



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) is to inspire Congressional and citizen diplomacy with global civic and political leaders. COIL achieves this through the Open World program, which connects delegates with their peers in American communities to exchange best practices and to strengthen mutual understanding.

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A Message from the Executive Director

As with much of the rest of the world in 2022, the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) underwent a period of change. The Open World program was not immune to the effects of the COVID-19 epidemic in 2020 and 2021, when nearly all programs moved into the digital space. As a result of the COVID surge in early 2022, the Open World program once again needed to adapt. Limited numbers of groups began arriving in February and March before a return to normal programming numbers in April and May.

However, challenges presented by COVID persisted. One of the hallmarks of the Open World program is the homestay experience. It is a critical part of our mission to provide professional programming alongside a robust cultural experience. Our hosting communities and grantee organizations worked tirelessly to place as many delegations in hosting families as possible. It speaks to the resilience of the program and long-standing connections that COIL has developed with our partners that so many delegations were still able to have an impactful Open World experience.

But I would be remiss to fail to mention the single most important event of 2022: the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces. The Open World program has long worked in both Ukraine and Russia. However, following the unthinkable attack, COIL made the decision to suspend programming in Russia and Belarus indefinitely. This was not a decision that was taken lightly. It was also not a punitive action. We made the difficult choice to use the resources from the Russia program to develop programming in the countries most affected by the invasion.

Despite the challenges faced in 2022, the Open World program saw a period of significant expansion. Helping the Helpers, a program designed to support countries bordering Ukraine, including Poland, Romania, and Moldova, was launched. This new programming focused on mental health, secondlanguage curriculum, and integrating refugees/displaced persons in an effort to address the most pressing needs in the region.

The program also welcomed the first visitors from the Indo-Pacific. In response to a bi-partisan Congressional request, COIL welcomed Members of Parliament from Vietnam and Papua New Guinea. These delegations represent the core values of COIL: service to Congress and adaptive programs.

In total, 882 international delegates traveled as part of the Open World program in 2022. Without the hard work of our incredible network of stakeholders, grantee organizations, local hosts, and embassy partners, none of this would have been possible.

With the investment of Congress and this powerful network, the Congressional Office for International Leadership continues its legacy of growing its vast network of over 30,000 alumni in an ever-evolving program. We are deeply grateful for the congressional support that has made such an impact both at home and abroad.

Jane Sargus
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Executive Director

STAFF

(as of December 31, 2022)



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PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Armenia Poland

Azerbaijan Romania

Estonia Serbia

Georgia Tajikistan

Hungary Turkmenistan

Kazakhstan Uzbekistan

Kosovo Ukraine

Kyrgyzstan Vietnam

Moldova Russia (Suspended)

Mongolia Belarus (Suspended)

North Macedonia

Papua New Guinea

2022 – Growth and Opportunity for International Engagement

The Russian invasion of Ukraine caused extensive changes to life in the Open World countries, and COIL's programming was significantly impacted by the unprovoked attack. Our team pivoted during the initial salvos of the war and took pains to re-circuit programming to accommodate for the off-lining of two Open World countries, and the reconfiguration of Ukraine. Immediately, Russian and Belarusian programs were suspended in response to the conflict, and Ukrainian programming had to be postponed and radically reconfigured.

Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine represented 51% of COIL's planned 2022 delegations, demonstrating the enormous impact of the war on the agency. Funding allocated to Russian delegations was redirected to the **Helping the Helpers** initiative, dedicated to assisting the human infrastructure tasked with bearing the humanitarian brunt of the war's turmoil. With the initiative, COIL expanded relief programming in Ukraine, and launched robust efforts in Romania, Moldova, and Poland to use the power of exchange to support workers dealing with the disaster in the periphery of the war zone. Executive Director Jane Sargus and Deputy Executive Director Maura Shelden travelled to Poland, Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine to meet with COIL stakeholders and gather information on how to best contour Open World programming to the needs and limitations engendered by the conflict. While in-country, the executive team met with displaced persons, government officials, and other civil society leaders for first-hand, unfiltered information regarding the conditions in Ukraine, and the progress of relief efforts in the bordering nations.

At the request of Congress, COIL also launched an expansion of the Open World program to the Indo-Pacific – reflecting a growing interest in expanding strategic partnerships in the region. Vietnam and Papua New Guinea both debuted at the end of 2022, with plans for expansion to Vanuatu and Indonesia in the following year. Delegates met with a bipartisan cohort of Senators and Representatives, and discussed land rights, transportation, trade, and a variety of other topics critical to each nation.

Despite the challenges brought about by conflict and pandemic, COIL brought a total of 882 delegates to the United States on the Open World program in 2022. This robust number includes travelers from 22 participant countries in 37 host states, representing an expansion into Hungary, Poland, Romania, Vietnam, and Papua New Guinea. COIL staff seamlessly transitioned from virtual delegations back to in-person groups; and focused on creating valuable, impactful exchanges with each of our partner grantees.

UKRAINE – The war in Ukraine was unexpected, and represented an unprecedented challenge and opportunity for COIL to meet the needs of the time. When news first broke, a delegation of Ukrainian Women Veterans was on the program. They understandably returned home at once, but not before purchasing and packing medical equipment, tourniquets, and relief materials. Our flexible program team and schedule allowed us to launch Ukrainian delegations within three months of the onset of the war. The first delegation after the war began was, appropriately, Ukrainian Members of Parliament, who met with Congress to provide unfiltered information from the front about the circumstances of the Ukrainian Army. COIL is proud to have implemented a robust Open World program in Ukraine, with a total of 174 Ukrainian delegates visiting the United States. While originally scheduled for peacetime

themes, the Open World program team worked closely with grantees and hosts to retool the schedules to accommodate vital topics such as disaster management, healthcare, veterans issues, anti-corruption, intensive care and burn surgery, war injury rehabilitation, and more.

