

Mock Agenda DCO (D.C. Orientation)



**Washington, DC Orientation Seminar
Open World Program- Members of Parliament from Hungary
MONTH, 20XX**

Monday, MONTH XX:

- 3:15 p.m.** Delegation arrives at **Washington Dulles International Airport** and will be transported to the Capitol Hill Hotel. You will be met at the airport by an Open World Program staff who will also assist with your hotel check-in.
- 6:15 p.m.** Meet in the hotel lobby for dinner at Hawk 'n' Dove

Tuesday, MONTH XX:

6:00-

- 8:30 a.m.** Complimentary breakfast provided at the hotel
- 8:40 a.m.** Meet in hotel lobby to walk to the conference room. Please bring your passport with you.
- 9:00 a.m.** Welcome to Washington
- Ms. Maura Shelden, Deputy Executive Director of the Congressional Office for International Leadership (formerly known as the Open World Leadership Center)*

Location: Capitol Hill Hotel conference room

9:05-

10:20 a.m. How the United States Congress Works

Mr. Mark Harkins, Senior Fellow, Government Affairs Institute, Georgetown University

Location: Capitol Hill Hotel conference room

10:20 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Meeting with *Scott Cullinane, Executive Director, US-Europe Alliance*

Location: Capitol Hill Hotel conference room

11:30 a.m. Depart for congressional meeting

12:00 p.m. Meeting with *Representative Marcy Kaptur, 9th District of Ohio*

1:00 p.m. Lunch

Location: Rayburn Cafeteria

2:00 p.m. Meeting with *Representative Doug Lamborn, 5th District of Colorado*

3:30 p.m. Depart for city tour of Washington, D.C.: Stops will include the U.S. Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, and White House. Please wear comfortable shoes.

6:00 p.m. Dinner at The Hamilton

7:30 p.m. Transportation back to hotel

Wednesday, MONTH XX:

6:00-

8:30 a.m. Complimentary breakfast provided at the hotel

8:30 a.m. Meet in the hotel lobby to walk to the U.S. Capitol. Please bring your passport with you. Liquids (water, perfume, etc.) and food are prohibited in the Capitol.

9:00-

10:00 a.m. Tour of the U.S. Capitol

10:30 a.m. Meeting with *Representative Steve Womack, 3rd District of Arkansas*

11:45 a.m. Lunch

Location: Rayburn Cafeteria

1:00 p.m. Meeting with *Representative David Price, 4th District of North Carolina*

2:15 p.m. Meeting with *Representative Barry Moore, 2nd District of Alabama*

3:50 p.m. Meeting with *Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks, 2nd District of Iowa*

4:30 p.m. Walk to The Monocle restaurant for dinner.

5:00 p.m. Dinner at The Monocle. Deputy Chief of Mission Magor Ernyei from the Embassy of Hungary to the U.S. will join you.

Thursday, MONTH XX:

6:00-

9:30 a.m. Complimentary breakfast provided at the hotel

9:30 a.m. Please meet in the hotel lobby to walk to the Library of Congress. Before meeting in the lobby, please check out at the front desk and put your luggage in storage.

10:00-

11:15 a.m. Guided tour of the Library of Congress

11:30 a.m. Lunch at We the Pizza

12:30 p.m. Board the Library of Congress bus for transportation to Reagan National Airport for American Airlines flight to Burlington, VT.

Mock Agenda Homestay (Local Agenda)



OPEN WORLD PROGRAM

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Burlington, VT

Vermont Council on World Affairs

The Vermont Council on World Affairs (VCWA) was founded in 1952 by U.S. Senator Warren R. Austin and a group of other distinguished Vermonters. For more than 60 years and through a changing world, the VCWA has worked to promote awareness and understanding of world affairs among Vermonters through educational programs, presentations and hosting delegates from around the world. The VCWA gratefully acknowledges support from its many community sponsors, from the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, the Community Connections program of USAID, and the Open World Program of the United States Congress.

The mission of the Vermont Council on World Affairs is to promote awareness and understanding of the world and its people, places and cultures through education and engagement.

The future of Vermont depends upon the world beyond our borders. The Vermont Council on World Affairs, in cooperation with the public and private sectors, promotes an awareness and understanding of the world and its people through public forums, hosting international visitors and working with our business community and educational institutions to develop programs for students, faculty, staff and community.

