



# 2022 Annual Report

# OUR MISSION

The World Affairs Council advances global understanding and cultivates enduring relationships within our local community and with the world, one conversation at a time. We envision an inclusive and informed community that is inspired to create a just and equitable world.

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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 2022, 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 2022 included sustainability, globalization, nation security, and space. 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



State Department Roundtable  
March 10, 2022



The Quad: Security in the Indo-Pacific  
February 24, 2022



A Conversation on Taiwan  
March 22, 2022

# COMMUNITY EVENTS 2022

## Public Programs

### **The End of the "Forever War" in Afghanistan**

September 13, 2021

Virtual Event

Ryan Crocker

Former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Kuwait, and Lebanon

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller  
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

### **Democracy and Human Rights: Why American Leadership Matters**

September 22, 2021

Virtual Event

Nicole Bibbins Sedaca

Deputy Director, Master of Science in Foreign Service Program at Georgetown University

Kelly Currie

U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, Global Women's Issues; U.S. Representative, United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

Moderated by David Kramer  
Senior Fellow in the Vaclav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy; Director for European and Eurasian Studies, Florida International University

### **Beyond the Border: U.S.-Mexico Relations**

September 27, 2021

Virtual Event

Roberta Jacobson

Senior Advisor, ASG; Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of State

Carlos Pérez Verdía

Chief of Cabinet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller  
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

### **Securing The High Ground – U.S. Priorities in Space**

October 12, 2021

Virtual Event

Audrey Schaffer

Director for Space Policy, National Security Council

Sandy Finan

Advisor, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Retired USAF

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller  
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

### **Understanding AUKUS - What's at stake for the United States?**

October 20, 2021

Virtual Event

Charles Kupchan

Senior Fellow, Council Foreign Relations; Professor of International Affairs, Georgetown University Walsh School of Foreign Service

Evan Medeiros

Penner Family Chair in Asia Studies, School of Foreign Service; Cling Family Distinguished Fellow in U.S.-China Studies

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller  
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

### **Re-Watch Party: The End of the "Forever War" in Afghanistan**

November 2, 2021

Virtual Event

Ryan Crocker

Former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller  
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

# COMMUNITY EVENTS 2022

## **China's Wolf Warrior Diplomacy**

November 4, 2021

Virtual Event

Peter Martin

Defense Policy and Intelligence Reporter, Bloomberg; Author

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Protests and Belarus: Lukashenko's grip on power**

November 9, 2021

Virtual Event

Hanna Liubakova

Belarusian Broadcast Reporter; Fellow, Atlantic Council

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Defending the International Order: The U.S.-UK Special Relationship**

November 17, 2021

Virtual Event

Karen Pierce

Chief Operating Officer, Foreign and Commonwealth Office UK

Stephen Hadley

Principal, Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel, LLC

## **Seattle's Leading Role on Global Sustainability**

November 29, 2021

Virtual Event

Michelle Lancaster

Head of GTM, Customer Engagement, and Product Strategy for Sustainability, Microsoft

Diana Rakow

Senior Vice President, Public Affairs & Sustainability at Alaska Airlines; Chair, Board of Trustees at Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

Chris Davis

Senior Manager, Sustainability Policy at Amazon

Moderated by Kristin Marshall

Environmental Scientist, Boeing

## **U.S.-China Competition: What's at stake for the Indo-Pacific**

December 8, 2021

Virtual Event

Mark Lippert

Senior Adviser, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Asia Pacific; Former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Growing Tension on Ukraine's Border**

January 7, 2022

Virtual Event

Jim Goldgeier

Visiting Senior Fellow, the Council on Foreign Relations; Professor of International Relations, School of International Service at American University

Alina Polyakova

President and CEO, Center for European Policy Analysis; Adjunct professor of European studies, School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University's

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Ethiopia's Ongoing Civil War**

January 13, 2022

Virtual Event

Yohannes Woldemariam

Educator and Author specializing in the Horn of Africa

Ann Fitz-Gerald

Director, Balsillie School of International Affairs; Professor, Political Science Department at Wilfrid Laurier University's

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

# COMMUNITY EVENTS 2022

## **There Is Nothing for You Here: A Conversation with Dr. Fiona Hill**

January 20, 2022

Virtual Event

Fiona Hill

Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe at the Brookings Institution

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller  
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Giving Meaning to "Never Again": Preventing Genocide and Crimes against Humanity**

January 26, 2022

Virtual Event

Naomi Kikoler

Director, Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller  
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Biden's First Year in Foreign Policy: A Review**

February 11, 2022

Virtual Event

Bruce Stokes

Visiting Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund

Kori Schake

Senior Fellow and Director of Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller  
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Tackling the Global Food Hunger Crisis**