VIETNAM - The Open World program welcomed its first Southeast Asian delegation on Dec. 6. 2022 with Members of the National Assembly of Vietnam. Vietnam, as a vital trade route and a critical stakeholder in the foreign policy landscape of the Indo-Pacific, had a variety of Congressional meetings in Washington, D.C. before their departure for Burlington, VT. While in the local host community, delegates enjoyed meetings with elected officials, business leaders, and non-profits, along with varied cultural programming showing off one of the most charming regions of the United States.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA - The inaugural Papuan delegation included a diverse selection of parliamentarians, including representatives from four political parties, and one of the only two female parliamentarians in the 118-seat body. The participants had substantive discussions with Members of Congress on resource management, medicine, governmental reforms, economic development, and indigenous relations. Upon arriving in their host community of Norfolk, VA, the delegates met with local and state officials to deepen understanding of how American federalism functions. In addition to elected officials, the Papuan delegation met with military, local administrators, medical professionals, educators, and non-governmental experts in the area, to hear about their experience and the structure of their respective fields.

ROMANIA – COIL welcomed its first delegations from Romania in March 2022, both with the theme of Human Trafficking Prevention. Delegates enjoyed the valuable experience of networking with other experts during the Washington, D.C. orientation, then travelled to their host communities in Ohio. Delegates engaged in substantive programming, and shared valuable perspectives with on-the-ground relief workers in Cleveland and Columbus. Programming was robust throughout 2022, and COIL brought 72 participants from Romania with delegation topics ranging from Mental Health, Romanian as a Second Language, Community Organizing, Refugee Integration, Disaster Preparedness, and NGO Development/Fundraising.

POLAND – Responding to a Congressional request, COIL launched a bold Polish program in 2022, and featured prominently as a constituent nation of the Helping the Helpers initiative. Teachers, mental health specialists, relief workers, and youth engagement professionals travelled to a broad swath of host locations throughout the United States. Polish delegates engaged in excellent meetings and became a COIL success story as they returned home with new insights to the dire situation on the border.

HUNGARY – The Hungary program was requested by Congress, and began in February 9, 2022 with a delegation of local elected officials and advisory staff. After their Washington, D.C. orientation, the group travelled to Birmingham, AL to be hosted by Global Ties Alabama and the Birmingham Sister Cities Commission. Delegates met with a variety of elected officials, civic organizations, and non-profits to cast light between the Hungarian and U.S. methods of stimulating civic involvement.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

In-person Alumni Events

GEORGIA

The first Open World program and Professional Fellows Program (PFP) Alumni Reunion in Georgia was held on October 21, 2022, at the Wyndham Grand Tbilisi Hotel, giving alumni of both programs the opportunity to interact and network.

The event was opened by Open World program support staff and PFP Georgia program coordinators Susana Patsatsia and Nino Jibuti. Alexander N. Daniels, Public Affairs Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Tbilisi, then highlighted the importance of exchange programs for both Georgia and the U.S. government. The event concluded with a presentation about EPAG, the U.S. Government Exchange Program Alumni Association of Georgia.

In total, more than 160 people took part in the event, including 150 program alumni, COIL Sr. Program Manager Lewis Madanick, American Councils local and DC staff, staff of the Georgian Parliament, and U.S. Embassy representatives.



Open World program alumni with Josh Goodman (American Councils) and Lewis Madanick (COIL).

KYRGYZSTAN

On December 13, the U.S. Embassy in Bishkek hosted an Open World Program Alumni Reunion Lunch for 30 alumni of the 2021 and 2022 programs as well as six local staff facilitators from the Kyrgyz Republic. Attendees included Members of Parliament (MPs), parliamentary staff, judges, and prominent civil society and government leaders.

There was a strong desire from alumni to continue the relationship that has been mutually beneficial for many years.



Open World program alumni with U.S. Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan, Lesslie Viguerie (center).

UKRAINE

COIL Executive Director Jane Sargus and Deputy Executive Director Maura Shelden met with parliamentarian alumni representing the Lviv area, and other Ukrainian partners in Lviv on May 17, 2022.



From left to right: Piotr Dobrosz (American Councils Poland), Maura Shelden, Oleh Petrus (American Councils Ukraine), Jane Sargus, Veronika Gryschenko (Open World Program Manager, American Councils Ukraine), MP Yaroslav Yurchyshyn (Holos), MP Natalya Pipa (Holos), and Yaroslav Ternovsky (Open World Program Facilitator).

In addition to the alumni reunion, COIL met with Lviv City Mayor Adriy Sadovyi to discuss how the Open World program could support the large veteran rehabilitation center projects proliferating in Western Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion.



Executive Director Jane Sargus examines Mayor Sadovyi's rehabilitation center plans. (May 2022).

MOLDOVA

In May 2022, COIL held an alumni event at Artcor, an incubator for community building, entrepreneurship, and continuing education in the heart of Moldova's capital city, Chisinau. Hosted in conjunction with U.S. Ambassador Kent Logsdon, the event focused on Open World program alumni response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis. Alumni presented on their initiatives and projects aimed There's a gap between the second to last and last lines of text by conflict. Over 30 alumni were in attendance.

