



PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE



Overview

Building professional and leadership skills through contact and dialogue with practitioners in the U.S. not only advances the careers of individuals around the world, but also strengthens the efforts of communities to address local challenges.

In a globalized world, professional exchanges have become essential to change-makers in a wide array of fields who are seeking to sharpen their skills, create and enhance their professional networks, adopt best practices, and build competencies.

World Learning's Professional Exchanges support established and emerging leaders by creating short-term learning experiences through peer-to-peer contact that fosters lasting connections, mutual understanding and commitment to addressing shared global problems.



Approach

World Learning has years of experience designing high-impact exchange programs for professionals in a wide range of fields, including politics and government, foreign affairs, national security, economic and business development, education, health care, media, social issues, and the arts. Our customized programs bring international participants to communities throughout the U.S. to engage in meaningful dialogue with their American counterparts and get a first-hand look at innovative organizations, institutions, and companies.

Combining in-depth knowledge of intercultural exchanges and experiential education, World Learning professional development teams identify the most important issues in each field and seek out the best resources and experts to address those issues. Programs can be designed to meet the needs of a single professional or group of up to 40, with itineraries ranging from a few days to a month, and including visits to different regions of the U.S. Participants may take part in private meetings, site visits, panel discussions, community service opportunities, or visits to educational institutions. These professional development opportunities are enhanced by social and cultural activities that provide international participants with a greater understanding of American values and ways of life.

Each year World Learning tailors professional exchange programs for nearly 2,000 international visitors from more than 150 countries, who visit more than 100 urban and rural communities in the U.S. To date, these programs have benefited more than 15,000 international visitors, and, at the same time, enriched the cultural understanding of American professionals and the communities hosting them. The reach of World Learning's professional exchanges far exceed the sum of its individual participants. These cross-cultural experiences, along with the skills and knowledge gained from them, have a deep and lasting impact in communities around the world.

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"Thank you very much for giving me this life-boosting opportunity and let me be part of this distinguished International Visitor Leadership Program as I not only grew my professional knowledge by meeting experts in the field of Business from various companies in USA, but also enhanced my personal experiences because I got to learn more about American people and their diverse culture."

Entrepreneur from Pakistan

Success Story

Passionate about increasing science reporting in Africa to support economic development, Cameroon journalist, Ntaryike Divine Jr., returned home from his exchange in the U.S. to establish a news agency, Science Investigations, Inc, which will serve the local media with stories, reporting, and investigative pieces. Divine plans to increase its reach throughout the continent to provide decision makers with insights into science and technology's crucial role in accelerating Africa's emergence.

"During the trip, I understood and reconsidered a lot of issues of my life, and established new aims and objectives. Now I guess the end of my training in America is the beginning of new development for our community in Ukraine. So, I thank you all significantly for this remarkable educational training program. I do believe it will result in our further crucial achievements."

Human Rights Activist from Ukraine

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