February 18, 2022

Virtual Event

Caitlin Welsh

Director, Global Food Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

Jacob Kurtzer

Director and Senior Fellow, Humanitarian Agenda

Moderated by Chase Sova  
Senior Director, Public Policy and Research at the World Food Program USA

## **The Quad: Security in the Indo-Pacific**

February 24, 2022

Virtual Event

Tanvi Madan

Senior Fellow, Project on International Order and Strategy in the Foreign Policy Program; Director, The India Project at the Brookings Institution

Moderated by  
Rebecca Yang  
Business Advisor, Amazon Web Services

## **Rapid Response Roundtable: Ukraine**

March 3, 2022

Virtual Event

Charles Kupchan

Senior Fellow, Council Foreign Relations; Professor of International Affairs, Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller  
President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **From Local to Global: The Growing Role of Subnational Diplomacy**

March 8, 2022

Virtual Event

Maryum Saiffee

Senior Advisor, Secretary's Office of Diversity and Inclusion at the U.S. Department of State

Moderated by Gael Tarleton  
Washington State Representative of the 36th Legislative District

## **World Affairs Council 2022 Annual Meeting**

March 16, 2022

Virtual Event

# COMMUNITY EVENTS 2022

## **A Conversation on Taiwan with Rep. Adam Smith and Director General Chen**

March 22, 2022

Perkins Coie, LLP

Daniel Kuo-ching Chen

Director General, TECO Energy

Adam Smith

U.S. Congressman for Washington's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **COVID-19: Vaccine Equity**

March 30, 2022

Virtual Event

Peter Hotez

Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine

Moderated by Gabrielle Fitzgerald

Founder and CEO, Panorama Global

## **Renewing the Canada-U.S. Relationship: A Conversation with Ambassador Hillman**

April 12, 2022

Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Kirsten Hillman

Canada's Ambassador to the United States of America

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **The Poseidon Project: A Conversation with David Bosco**

April 21, 2022

Virtual Event

David Bosco

Associate Professor of International Studies, Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies at Indiana University

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Rapid Response Roundtable with Ambassador Doug Lute: Update on the War in Ukraine**

April 28, 2022

Virtual Event

Douglas Lute

Chair, International and Defense at BGR Group; CEO, Cambridge Global Advisors, LLC; McDermott Distinguished Chair of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy, West Point

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Artificial Intelligence: Governing for Good**

May 3, 2022

Virtual Event

Hiwot Tesfaye

Technical Advisor, Microsoft

Jonathan Barr

Senior Research Engineer, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **Weaponizing Disinformation**

May 16, 2022

Virtual Event

Addie Kingsland

Senior Data Scientist, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Steven Lee Myers

Veteran Foreign and National Security Correspondent, The New York Times

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller

President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **A Retreat from Globalization?**

May 27, 2022

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 2022

## **On Expo's: The 60th Anniversary**

June 9, 2022

Perkins Coie, LLP

Gavin Sundwall

Managing Director for Policy and Planning for the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs' Office of Policy, Planning, and Resources, U.S. Department of State

Anna Kaplan

Scholar and Oral Historian, Washington, DC

Anthony Pahigian

Senior Advisor, Office of International Expositions in the Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs' Office of Policy, Planning, and Resources, U.S. Department of State

Moderated by Ross Reynolds

Former Executive Producer of Community Engagement and Senior Host, KUOW

## **Private Roundtable Discussions**

Moderated by Jacqueline Miller, President and CEO, World Affairs Council

## **State Department office of International Religious Freedom**

March 10, 2022

## **Prime Minister Kevin Rudd**

Former Prime Minister of Australia

July 27, 2022

## **YPIN Events**

## **Trivia Night: Culture and Current Events - Europe**

October 27, 2021

Virtual Event

## **Transform or Transition: A Career Coaching Workshop**

November 10, 2021

Virtual Event

## **Global Cafe: Can you be an Ethical Traveler? Let's Discuss!**

December 1, 2021

Virtual Event

## **Launching Your Startup or Business: The DOs and DON'Ts**

December 9, 2021

Virtual Event

Christina Jennings

Owner of Jennings Yarn, La Conner, WA

Shant Meguerditchian

Co-Founder, Inovine

Diane Najm

Founder and CEO, PhotoPad

## **Global Cafe: The Olympics - International Excellence or Global Headache?**

February 23, 2022

Virtual Event

## **International Women's Day Virtual Speed Mentoring Event**

March 19, 2022

Virtual Event

## **Our Blue Planet Exhibition Tour**

April 23, 2022

Seattle Art Museum (SAM)