PROGRAM CALENDAR 2022

Program Dates	Theme	Country	Host Organization Host Location		Grantee
February 9	Inclusion, Diversity, and Equality	Georgia	Tulsa Global Alliance	Tulsa, OK	FHI360
February 9	Local Elected Officials and Advisory Staff	Hungary	Global Ties Alabama	Birmingham, AL	FHI360
February 9	Inclusion Issues	Ukraine	Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy (UCCD)	Salt Lake City, UT	FHI360
February 9	Local Legislators- Anti-Corruption	Ukraine	Mid-Cities Pacesetters Rotary Club	Bedford, TX	Rotary
February 9	Local Legislators- Anti-Corruption	Ukraine	Global Ties Arkansas	Little Rock, AK	USUF
February 22	Political Prisoners/Activists	Ukraine	WorldChicago	Chicago, IL	FHI360
February 22	Serving Victims of War- War Injuries, Treatment and Rehabilitation	Ukraine	Combined Arms	Houston, TX	FHI360
February 22	Serving Victims of War - PTSD	Ukraine	GlobalJax	Jacksonville, FL	FHI360
March 16	Judicial Rule of Law- Corruption: Economic Related Crimes	Kosovo	Citizen Diplomacy Alliance Tucson, AZ		FHI360
March 28	Members of Parliament	Armenia	WorldMontana	Helena, MT	FHI360
March 30	Women Leaders	Moldova	Global Ties Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo, MI	CIPUSA
March 30	Women Leaders Promoting Peace and Security	Kyrgyzstan	Colorado Springs World Affairs Council	Colorado Springs, CO	FHI360
April 4	Members of Parliament	Uzbekistan	Santa Fe Council on International Relations	Santa Fe, NM	FHI360
April 6	Cybersecurity	Estonia	University of Maryland Baltimore County	Baltimore, MD	FHI360
April 6	Promoting Cybersecurity - Advancing an Open, Secure, and Reliable Digital Economy	Kyrgyzstan	Global Ties Alabama	Huntsville, AL	FHI360
April 6	Prosecutors	Mongolia	Dacotah Territory International Visitor Program	Rapid City, SD	FHI360
April 6	Prosecutors	Mongolia	Friendship Force of Western North Carolina	Asheville, NC	FFI
April 23	Rumsfeld Fellows	Varied	Citizens' Diplomacy International	Philadelphia, PA	FHI360
April 25	MP Alumni	Ukraine	COIL	Washington, DC	COIL
April 25	Think Tank Development	Azerbaijan	Friends Forever International	Durham, NH	FHI360
April 27	U.S. Education in the 21 st Century: Trying to Create Engaged Learners, Problem-Solvers, Innovators, and Good Citizens	Serbia	International Visitor's Council of Columbus	Columbus, OH	FHI360

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April 27	U.S. Education in the 21st Century: Trying to Create Engaged Learners, Problem-Solvers, Innovators, and Good Citizens	Serbia	Sunrise Rotary Club	Redlands, CA	Rotary
April 27	eGovernance and Governmental Accountability in the Digital Age	Uzbekistan	Norfolk Sister Cities	Norfolk, VA	FHI360
May 4	Podcasting and Online Media	Armenia	Global Ties Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo, MI	CIPUSA
May 4	Parliamentary Staffers	Moldova	International Center of the Capital Region	Albany, NY	FHI360
May 4	Sustainable Energy for Media	Kazakhstan	International Institute of Buffalo	Buffalo, NY	FHI360
May 9	Members of Parliament: Expanding Women's Economic Participation	Kosovo	Global Ties Sacramento	Sacramento, CA	FHI360
May 15	Members of Parliament	Ukraine	COIL	Washington, DC	COIL
May 18	National Parks/Ecotourism Development	Kazakhstan	GlobalJax	Jacksonville, FL	FHI360
May 18	Economic Development through Presentation of Cultural Heritage	Serbia	Global Ties Albuquerque	Albuquerque, NM	FHI360
May 18	Tourism Infrastructure & Marketing	Tajikistan	Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities	Boulder, CO	FHI360
May 18	Community Based Eco-Friendly Development	Tajikistan	Northern Nevada International Center	Reno, NV	FHI360
June 1	Museum Management to Foster Economic Development	Armenia	Council of International Programs, USA	Novelty, OH	CIPUSA
June 1	Management of National Parks	Georgia	Gulf of Alaska Keeper	Anchorage, AK	FHI360
June 1	Volunteerism in the National Parks / Protected Areas	Georgia	Friendship Force of Western North Carolina	Asheville, NC	FFI
June 13	Members of Parliament	Mongolia	GlobalAustin	Austin, TX	FHI360
June 15	The Circular Economy: A New Model for Sustainable Waste Management	Serbia	World Chicago	Chicago, IL	FHI360
June 15	Energy Transition: Moving Toward a Renewable-Energy Future	Serbia	Global Ties Akron	Akron, OH	FHI360
June 20	Come Back Alive	Ukraine	COIL	Washington, DC	COIL
June 22	Parliamentary Staffers	Kazakhstan	Dacotah Territory International Visitor Program	Bismarck, ND	FHI360
June 22	Parliamentary Staffers	Kyrgyzstan	WorldMontana	Helena, MT	FHI360
June 22	Parliamentary Staffers	Tajikistan	Global Ties Arkanas	Little Rock, AR	FHI360
June 22	Parliamentary Staffers	Uzbekistan	Lincoln Council for International Visitors	Lincoln, NE	FHI360
July 13	Judicial Rule of Law – Impact of Precedent on the U.S. Judicial System	Armenia	Gulf Coast Diplomacy Council	Pensacola, FL	FHI360