Thursday, MONTH XX:

4:24pm Arrival at Burlington International Airport

6:00pm VCWA's 2022 International Day of Peace Celebration

8:30pm Visitors return home with host families

Friday, MONTH XX:

Delegates will be picked up from host homes beginning at 8:10 am

9:30am - 10:30am Orientation at VCWA Office

11:00am-12:00pm Meeting with Mark Oettinger

Mark Oettinger served as the General Counsel for the Vermont Agency of Education. During his tenure with the Agency of Education, Mr. Oettinger advised the Agency on important regulatory and legislative initiatives for the more than 300 public schools, 100 independent schools, and 2,500 home school students in Vermont and the state board of education. Mr. Oettinger co-founded the International Rule of Law Consortium in 1991

and has served as the Director of the World Court of Human Rights Development Project since 2013.

12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch at City Market

1:30pm - 2:30pm CCTV Center for Media and Democracy

<https://www.cctv.org/>

The Center for Media and Democracy is a network of people and organizations that support free speech, public access and open networks in Vermont through the critical and educated use of TV and the Internet. One part is Channel 17/Town Meeting Television, a community-supported and sought after multi-media resource that engages citizens in local government. Channel 17 is a free speech forum for the discussion of government operations and public issues. Another part is *Common Good Vermont*, a people- and web-based network that specifically targets non-profits so community and nonprofit leaders can access their collective knowledge, build partnerships, solve problems and achieve long-term social benefit for the people of Vermont. Delegates will have the opportunity to take part in an interview to be broadcast on Channel 17.

3:00 pm – 4:00pm Burlington City Hall

Mayor Miro Weinburger

Counselor Ben Traverse

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CityCouncil>

First elected Mayor of Burlington in 2012, Miro Weinberger is currently serving his third term in office. His tenure as Mayor has focused on getting the City's finances in order, making Burlington more affordable, and rebuilding trust in City Hall. He recently spearheaded an effort to redevelop Burlington Town Center, a ballot initiative that passed with a slim majority of Burlington's citizens voting in support.

5:00 pm Return home to host families

Saturday, MONTH XX:

Delegates will be picked up from host homes beginning at 9:15 am

10:15am: Burlington Farmers Market

11:30 am Depart Burlington for “Eat Your Way Up Route 100” Tour

Tourism makes up a huge part of Vermont’s economy, thanks in large part to the state’s reputation as an unspoiled, idyllic destination in all four seasons. During this sight-seeing tour, visitors will be exposed to some of the most popular and well-known attractions in the Waterbury/Stowe area.

12:30pm – 1:00pm Ben & Jerry’s Factory

www.benjerry.com

Nestled in the heart of the Green Mountains, the world-renowned Ben & Jerry’s ice cream factory sits on a rolling pasture overlooking the town of Waterbury. The guided factory tour is fun; it offers the opportunity to learn about the production process and how the Company’s 3-part mission statement is incorporated into day-to-day business decisions.

1:30pm - 2:30pm Lunch at Idletyme Brewery

3:00pm - 4:00pm Stowe Gondola Ride

<https://gostowe.com/>

Participants will take the easy way up the mountain in the famous [Stowe Mountain Resort](#) gondola. Spectacular views await near the peak of Vermont's highest mountain.

4:30pm – 5:30pm Apple Picking at Adams Apple Orchard

The group will have the opportunity to participate in one of Vermont's favorite fall time traditions by walking the orchards, picking apples, drinking apple cider, eating apple cider doughnuts, and enjoying the beauty of Vermont.

5: 30pm – 6:30pm Shopping in Williston

After leaving the Stowe/Waterbury area, the group will travel to Williston, Vermont. Williston is home to several large stores, including Wal-Mart, Dicks Sporting Goods, and Best Buy. Visitors will eat dinner and have time to spend shopping for gifts (if they would like).

6:30pm – 7:45pm Dinner at Folinis Pizza

8:00pm Return home to host families

Sunday, MONTH XX:

All Day Cultural Activities with Host Families

This day will be left open in order to give host families a chance to get to know delegates through various cultural outings. We suggest taking the delegates for a hike, biking on the bike path, exploring local museums (Shelburne Museum, ECHO), going apple picking, seeing live music, and of course trying new foods.

Monday, MONTH XX:

You will be picked up from your host homes beginning at 9:15 am

10:45am – 11:45am Vermont Supreme Court

<https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/GTC/Supreme/default.aspx>

The Vermont Supreme Court is the highest judicial authority in the State of Vermont. Unlike most other states, the Court hears appeals directly from trial courts, as Vermont has no intermediate appeals court. The Court consists of a chief justice and four associate justices, appointed by the Governor of Vermont and confirmed by the Vermont Senate.

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch in Montpelier

1:15pm – 2:15pm Tour of the Vermont State House

3:00pm – 4:00pm Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Vermont

Lieutenant Governor Molly Gray

Lieutenant Governor Molly Gray is Vermont's 82nd Lieutenant Governor. She has lived and worked in communities across Vermont, worked in the halls of Congress, and around the globe in humanitarian response and human rights. Rooted in rural Vermont with a career spent bringing people together to get things done, Molly is an unfaltering voice for the needs of Vermonters.