## **Career Curiosity: International Law**

May 12, 2022

Queen Anne Beerhall

Moderated by

Emily Davies

Wish Coordinator, Make-A-Wish Foundation



# COMMUNITY EVENTS 2022

## **Purpose and Payday**

May 24, 2022

Virtual Event

Tonya Peck

Executive Director, Dress for Success Seattle

## **Summer Potluck**

July 19, 2022

War Garden Public Park

## **2021-2022 Spanish Conversation Table**

September 2021 – August 2022

Little Water Cantina

## **Networking Events**

### **Networking Happy Hour with Global Washington and the GLF**

May 23, 2022

Optimism Brewing

### **Happy Hour with YLAI**

June 17, 2022

Optimism Brewing

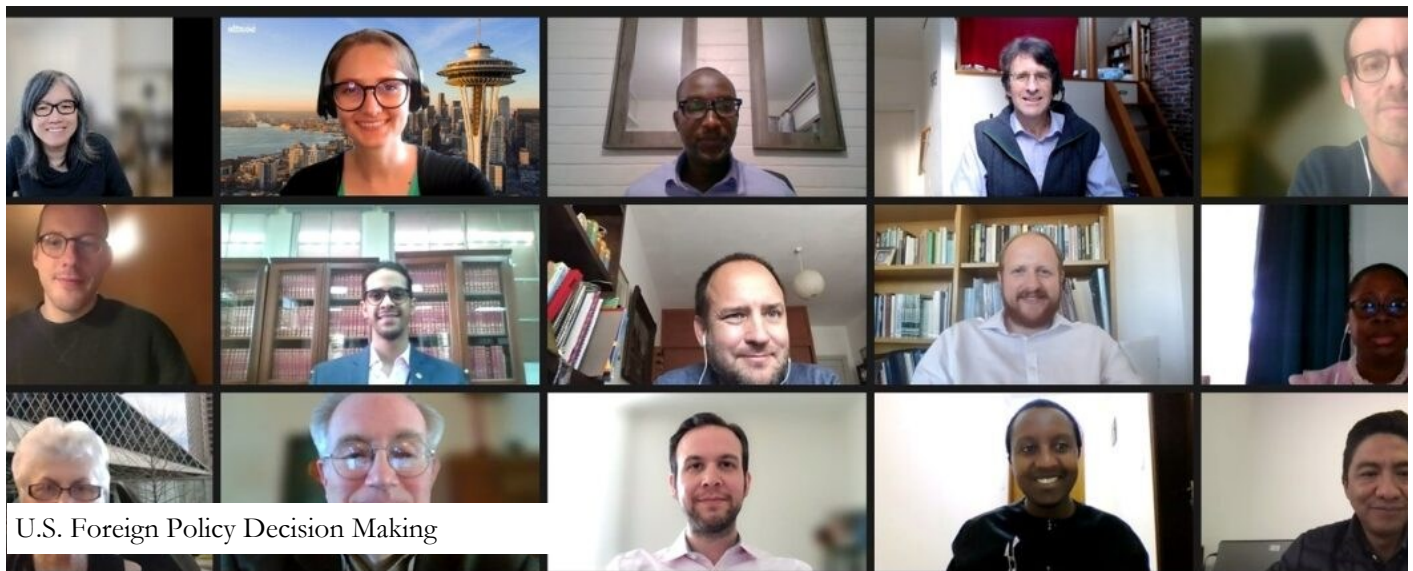
# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

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!

Amazon	tional Learning (COIL) Program	ogy Evolution (IGNITE)	Northwest Energy Coalition
AMcE Creative Arts	College of Business and Economics, Western Washington University	Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), University of Washington	Northwest Intertribal Court System
Dr. Anu Taranath	Commission on Judicial Conduct	Institute of Translational Health Sciences (ITHS) Gene and Cell Therapy Lab, University of Washington	Office of Crime Victims Advocacy
Arun Jain, Chairman and Managing Director, Intellect Design Arena Ltd	CoMotion Labs, University of Washington	International Examiner	Office of Sustainability and Environment
Atsuko Tamura, President of Oiselle	Costco Wholesale	International Training & Education Center for Health (I-TECH)	Organization for Prostitution Survivors
Beacon Food Forest	cPanel	Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington	Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Digital Crimes Unit, Microsoft Cybercrime Center	Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County Councilmember	PATH
Boeing	Duwamish River Clean Up Coalition	King County Commercial and Sexual Exploitation of Children Task Force	Office of U.S. Senator Patty Murray
Bothell Biomedical Devices Innovation Zone	Eighth Generation	King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Domestic Violence Unit	Personal Leadership: Discovering Who You Are on the Inside
Brightwater Treatment Plant, King County Wastewater Treatment Division	English Language Learning Alliance	King County Prosecutor's Office	Phase Genomics
Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship	Fast Pitch Competition	Lambert House	Port of Seattle
Bullit Center	Find Ventures	Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion	Office of Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal
Burke Museum	Food Lifeline Volunteer Activity	Life Science WA	Public Disclosure Committee
Cedar Falls Hydroelectric Project	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center	Literacy Source	Public Health - Seattle & King County
Center for an Informed Public, University of Washington	Gay City	Long-term Goal Setting & Planning for Your Future	Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)
Center for Children & Youth Justice	Global Classroom at the World Affairs Council	Lynden Logistics & Zipline	Results Washington
Center for Journalism, Media, and Democracy, University of Washington	Global Family Travels	Microsoft AI for Cultural Heritage	Professor Ronald Slye, Seattle University
Center for Korean Studies, University of Washington	Global WA	Microsoft Climate Innovation Fund	SCORE Greater Seattle
Center for Science and Innovation, Seattle University	Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA)	National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR)	Seattle Art Museum
Choose 180	Greenwood Senior Center	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Seattle City Council
City of Bellevue	Ground Zero Radio @ Vera Project	Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, University of Washington	Seattle City Light
City of Bothell	Heartfelt Mental Health		Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission
City of Seattle Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR)	Her Power LLC		Seattle Flow Founders & Investors
Collaborative Online Interna-	Hibulb Cultural Center & Treaty Rights & Government Affairs, Tulalip Tribes of Washington		Seattle Human Rights Commission
	Ingersoll Gender Center		Seattle LGBTQ Commission
	Inspiring Girls Now in Technol-		Seattle Municipal Court

# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

Seattle Office of Emergency Management	WA Office of the Attorney General
Seattle Program Opening	Wallingford Community Senior Center
Seattle University	Washington Coalition for Open Government
SEEDArts	Washington State Auditor's Office
SeekOut	Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Senator Marko Liias, Washington State Legislature LGBTQ Caucus	Washington State Department of Commerce
Shelf Engine	Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council
Shoreline Community College	Washington State LGBTQ Commission
Short Run Comix and Arts Festival	Weber Shandwick
Snopes	Westminster Language Academy
Speak With Purpose	Women in Tech Regatta
Starbucks	Workers' Rights Clinic, Seattle University
Strategies 360	Young Professionals International Network (YPIN)
Dr. Tabitha Grace Mallory, Leader of the Task Force on Maritime Security in the Asia Pacific	Young Women Empowered (Y-WE)
TASCHA	
The Seattle Times	
Time Management	
TMobile	
Tulalip Board of Directors	
Tulalip Treaty Rights & Government Affairs Department	
Tulalip Tribes	
U.S. Department of State	
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	
University of Washington Bothell	
Urban Native Education Alliance Meeting	
Vera Project	

# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

## Enhancing Public-Private Cooperation to Combat Climate Change

January

This virtual program connected 8 visitors from Denmark with leaders in Seattle to discuss strategies of enhancing cooperation to combat climate change

## Enriching the Cultural and Creative Sector in Dubai

March

This virtual program for Dubai explored U.S. best practices in museum, library, festival management, in fields from performance to literature, art, and design and endeavors to archive and preserve heritage sites.

## U.S. Foreign Policy Decision Making

March

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.

## Using Visual Arts to Drive Social and Economic Change

March

This virtual program for Algeria explored U.S. art management, including how to start a successful art business, organize arts events and festivals, secure private and international investments, effectively market products, create social media campaigns, and promote the art scene in their community.

## U.S. Economic and Trade Policy

March

This virtual program for Central and South America examined U.S. and global trade interests, policy-making and policy-influencing institutions, and the political, economic, social, and cultural factors that affect U.S. trade policy. Participants gained insight into the U.S. economic system and the domestic economic and political forces that influence U.S. trade policy.

## Young Leaders of Belarus

April

Virtual program

## 21st Century ChangeMakers: Countering Disinformation among Older Adults

May

Countering Disinformation among Older Adults: Our first in-person program since 2020, this program is a direct follow-up to last year's virtual program of the same name. Participants explored disinformation and initiatives to counteract it, online ethics, effective fact checking, and management of information from known and unknown sources, especially as it affects older adults.

## YTI Professional Fellows 2021-2022

May

Using entrepreneurship as a tool for economic development, YTI promotes mutual understanding, enhances business and leadership skills, and builds lasting partnerships between business leaders from Europe and the United States. 7 entrepreneurs from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Ireland, Latvia, and Montenegro collaborated with Seattle-based organizations and businesses through a month-long Fellowship.

## Fulbright Korea: International Educators Administrators Program

May

Participants involved in the supervision or management of international education activities in Korea, either through higher education institutions or non-profit exchange organizations, explored the American higher education system and exchange best practices in international education to facilitate future collaboration.

## Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLA) Fellowship 2022

June

YLA is the U.S. Department of State's flagship program for emerging entrepreneurs and business leaders from Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada. Designed to promote mutual understanding and build a network of young business and social entrepreneurs, 14 entrepreneurs from 12 countries collaborated with Seattle-based organizations and businesses through a month-long Fellowship.

# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

## Best Practices in the Fight Against Corruption

June

This in-person program for Uzbekistan showcased anti-corruption programs and initiatives in the United States, administration of anti-corruption agencies, and oversight of accountability in government.

## Social Media – Creatively Connecting Communities

July

This in-person program for the Near East and North Africa, examined the protection of free speech on social media, observe media companies and organizations in tandem with digital content creation, and explore the transition of media from traditional print to online information and entertainment.

## Youth Ambassadors: Brazil

July

This in-person program is for Brazilian high school students recognized for their leadership skills. 17 Youth Ambassadors from Brazil visited Seattle this July. Each student is between the ages of 16 - 18 and has a social impact initiative they are developing/have developed in their communities and schools. They're excited to hone their projects, while developing their leadership skills and connecting with youth leaders in Seattle.

## Regulatory Science & Improving Public Communication of Data-Driven Policies

July

This program gathers four members of the Japanese science policy formulation community, academia, NGO, and government officials together for meetings in Seattle. The delegation explored regulation processes in the United States and how government and industry work to ensure the health and safety of people. Participants were introduced to the approaches and tools used in the United States to build public support for science-based policies, while exchanging experiences and establishing relationships with their U.S. counterparts.

## TechGirls

July

TechGirls is a fully-funded U.S. Department of State exchange program designed to empower and inspire young women ages 15-17 from around the globe to pursue careers in science and technology. Through this virtual program, 22 TechGirls from South and Central Asia took part in a virtual job shadowing experience to expose them to careers in STEM.

## Preparation for National Dialogue in Eswatini

August

This On-Demand IVLP connected key Swazi decision-makers and influencers with American peace/conflict management experts and researchers to discuss examples of effective national dialogues, and what make them successful. They also specifically met with the Tulalip Treaty Rights & Government Affairs Department to discuss tribal sovereignty, impacts to natural resources, heritage site conversation, and local economic development.

## English Language Teaching

August

This in-person program for Palestine showcased the English language instruction in the United States, and pedagogical trends in TEFL and e-learning for application in English Language programs abroad.

## Youth Leadership

August

10 Portuguese leaders traveled to Seattle to establish and foster relationships between the U.S. and Portugal youth institutions. They examined strategies for facilitating youth political participation, entrepreneurship, education and volunteerism, civil society support, and grassroots engagement.

## Combating Gender-Based Violence and TIP

August

This in-person program for India examined methods to report gender-based abuse and trafficking in persons, as well as to prosecute abusers, and understand social developments as tools for combating them.



# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

## Transparency and Accountability in the Quad

August

This project for leaders from Australia and India enhanced their understanding of the underlying principles of ethical systems for government and private sector accountability internationally and in the United States. While in Seattle, they explored the role of citizens, traditional and new media, academia, and local government in fostering transparency and accountability.

## Advancing LGBTQI+ Rights and Policies

August

This project for civil society and government representatives working on social policy and health in Kazakhstan explored LGBTQI+ legislation and support at the state and local levels, advocacy and community engagement, LGBTQI+ advocacy among faith-based groups, and engaging and supporting LGBTQI+ youth.

## U.S. Foreign Policy - Global Challenges II

September

15 government officials, politicians, academics, think tank and NGO leaders, and journalists actively developing and interpreting foreign policy in Europe traveled to Seattle to explore U.S. economic, political, and security goals while learning about the U.S. foreign policy decision-making process.

## Identifying and Combating Disinformation in the Quad

September

11 media professionals, government officials, academics, and think tank representatives from Japan, Australia, and India traveled to Seattle to examine current trends and technologies in detecting and combating disinformation and deceptive news.

## Arctic Sustainable Tourism & Development

October

This project for professionals working in the tourism industry, researchers, representatives of indigenous communities in the Arctic, and local officials from Norway, Finland, and Denmark, explored best practices for culturally sustainable tourism, and examine relationships among businesses, government, NGOs, and indigenous communities in balancing economic development with environmental concerns and the rights of indigenous populations.

## Professional Fellowship Program for NEA (2022-2023)

October

Three Fellows from Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt participated in a month-long professional exchange program called the Professional Fellows Program (PFP) sponsored by the State Department. This is a global exchange program designed to promote mutual understanding, enhance leadership and professional skills, as well as build lasting, sustainable partnerships between leaders from North Africa and the United States.

## Open World: North Macedonia

October

Through this Congressional program, North Macedonian prosecutors visited Seattle to learn more about the United States' judicial system, and explore options for improving North Macedonia's judicial system to ensure that it can handle high-level crime and corruption cases ahead of accession talks with the European Union.