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July 13	Rule of Law	Estonia	Center for International Understanding, Inc.	Bluefield, WV	FHI360
July 13	Judicial Rule of Law/Administration	Mongolia	Kiwanis Club of Lansing	Lansing, KS	FHI360
July 13	Judicial Rule of Law	Mongolia	Tulsa Global Alliance	Tulsa, OK	FHI360
July 13	Judicial Rule of Law	Mongolia	Citizen Diplomacy Alliance for International Visitors	Tucson, AZ	FHI360
July 18	Members of Parliament	Moldova	International Focus	Raleigh, NC	IF
July 20	Urban Planning and Cultural Preservation	Georgia	Fort Worth Sister Cities	Fort Worth, TX	FHI360
July 20	American Corners Community Engagement	Azerbaijan	University of Maryland Baltimore County	Baltimore, MD	FHI360
July 20	Intensive Care and Burn Surgery	Ukraine	Friendship Force Memphis	Memphis, TN	FFI
July 20	War Injury Rehabilitation	Ukraine	Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset	Honolulu, HI	Rotary
July 20	Intensive Care and Burn Surgery	Ukraine	Global Ties Akron	Akron, OH	FHI360
July 26	Members of Parliament	Kazakhstan	Iowa International Center	Des Moines, IA	FHI360
August 10	Education: Polish as a Second Language	Poland	International Center of the Capital Region	Albany, NY	FHI360
August 10	Education: Mental Health/Counseling	Poland	Norfolk Sister Cities	Norfolk, VA	FHI360
August 10	Education: Romanian as a Second Language	Poland	Global Ties Alabama	Huntsville, AL	FHI360
August 10	Education: Romanian as a Second Language	Romania	International Visitors Council of Columbus	Columbus, OH	FHI360
August 10	Mental Health/Counseling	Romania	CIP Cleveland	Cleveland, OH	CIPUSA
August 10	Mental Health and Community Organizing	Romania	Global Ties of Kansas City	Kansas City, MO	FHI360
August 10	Education: Romanian as a Second Language	Moldova	GlobalJax	Jacksonville, FL	FHI360
August 10	Education: Integrating Refugees/ Displaced Persons	Moldova	Global Ties Akron	Akron, OH	FHI360
August 10	Inclusivity	Georgia	World Affairs Council of New Hampshire	Manchester, NH	FHI360
September 7	The Judicial Sector's Role in Combatting Human Trafficking	Azerbaijan	WorldChicago	Chicago, IL	FHI360
September 7	Judicial Rule of Law	North Macedonia	Advisory Commission on International Relationships	Great Falls, MT	FHI360
September 7	Judges	North Macedonia	International Visitor's Council of Columbus	Columbus, OH	FHI360
September 7	Judicial Rule of Law	Kazakhstan	People to People International Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	FHI360

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September 7	Judicial Rule of Law-Judicial Efficiency in Criminal Proceedings	Serbia	Fort Worth Sister Cities	Fort Worth, TX	FHI360
September 14	Members of Parliament	Ukraine	COIL	Washington, DC	COIL
September 14	Combatting Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Armenia	CIP Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	CIPUSA
September 14	Accountability and Citizen Engagement at Local Level	Georgia	Global Ties Albuquerque	Albuquerque, NM	FHI360
September 14	Social Inclusion	Poland	International Visitors Council of Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	IF
September 14	Anti-Corruption: Criminal Investigations Related to Corruption	Moldova	International Institute of Buffalo	Buffalo, NY	IF
September 14	Local Legislators	Mongolia	CIPChicago	Chicago, IL	CIPUSA
September 19	Members of Parliament	Hungary	Vermont Council on World Affairs	Burlington, VT	FHI360
September 21	Combatting Disinformation/ Cybersecurity	Ukraine	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Baltimore, MD	FHI360
September 21	Disaster Medicine	Ukraine	University of Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha, NE	FHI360
September 21	Emergency Department	Ukraine	International Center of the Capital Region	Albany, NY	FHI360
September 21	Emergency Department	Ukraine	World Trade Center	Baltimore, MD	FHI360
September 27	Members of Parliament	Moldova	Iowa International Center	Des Moines, IA	FHI360
October 5	Prosecutors	Moldova	Northern Nevada International Center	Reno, NV	FHI360
October 5	Judicial Rule of Law	Moldova	Columbia Council for Internationals	Columbia, SC	CCFI
October 5	Judicial Rule of Law	Uzbekistan	FF of Knoxville & Judge Varlan	Knoxville, TN	FFI
October 5	Prosecutors	North Macedonia	World Affairs Council of Seattle	Seattle, WA	FHI360
October 5	Prosecutors	North Macedonia	Global Santa Fe	Santa Fe, NM	FHI360
October 12	Education Quality and Accountability in the Digital Age	Armenia	Global Ties Kansas City	Kansas City, MO	FHI360
October 12	Think Tank Specialists	Armenia	Friends Forever International	Durham, NH	FHI360
October 12	Early Grade Learning	Georgia	GlobalAustin	Austin, TX	FHI360
October 12	Blood Center	Ukraine	FF of Greater Milwaukee	Milwaukee, WI	FFI
October 12	Disaster Medicine	Ukraine	FF of Central North Carolina	Greensboro, NC	FFI
October 12	Transfusion Medicine Service in the Healthcare System	Ukraine	Global Ties Akron	Akron, OH	FHI360