4:00pm

Return to host families

Tuesday, MONTH XX:

You will be picked up from your host homes beginning at 8:45 am

10:15am – 11:15am Office of the Secretary of State of Vermont

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary of State

The Office of the Secretary of State performs a number of important functions, including overseeing elections, advising public agencies in record and information management, and protecting the public from unethical or unprofessional behavior. Deputy Secretary of State Chris Winters has served Vermont in the Secretary of State's office for nearly 25 years, the last seven as Deputy Secretary of State to Jim Condos. For the last several years, Chris has been immersed in elections, corporations, archives, and municipal assistance. He is in charge of HR and IT for the office, leads the annual legislative agenda, heads up communications, and started the office Twitter account and Facebook page to reach out to Vermonters wherever they may be.

11:30pm – 12:30pm Lunch in the State House Cafeteria

12:45pm – 1:30pm Office of the Speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives

Jill Krowinski, Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Speaker of the Vermont House of Representatives is the presiding officer of the lower house of the Vermont Legislature. The Speaker presides over sessions of the House, recognizes members, and ensures compliance with House rules. The Speaker also assigns members and chairpersons to standing committees of the House. Jill Krowinski has served in the house since 2012 and is currently the House Majority Leader.

1:30pm – 3:00pm Visit downtown Montpelier

4:00pm – 5:00pm VTDigger.org

Jim Welch, Senior Editor

VTDigger.org is a statewide news website that reports on state government, politics, consumer affairs, business, and public policy. Created by a group of concerned citizens and journalists, the organization seeks to consistently deliver detailed reports on topics that matter to the public. VTDigger.com posts their original videos, photos, and news reports six times a week, hosting more than 130,000 unique visits per month and serves as a catalyst for more open debates on key issues affecting Vermonters. The website has solidified its role in the media landscape of Vermont, publishing watchdog reports on state government, politics, consumer affairs, business, and public policy. In 2012, they launched Tipster, a way for readers to send in secret tips, information, and documents about issues important to Vermonters.

5:00 pm Return to host families

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

You will be picked up from your host homes beginning at 8:00am

9:15am – 9:45am Tour of St. Michaels College

Jeffrey Ayres

Director, Center for Global Engagement

Chair & Professor of Political Science and International Relations

Saint Michael's College is a private, Roman Catholic, liberal arts college in Colchester, Vermont. Saint Michael's was founded in 1904 by the Society of Saint Edmund. Saint Michael's College grants Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in over 30 majors to their 1,600

undergraduate students. Jeffrey Ayres is a Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Interim Dean of Faculty, Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations and Director of the Center for Global Engagement at Saint Michael's College.

9:45am-10:45am Introduction to International Relations Class Presentation

Delegates will present to the class and engage in Q&A from students.

11:00am- 12:00pm Roundtable Discussion and Networking with St. Michael's Professors in
the Department of Political Science

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch at St. Michaels Cafeteria

2:00pm – 3:00pm Office of Senator Patrick Leahy

Tricia Coates, Outreach Staff Member

Patrick Leahy was elected to the United States Senate in 1974 and remains the only Democrat elected to this office from Vermont. At 34, he was the youngest U.S. Senator ever to be elected from the Green Mountain State. Senator Leahy is currently the president pro tempore of the United States Senate. Leahy is the Chairman of the [Senate Appropriations Committee](#). He is the senior-most member of the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) and of the [Senate Agriculture Committee](#).

The Vermont Congressional Delegation currently consists of Senator Patrick Leahy, Senator Bernie Sanders, and Congressman Peter Welch. Every member of Congress runs a state office, responsible for providing valuable services to their constituents. Tricia Coates is a member of Senator Leahy's outreach staff and served as Congressman Welch's state director for eight years.

6:00pm – 8:00pm Farewell Dinner: Koto Japanese Steak House

8:00 pm Return home with host families

Thursday, MONTH XX:

You will be picked up from your host homes beginning at 11:15 am

12:00pm Arrive at Burlington Airport

Alumni Programming

The Congressional Office for International Leadership maintains contact with Open World alumni through surveys submitted after the conclusion of their program, in-country networking opportunities and events, press monitoring, and self-reporting.

COIL maintains an extensive alumni database tracking professional development, partnerships, reciprocal travel, press, and joint projects that are the products of connections made during Open World programming. COIL is proud to have over 31,000 alumni in an ever-growing community with far-reaching impact.