## Enhancing Regional Maritime Governance and Cooperation in the Quad

October

Eight government officials, policy advisors, media professionals, think tank representatives, and security and defense practitioners from countries in The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD), (the strategic security dialogue between Australia, India, Japan, and the United States) visited Seattle to share best practices in the development of national and regional policies. The group examined maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region and enhance collaboration among member nations.



# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE

## **ASEAN: Smart Cities - Urban Sustainability (2022)**

October

Seven NGO representatives and leaders from; academia, business, and government, from member nations of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), come to Seattle to discuss urban planning and development. The group examined underlying drivers of emissions and pollution in cities, and review sustainable practices, and the implementation of climate change mitigating strategies.

## **Climate Change Challenges and Environmental Resilience**

December

Ten Chilean academics, research professionals, and leaders from various Ministries of the Government of Chile visited Seattle to explore responses to environmental challenges presented by global climate change, and learn best practices in environmental cooperation. Their visit to Seattle emphasized water resource utilities and hydroelectric energy.

## **Advancing Labor Rights through Effective Labor Inspection**

December

Five labor inspectors and experts from Georgia visited Seattle to explore U.S. methods and best practices to promote and protect labor rights.

## **Open World: Ukraine**

December

Through this Congressional program, five Ukrainian healthcare professionals who are working to innovate their national healthcare system visited Seattle to explore best practices for setting up national/regional life science clusters.

# 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 2021-2022 book club read two books! The our book for the fall was "The Heartbeat of Iran" by award winning journalist, Tara Kangarlou. In the spring, we read Barbara Demick's "Eat the Buddha: Life and Death in a Tibetan Town." Since 2016, Global Classroom has offered a 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 Goes Green? Energy, Environment, Politics, and Security in the EU
- The End of the "Forever War" In Afghanistan
- The Heartbeat of Iran
- Scheming and Subversion: Conspiracy in Post-Soviet Space
- Ethiopia's Ongoing Civil War
- Aerospace in Morocco: Building a Sustainable Country
- Eat the Buddha: Life and Death in a Tibetan Town
- Empowerment & Gender Equality in the Classroom

Download resource packets at [world-affairs.org/resources](http://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 2022 the Council challenged students to choose a specific context to describe the origins or causes of a crisis that resulted in a mass displacement of peoples and discuss the initial and long term impacts of the crisis and what they would recommend as a course of action to address them. The student winners were celebrated at a public awards ceremony with keynote speaker Dr. Ioana Cozmata, moderated by Global Classroom Director, Ryan Hauck.

## 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

**410** Students Engaged from **20** School Districts

**506** Educators and Community Members Participated

**230** Entries in the World Citizen Essay Contest

# GLOBAL CLASSROOM

## Europe Goes Green? Energy, Environment, Politics, and Security in the EU

8/17/2021

The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies welcomed K-14 educators to participate in the summer 2021 EU Policy Forum, co-sponsored by the European Union's Erasmus+ Program. This one-day master teacher workshop was particularly geared toward middle school, high school, and community college educators, and focused on contemporary issues in the European Union. Participants received a curriculum resource guide featuring classroom-ready lessons and resources. The World Affairs Council's Global Classroom facilitated the event and expert lecturers from UW and Europe will address: The rise of green parties in European and EU politics (especially in Germany); The European Commission and its proposed European Green Deal; The balance between green energy, energy security, and geopolitical security; Tricky tradeoffs between sustainability and economics in the EU And more!

## Global Competence Certificate Portfolio

December-June

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Migrant/Bilingual Department has awarded a first-time Heritage Language Program Grant to Wenatchee Public Schools in Wenatchee, WA, to offer a year-long remote-learning program for Heritage Language speakers of Romanian, Russian, and Spanish. The project will support the students to develop their language proficiency and literacy in their Heritage Language while also preparing a portfolio for the Global Competence Certificate in the Heritage Language (and English too, if they like) through the World Affairs Council in 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

## Euro Challenge 2022

2/1/2022

Similar in concept to the Model UN, Euro Challenge is an exciting educational competition for high school students that provides the opportunity to learn about the European Union and the euro. Students in 9th and 10th grades at all schools are eligible, and students in 9th-12th grades at Title I schools are eligible. Teams of three to five students are asked to make presentations answering specific questions about the European economy and the euro currency. They are also asked to pick one member country of the "euro area" (the 19 EU member countries that have adopted the euro so far), to examine an economic problem at the country level, and to identify policies for responding to that problem.

After preliminary rounds, the winning school's team will travel (expenses paid) to New York City, where the national finals are held. Top teams in the national Euro Challenge win cash prizes and a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the European Union Delegation (embassy).