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October 12	Transfusion Medicine Service in the Healthcare System	Ukraine	CIP Chicago	Chicago, IL	CIPUSA
October 12	Blood Center	Ukraine	RC of Grapevine, TX Grapevine, TX		Rotary
October 12	Laboratory Support of Transplantology	Ukraine	Citizens Diplomacy Alliance	Tucson, AZ	US-UK
October 12	Laboratory Support of Transplantology	Ukraine	GlobalJax	Jacksonville, FL	FHI360
October 12	Social Media Influencers and Civic Engagement	Tajikistan	Colorado Springs World Affairs Council	Colorado Springs, CO	FHI360
October 19	Mental Health & Counseling (Romanian Teachers)	Romania	World Trade Center Institute	Baltimore, MD	FHI360
October 19	Mental Health & Counseling (Social Workers from NGOs)	Romania	Global Ties Albuquerque	Albuquerque, NM	FHI360
October 19	Refugee Integration Tools	Romania	Iowa International Center	Des Moines, IA	FHI360
October 19	Community Building Tools	Romania	Global Ties Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo, MI	FHI360
October 19	Mental Health	Poland	Global Ties Arkansas	Little Rock, AR	FHI360
October 19	Refugee Integration	Poland	Sister Cities of Gainesville	Gainesville, FL	FHI360
October 19	Youth Civic Engagement	Poland	FHI360	Washington, DC	FHI360
October 19	Mental Health	Moldova	Lehman College	Westchester, NY	FHI360
October 22	Rumsfeld Fellows	Varied	Global Ties Detroit	Detroit, MI	FHI360
October 26	Youth Leadership and Community Development	Azerbaijan	World Affairs Council of Kentucky & Southern Indiana	Louisville, KY	FHI360
October 26	Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management	Kazakhstan	FF of Madison	Madison, WI	FFI
October 26	Waste Management - NC/Moldova Partnership	Moldova	NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ)	Raleigh, NC	NCDEQ
October 26	Sports for At Risk Youth	Tajikistan	Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities	Boulder, CO	FHI360
October 26	Health Sector Response to Infectious Diseases	Tajikistan	Marquette Breakfast RC	Marquette, MI	Rotary
October 26	Agriculture in the Modern Market	Uzbekistan	Seattle-Tashkent Sister Cities Association	Seattle, WA	FHI360
October 26	Inclusion of Youth in Decision-Making Processes	Kosovo	Iowa Sister States	Des Moines, IA	FHI360
November 2	Entrepreneurship	Georgia	Fox Valley Technical College	Appleton, WI	FHI360
November 2	Regional Sustainable Economic Development	Moldova	Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development	Toledo, OH	FHI360

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November 2	Parliamentary Staffers	Mongolia	CIP Phoenix	Phoenix, AZ	CIPUSA
November 2	Young Diplomats/Governmental Management	Turkmenistan	International Institute of Buffalo	Buffalo, NY	FHI360
November 2	Corporate Social Responsibility	Ukraine	International House of Metrolina/Charlotte	Charlotte, NC	FHI360
November 2	Corporate Social Responsibility	Ukraine	Combat Arms Houston	Houston, TX	FHI360
November 2	Management of Healthcare Institutions	Ukraine	CIP Cleveland	Cleveland, OH	CIPUSA
November 2	Management of Healthcare Institutions	Ukraine	Rotary Club of West Wichita	Wichita, KS	Rotary
November 2	Management of Healthcare Institutions	Ukraine	Rotary Club of Concord	Concord, CA	Rotary
November 7	Members of Parliament	Azerbaijan	Global Ties Arkansas	Little Rock, AR	FHI360
November 7	Members of Parliament: Developing Policies to Protect the Privacy and Data of Citizens	Kyrgyzstan	Global Ties Sacramento	Sacramento, CA	FHI360
November 7	Members of Parliament	Uzbekistan	Iowa International Center	Des Moines, IA	FHI360
November 9	Crisis Management for Municipalities: Humanitarian Aid & Emergency Preparedness	Poland	World Chicago	Chicago, IL	FHI360
November 9	Human Trafficking	Poland	Tulsa Global Alliance	Tulsa, OK	FHI360
November 9	NGO Development/ Fundraising	Poland	Citizen Diplomacy International	Philadelphia, PA	FHI360
November 9	NGO Development/ Fundraising	Romania	Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy	Salt Lake City, UT	FHI360
November 9	NGO Development/ Fundraising	Romania	United Religious Community of St. Joseph County	South Bend, IN	FHI360
November 9	Community Preparedness for Disasters	Romania	Global Ties Alabama	Huntsville, AL	FHI360
November 9	Community Preparedness for Disasters	Romania	Friends Forever International	Durham, NC	FHI360
November 9	Municipal Coordination of Humanitarian Aid and Refugee Integration	Moldova	FF of Dayton	Dayton, OH	FFI
November 30	Come Back Alive	Ukraine	COIL	Washington, DC	COIL
November 30	NGO Management	Kazakhstan	RC of Cashmere, WA	Cashmere, WA	Rotary
November 30	Inclusive Education	Kazakhstan	Denton/Lake Cities Rotary Club	Argyle, TX	Rotary
November 30	Youth: Inspiring Leadership and Participation	Kyrgyzstan	Friends Forever International	Durham, NH	FHI360
November 30	Capacity Building for Rural NGOs	Mongolia	South Dakota World Affairs Council	Brookings, SD	FHI360

