European Studies, and Director of the Center for West European Studies and the The Herbert J Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

Global Competence Certificate for Heritage Language Speakers Award Ceremony

6/29/2021

The World Affairs Council and our co-sponsors celebrated our Global Competence Certificate for heritage language speakers. As part of a unique grant from Washington State's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), heritage language speakers of Romanian, Russian, and Spanish embarked on a year long journey to develop their language proficiency and global competence. We recognized students who have completed language proficiency testing to quality for the State Seal of Biliteracy and Global Seal of Biliteracy. We were delighted to have Santoshi Pisupati, a student from Lake Washington School District, as our featured keynote speaker.

Europe in the Age of COVID-19: Public Health, Social Solidarity, and the Role of Government in a New International Environment

8/18/2021

The 2020 EU Policy Forum, for Middle School, High School, and Community College Educators The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies invited educators to participate in the 2020 EU Policy Forum, an online educator workshop which focused on contemporary issues in the European Union including: European Policy Responses to COVID-19, The Role and Popular Expectations of Government in Europe, Women Leaders in the European COVID-19 Response Crisis, and the Limits of European Solidarity.

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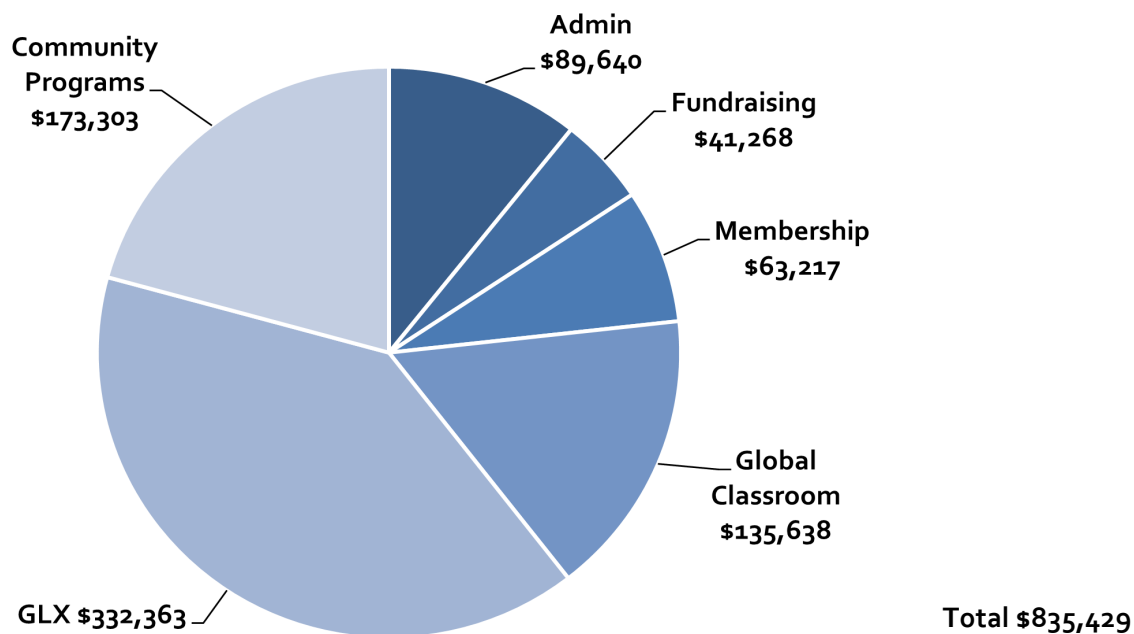
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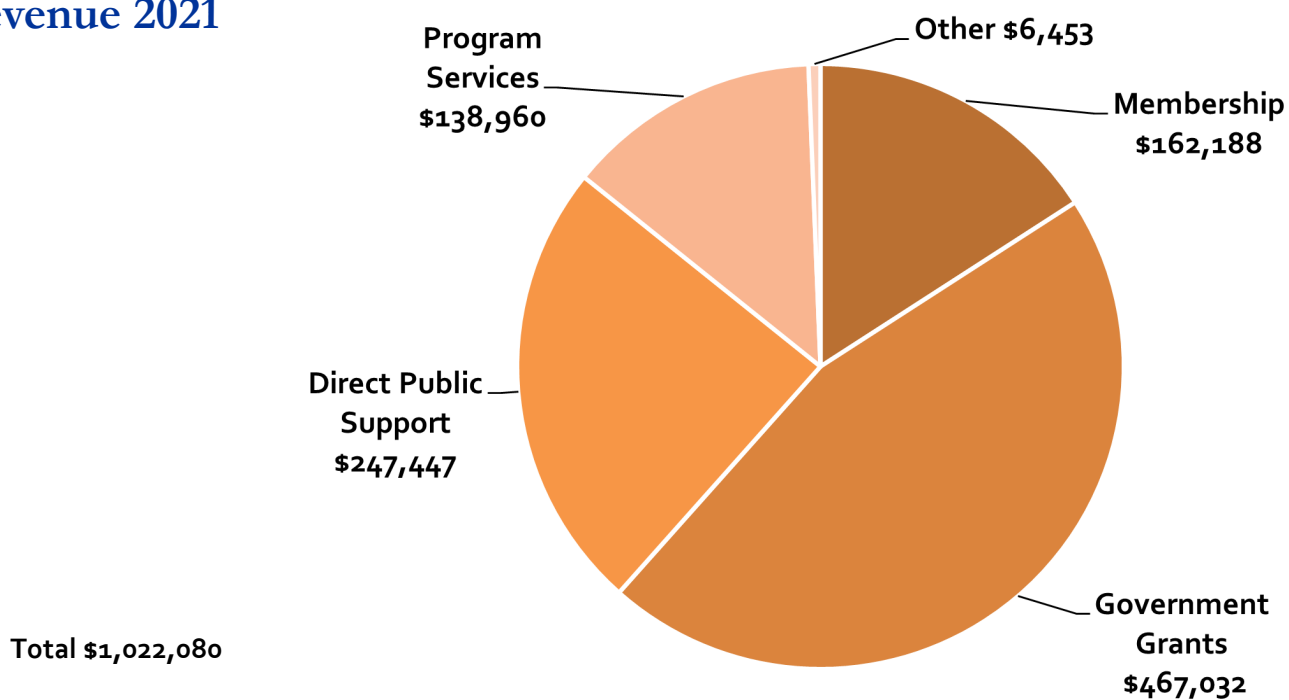
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