## IVLP Alumni in the Classroom | Climate Change and Sustainability in Zambia

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## Global Competence from the Student Perspective | HLG

2/8/2022

In this workshop, educators, students, and interested community members had the opportunity to hear directly from students who have earned the Global Competence Certificate from the World Affairs Council as they shared highlights from their GCC portfolio websites. We also explored the Sustainable Development Goals as a rich resource for researching important global issues.

## **IVLP Alumni in the Classroom | Empowering Women and Girls in the Classroom**

2/28/2022

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## **IVLP Alumni in the Classroom | Aerospace in Morocco**

3/5/2022

Global Classroom hosted an illuminating discussion with IVLP alumni from Morocco as they provided insight into the country's aerospace sector and the current initiatives, policies, and projects supporting Morocco's climate change response to protect its people and ecosystems; strengthen its infrastructure and economy; and become a sustainable country.

## **IVLP Alumni in the Classroom | Promoting Social Change Through the Arts**

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## **The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from the Student Perspective**

3/8/2022

To support teachers and students during this process, we hosted several information sessions to help students utilize the United Nations' (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within their Global Competency Portfolios.

## **Global Competence Certificate Portfolio | Introduction to Ukrainian Language**

3/9/2022

Ukrainian has officially been added to the Heritage Languages covered by the Heritage Language Grant received by the Wenatchee School District. This information session introduced the Ukrainian language option to educators and students interested in participating in the program and completing a Global Competence Certificate Portfolio in Ukrainian.

## **Space, New Technologies, and Sustainability**

3/12/2022

Global Classroom welcomed Dr. Ioana Cozmata to discuss the benefits of space that extend well beyond technological advancements. She provided insight into the impacts of space technology, from forecasting natural disasters and sustainable utilization of natural resources to enabling remote healthcare, climate change monitoring, disaster management and more. This event inaugurated a special Speakers Series as part of the Heritage Language Program Grant, awarded by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Migrant/Bilingual Department to the Wenatchee School District and other local organizations, ARCS among them, to develop a year-long remote learning program for Heritage Language speakers of Romanian, Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian. This event was organized in partnership with World Affairs Council -Global Classroom, the Ethnic Heritage Council, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Migrant/Bilingual Department and Wenatchee School District.

# GLOBAL CLASSROOM

## **Regenerative Travel in Greater Seattle to Explore Diverse Cultures/Equity Issues**

5/11/2022

This workshop was part one of the series and welcomed the Founder & CEO of Global Family Travels, Jennifer Spatz, who shared regenerative principles and some of the impactful Seattle area experiences her company has developed, which feature a unique mix of cultural and educational activities, as well as community engagement to help make a positive impact on the lives of people and natural habitat. Ben Wheeler, curriculum advisor, also shared Sample Curriculum Connections. Teachers had the opportunity to discuss regenerative principles in the classroom, and how they might be used to inform curriculum, with discussion centered on what lessons and community projects are possible.

## **Global Competence Certificate for Heritage Language Speakers Awards Ceremony**

6/28/2022

As part of a unique grant from Washington State's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), heritage language speakers of Romanian, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian have embarked on a multi-year journey to develop their language proficiency and global competence. We were delighted to have our keynote speaker, Patty Finnegan from OSPI, speak on what the Heritage Language Grants mean for Washington State.

## **Annual Educator Workshop | Empowerment and Gender Equality in the Classroom**

4/27/2022

As we entered into Women's History Month, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Discovery Center & World Affairs Council - Seattle's Global Classroom was thrilled to present our 2022 Annual Educator Workshop, "Empowerment & Gender Equality in the Classroom." Supplementing the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Discovery Center's COVID-19 exhibition, and in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Number 5: Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment, this workshop centered empowerment and gender equality through storytelling, data, conversation, and action. The workshop included powerful stories featured in the Discovery Center's Enduring COVID-19: Stories from our Transforming World online exhibit, a panel discussion, breakout groups discussing the intersectionality of gender equality related to the impact COVID-19, and more. We heard from the gender equality staff from the Gates Foundation and Marsha C. Botzer, founder of the Ingersoll Gender Center, on concrete steps to empower students in the classroom and beyond. Participants received a supplemental toolkit composed of tools and resources to further the empowerment of women and girls.