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November 30	Inclusive Education	Tajikistan	World Affairs Council of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky	Cincinnati, OH	FHI360
November 30	Educational Technology	Tajikistan	RC of Waupaca	Wild Rose, WI	Rotary
November 30	Best Practices in Higher Education	Uzbekistan	Lehmann College	Westchester, NY	FHI360
December 5	Members of Parliament	Papua New Guinea	Norfolk Sister Clties	Norfolk, VA	FHI360
December 5	Members of Parliament	Vietnam	Vermont Council on World Affairs	Burlington, VT	FHI360
December 7	Rule of Law: Women Lawyers	Azerbaijan	GlobalJax	Jacksonville, FL	FHI360
December 7	Sustainability for Civil Society Organizations	Kosovo	FF of Cedar Rapids/ Iowa City	Cedar Rapids, IA	FFI
December 7	Oversight Bodies	Kosovo	GlobalAustin	Austin, TX	FHI360
December 7	Anti-Corruption Border Control and Customs	Moldova	Citizen Diplomacy Council	Tucson, AZ	FHI360
December 7	E-Commerce/E-Banking	Turkmenistan	CIP Chicago	Chicago, IL	CIPUSA
December 7	Life Science Clusters	Ukraine	World Affairs Council of Seattle	Seattle, WA	FHI360
December 7	Life Science Clusters	Ukraine	Global Ties Kansas City	Kansas City, MO	FHI360
December 12	Members of Parliament	Serbia	Northern Nevada International Center	Reno, NV	FHI360
December 12	Members of Parliament	Serbia	Santa Fe Council on International Relations	Santa Fe, NM	FHI360

ALUMNI UPDATES

UKRAINE

Several participants from various visiting delegations over the years have been recently awarded Presidential honors in light of their actions since the inception of the war in Ukraine. **Oleksandr Danyliuk** travelled to Jacksonville, FL in 2018 under the theme of Social Issues: Health-Care Provision. He is Head of the Emergency Medical Care and Disaster Medicine Administration at the Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine, and on August 23, 2022 was awarded the Medal "**Honored Doctor of Ukraine**." **Vasyl Strilka** is the Director General of the Directorate of Highly Technological Medical Aid and Innovation Office of the Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine. He was part of an Open World delegation that travelled to Jacksonville, FL in 2016, and was also awarded the honorary title "**Honored Doctor of Ukraine**."

Sevgil Musaieva travelled to Seattle, WA on the Open World program in September 2015. A Crimea native, Ms. Musaieva is Editor-in-Chief of Ukrayinska Pravda since 2014 and was **featured by Time as one of the 100 most influential people of 2022**. Ukrayinska Pravda reaches up to 4 million people each day, making it an essential source of information on the war for both those in Ukraine and those following the news from abroad. Under Ms. Musaieva's leadership, UP journalists have reported on everything from Russian war crimes to Ukrainian civilian heroes.

Taras Chmut was a member of the 2014 Accountable Governance themed delegation that travelled Salt Lake City, UT. He is the director of the Come Back Alive Fund, a major organization providing support to the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and the founder of Militarnyi, an online media outlet which provides information about Ukraine's resistance to the military aggression by the Russian Federation. Mr. Chmut was awarded the Medal "**To the Defender of the Motherland**."

Iryna Vereschuk travelled to Charlotte, NC in 2013 under the theme Social Issues, Serving Victims of War – War Injuries, Treatment and Rehabilitation during her tenure as the mayor of the Rava-Ruska. She was appointed as Ukraine's Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine in 2021, and has served in the position ever since. Andrii Burachyk, Head of the Rivne Regional Hospital of War Veterans of the Rivne Regional Council, travelled to Houston, TX on the Serving Victims of War – War Injuries, Treatment, and Rehabilitation delegation in 2020. Both Ms. Vereschuk and Mr. Burachyk received the Order for Merit, Third Class from the President of Ukraine.

GEORGIA

Nino Lomjaria travelled to Bluefield, WV on the Open World program on the Local Government Elections delegation. Ms. Lomjaria served as Public Defender of Georgia from 2017 to 2022. She, and her team at the Public Defender's Office (PDO), was awarded a Global Human Rights Defender Award by the U.S. Department of State on February 1, 2023. Under her leadership, the Public Defender's Office was widely considered the most independent democratic institution in Georgia. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Lomjaria and her team advocated strengthened human rights protections for all, at times under intense political pressure; they maintained their independence throughout. The PDO's work to fight discrimination, and to defend the rights of children, the disabled, prisoners, LGBTQI+

persons, and religious minorities, has helped build a democratic state that lives up to the aspirations of its citizens.

Eduard Partsvania was **elected to the the Executive Board of the Exchange Program Alumni Association of Georgia** (EPAG) after travelling to Parker, CO in June 2019 with the Open World Rural Tourism Development delegation. Mr. Partsvania founded MegoBar, a social enterprise which provides free working space and a youth center with workshops, trainings, seminars, exhibitions, local poetry and music events. He was also awarded the "Innovator of the Year Award' by the EPAG in September, 2022.