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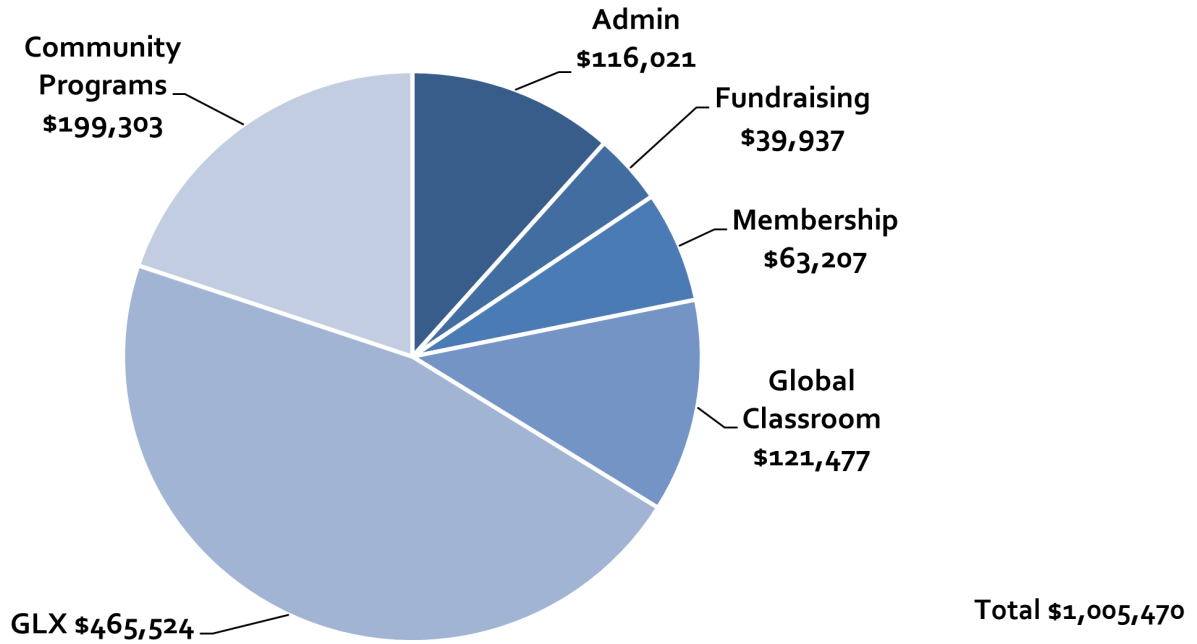
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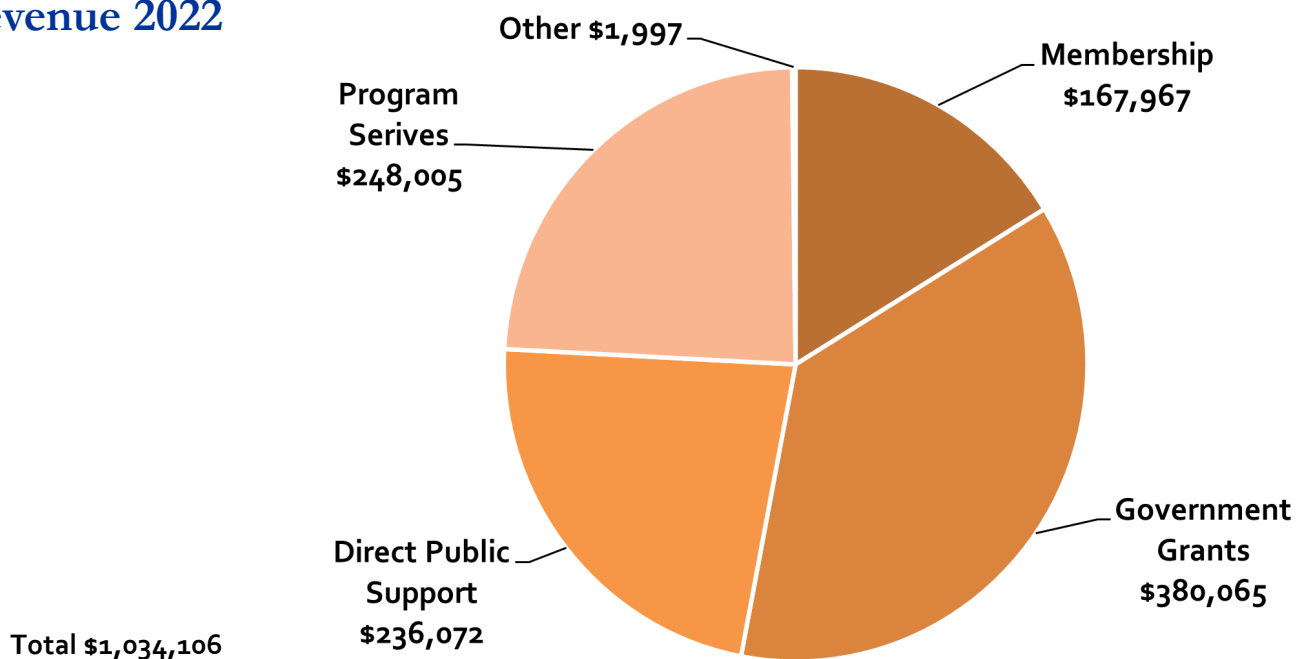
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