AZERBAIJAN

Vasif Huseynov was a member of the Think Tank Development delegation that travelled to Durham, New Hampshire in April 2022. After returning to Azerbaijan from the program, Mr. Huseynov was promoted to Head of the Western Studies Department at the Center of Analysis of International Relations (AIR Center).

KOSOVO

Lyra Cela travelled to Tucson, AZ in March 2022 under the theme of "Judicial Rule of Law – Corruption: Economic Related Crimes" as a civil servant in Kosovo's Ministry of Justice as an acting head of the department for international legal cooperation. Soon after returning to Kosovo, she was **promoted to the Chief of Cabinet and Senior Legal Advisor to the President of the Constitutional Court.**

MOLDOVA

Ion Oboroceanu travelled to Houston, TX in March 2011 as a delegate on a Rule of Law delegation. Mr. Oboroceanu was **awarded a certificate by Laura Hruby, United States Chargé d'Affaires**, for pioneering an approach to addressing root causes of domestic violence and trafficking in persons by promoting the "Men for Gender Equality and Against Violence and Trafficking in Persons" movement.

RUSSIA

Anastasya Burakova travelled to Metairie, LA in 2017 on an Accountable Governance delegation. Shortly after the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Open World alumna Anastasya Burakova fled Russia and experienced firsthand all the problems and bureaucratic hurdles many who have departed Russia face abroad. She came up with an idea to create a network to support the Russian opposition in exile. Ms. Burakova received financial support from the Open Russia Foundation, a non-profit aligned with Russian dissident Mikhail Khodorkovsky. As a result, she created an international network called "The Ark" which provides housing and basic financial support to those Russian opposition leaders whose credit cards were blocked due to sanctions imposed on Russia by the international community.

SERBIA

Alumnus **Branislav Josifovic** was **elected as a Member of the National Parliament** following his participation in the Energy Transition: Moving Toward a Renewable Energy Future delegation that travelled to Akron, OH. During the time of Mr. Josifovic's participation of the Open World program, he was the Deputy Mayor of Knyazevac.

Local Host Organizations

COIL thanks the following organizations, institutions, and judges for hosting our delegations and supporting our Members of Parliament, Rule of Law, and Civic programs in 2022:

Mid-Cities Pacesetters Rotary Club	Bedford	Texas
Global Ties Alabama	Birmingham	Alabama
Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy	Salt Lake City	Utah
Global Ties Arkansas	Little Rock	Arkansas
Tulsa Global Alliance	Tulsa	Oklahoma
International Institute of Buffalo	Buffalo	New York
Global Ties Akron	Akron	Ohio
World Chicago	Chicago	Illinois
West Virginia Council of International Programs	Morgantown	West Virginia
GlobalJAX	Jacksonville	Florida
Combined Arms	Houston	Texas
West Virginia Council of International Programs	Morgantown	West Virginia
World Trade Center Institute (WTCI)	Baltimore	Maryland
Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Ohio
US-Ukraine Foundation	Boston	Massachusetts
Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development	Toledo	Ohio
Modesto Sister Cities International	Modesto	California
Birmingham Sister Cities	Birmingham	Alabama
Citizen Diplomacy Alliance for International Visitors	Tucson	Arizona
World Montana	Helena	Montana
Global Ties Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	Michigan
Colorado Springs World Affairs Council	Colorado Springs	Colorado
Fox Valley Technical College	Appleton	Wisconsin
Santa Fe Council on International Relations	Santa Fe	New Mexico
Dacotah Territory International Visitor Program	Rapid City	South Dakota
Friendship Force of Western North Carolina	Asheville	North Carolina
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Baltimore	Maryland
Citizen Diplomacy International of Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania

Friends Forever International	Durham	New Hampshire
Rotary Club of Redlands	Redlands	California
International Visitors Council (IVC) of Columbus	Columbus	Ohio
Norfolk Sister City Association, Inc.	Norfolk	Virginia
International Center of the Capital Region	Albany	New York
Global Ties Sacramento	Sacramento	California
Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities	Boulder	Colorado
Global Ties Albuquerque	Albuquerque	New Mexico
Northern Nevada International Center	Reno	Nevada
Council of International Programs USA (CIPUSA)	Novelty	Ohio
Gulf of Alaska Keeper	Anchorage	Alaska
GlobalAustin	Austin	Texas
Lincoln Council for International Visitors	Lincoln	Nebraska
Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council	Pensacola	Florida
Kiwanis Club of Lansing, Kansas	Lansing	Kansas
Center for International Understanding, Inc.	Bluefield	West Virginia
International Focus	Raleigh	North Carolina
Fort Worth Sister Cities International	Fort Worth	Texas
Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset	Honolulu	Hawaii
Friendship Force of Memphis	Memphis	Tennessee
Iowa International Center	Des Moines	lowa
World Affairs Council of New Hampshire	Manchester	New Hampshire
Council of International Programs Cleveland	Cleveland	Ohio
Global Ties Kansas City	Kansas City	Missouri
People to People International, Arizona Chapter	Phoenix	Arizona
Advisory Commission on International Relationships	Great Falls	Montana
Council of International Programs Chicago (CIP Chicago)	Chicago	Illinois
CIP Phoenix (Empower International LLC)	Phoenix	Arizona
International Visitors Council of Los Angeles	Los Angeles	California
Vermont Council on World Affairs	Burlington	Vermont
University of Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha	Nebraska
Columbia Council for Internationals (CCFI)	Columbia	South Carolina
Northern Nevada International Center	Reno	Nevada

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee	Knoxville	Tennessee
World Affairs Council of Seattle	Seattle	Washington
Friendship Force of Central North Carolina	Greensboro	North Carolina
Grapevine Rotary Club	Grapevine	Texas
Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
Lehman College	Westchester	New York
Sister Cities of Gainesville	Gainesville	Florida
FHI 360	Washington	DC
Global Ties Detroit	Detroit	Michigan
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ)	Raleigh	North Carolina
World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana	Louisville	Kentucky
Friendship Force of Madison	Madison	Wisconsin
Iowa Sister States	Des Moines	lowa
Seattle-Tashkent Sister Cities Association	Seattle	Washington
Marquette Breakfast Rotary Club	Marquette	Michigan
Rotary Club of West Wichita	Wichita	Kansas
Rotary Club of Concord	Concord	California
International House of Metrolina/Charlotte	Charlotte	North Carolina
Friendship Force of Dayton	Dayton	Ohio
United Religious Community of St. Joseph County	South Bend	Indiana
Rotary Club of Waupaca	Wild Rose	Wisconsin
South Dakota World Affairs Council	Brookings	South Dakota
Cashmere Rotary Club	Cashmere	Washington
Denton-Lake Cities Rotary Club	Argyle	Texas
Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City	Cedar Rapids	lowa

National Grantees

COIL awards grants to a wide range of U.S.-based nonprofit and governmental organizations to host Open World program delegations. COIL selects its host organizations through a competitive grants process conducted according to federal guidelines. All successful candidates have expertise in implementing professionally oriented foreign exchange programs. Some grantees carry out Open World programs themselves or through their local affiliates; others develop and oversee a network of local organizations to provide this hosting. These local organizations include civic associations, academic institutions and centers, and nonprofit international training providers.

Rotary International	Evanston	Illinois
FHI 360	Durham	North Carolina
US-Ukraine Foundation	Washington	DC
International Focus	Raleigh	North Carolina
Council of International Programs USA	Chagrin Falls	Ohio
Friendship Force International	Atlanta	Georgia
Columbia Council for Internationals (CCFI)	Columbia	South Carolina
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality	Raleigh	North Carolina

Financials

Open World Financial Information

In fiscal year 2022, the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) received \$6 million in appropriated funds and \$439 thousand in interagency transfers. COIL submitted a complete set of financial statements for fiscal year 2022 to the independent public accounting firm of KPMG LLP for a full audit. KPMG issued an unmodified (clean) audit opinion on the financial statements. With the 2022 audit, COIL has received seventeen clean opinions since the first year of audits.

	FY 2022	FY 2021
ASSETS		
Entity Assets:		
Intragovernmental Assets		
Fund Balance with Treasury	\$ 530,815	\$ 1,420,689
Investments	6,994,041	6,376,846
Prepayments	16,707	84,802
Total Intragovernmental	7,541,563	7,882,337
Total Assets	\$ 7,541,563	\$ 7,882,337
LIABILITIES		
Intragovernmental Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 13,702	\$ 3,982
Accrued Payroll & Benefits	17,556	16,25
Total Intragovernmental	31,258	20,234
Accounts Payable	388,517	236,057
Accrued Payroll & Benefits	55,863	54,84
Federal Employee Benefits Payable	57,523	67,360
Other Liabilities	161,273	(
Total Liabilities	\$ 694,434	\$ 378,492
NET POSITION		
Unexpended Appropriation	\$ 0	\$ 604,170
Cumulative Results of Operations	6,847,129	6,899,675
Total Net Position	\$ 6,847,129	\$ 7,503,845
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 7,541,563	\$ 7,882,337

Note 1 - Investments, Net

Funds that are not needed to finance current activities are invested in interest-bearing obligations of the United States. COIL has directed the Library to invest funds in Treasury non-marketable securities. Due to the short-term nature of the investments, the cost of investments in conjunction with accrued interest approximates their fair market values. Investments outstanding were \$6,994,041 and \$6,376,846 for fiscal years 2022 and 2021, respectively. Average annual interest rates were 1.4% and 1.5% in fiscal years 2022 and 2021, respectively.

	FY 2022	FY 2021
Face Value	\$ 6,968,000	\$ 6,355,000
Interest Receivable	26,041	21,846
Investments, Net	\$ 6,994,041	\$ 6,376,846

Note 2 - Prepayments

COIL awards grants to approximately 12-16 organizations with exchange-program expertise that are competitively selected for the purpose of hosting foreign delegates. In fiscal years 2022 and 2021, no funds were paid in advance to these organizations to carry out their services.

In fiscal year 2021, COIL entered into a long-term agreement with the Library to digitize and archive documents. Periodically, COIL sends a prepayment to the Library's Federal Research Division for this project. The outstanding balance paid in advance but not yet used to carry out their services was \$16,707 and \$84,802 at the end of fiscal years 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Note 3 - Liabilities Not Covered by Budgetary Resources

Liabilities for which an appropriation has not been enacted, are classified as liabilities not covered by budgetary resources. For accrued unfunded annual leave and compensatory time earned, it is not certain that appropriations will be enacted to fund these amounts.

	FY 2022		FY 2021	
Liabilities Not Covered by Budgetary Resources:				
Intragovernmental	\$ 0	\$	0	
Unfunded Annual and Compensatory Leave	57,523		67,360	
Liabilities Covered by Budgetary Resources	636,911		311,132	
Total Liabilities	\$ 694,434	\$	378,492	

