

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR
INTERNATIONAL
LEADERSHIP

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL)*, an arm of the U.S. Congress, is to introduce rising leaders of emerging countries to the importance of legislative functions in creating and sustaining democracies. This is accomplished through the introduction of young foreign leaders to the American democratic governing systems and accountable governance at every level: federal, state, and local. COIL also maintains a continuing relationship with the network of leaders it has enlisted, especially with those from countries crucial to American national security interests.

*The agency name changed to the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) via the Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (March 14, 2022).

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A Message from the Executive Director

In 2021, we saw how governments around the globe came to terms with the COVID pandemic. As we learned ourselves how best to deal with the situation, COIL continued to adapt operations to be as robust and as productive as ever. In many ways, 2021 represented a refinement of the winning formula we developed for hybrid programming in 2020. COIL hosted 54 teledelegations and some 60 virtual alumni events while in-person programming was suspended due to the epidemic. Nearly 2,000 participants attended COIL's alumni events and more than 4,000 people viewed the Kyiv-based Open World Academy programs featuring program alumni. More than 2,000 participants attended the tele-delegations. These programs engaged delegates from Armenia, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo, Moldova, Mongolia, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, and Ukraine in 86 American communities in 38 states. These programs simply were not possible before, but our team adapted quickly to the pandemic to create a new frontier of engagement for the Open World program.

Our work was not relegated solely to the digital realm. Indeed, the Open World program continued to conduct in-person activity as well, with four delegations from Russia, Ukraine, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan for a total of 33 travelers. Additionally, 70 participants from Russia and Ukraine came to DC to participate in two unique networking conferences.

COIL's hybrid approach to programming is emblematic of our agency's dedication to 21st century citizen-focused diplomacy. We are proud of our capacity to adapt and evolve – rising to the occasion with both speed and passion that only COIL can achieve.

We thank our community of stakeholders – including Members of Congress, their staff, our national grantees and home hosts, our 30,000 alumni, and future participants from across Europe and Eurasia – for their continued support and belief in our mission. Without their efforts, none of this would be possible.

We are proud to bring the most promising, influential, and passionate young leaders from these critical regions to the halls of Congress and to communities throughout the United States.

Thank you, Congress, for believing in the Open World program.


Jane Sargus
Executive Director

STAFF

as of December 31, 2021



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PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Armenia

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Hungary

Kazakhstan

Kosovo

Kyrgyzstan

Moldova

Mongolia

North Macedonia

Poland

Russia

Serbia

Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Ukraine

Uzbekistan

2021 – Growth and Opportunity for International Engagement

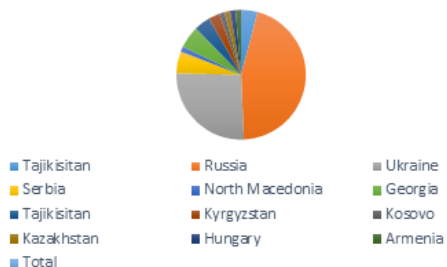
Despite the ongoing global pandemic, the COIL team proved time and time again their ability to adapt and overcome, ensuring that effective programming continued in 2021. We conducted four in-person travel groups in 2021 from Russia, Ukraine, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

In 2021, our staff continued to chart a sure course for virtual programming with a shift in focus to reconnecting with our thousands of alumni across the globe. Through no less than 110 virtual alumni events, we reunited hundreds of alumni with one another and with their American host communities that welcomed them into their homes. This new avenue of connecting with our alumni showed the power of the program. Constituents across the country engaged virtually with their members of Congress and their alumni via the Open World program. It was moving to feel the spirit of camaraderie that persevered long after our delegates' return home.

Interactions with alumni did not strictly play out in the digital space however. In fact, two in-person alumni events were held in 2021 in Ukraine and in Russia. Executive Director Jane Sargus met with 23 alumni from across Russia who shared their stories from the program and experiences since returning home. In Lviv, Ukraine, Deputy Executive Director Maura Shelden held an event with over 50 alumni whose experience on the Open World program impacted their professional lives. Then, in Bukovel, Ukraine, in the heart of the Carpathians, she led a retreat with program facilitators and alumni representing the area's amalgamated cities.

As we begin 2021, it is important for us all to remember that COVID is not the only challenge facing our program. The geopolitical landscape is ever changing, and COIL must adapt to continue to operate at its fullest capacity. COIL has always taken great pride in building bridges even as diplomatic relations sour. Relations between the governments of United States and Eastern Europe and Eurasia underwent a period of profound change and strain in 2021. Yet these new challenges only strengthened our resolve to create grassroots engagement opportunities for emerging leaders eager for interaction with their American counterparts. The direct and open dialogue that the Open World program provides to citizens of disparate nations becomes even more important during times such as these. Our team has worked, and will continue to work, to overcome any challenges to ensure that this dialogue can continue in 2022 and beyond.

**Alumni Programming 2021
By Country**



UKRAINE - Members of Parliament

Travel Date: July 17, 2021

Local Hosts: World Affairs Council of New Hampshire – Manchester, NH; American Councils for International Education – Washington, DC; Dacotah Territory International Visitor Program – Bismarck, ND

In July, during a critical time in U.S.-Ukraine relations, COIL hosted three delegations of Ukrainian Members of Parliament focusing on anti-corruption, local governance, judicial reform and energy issues. The Ukrainian MPs, representing both majority and minority parties, met with twelve Members of Congress and the staff of an additional seven for in-depth briefings. One of the delegations spent a week in Washington, D.C., one traveled to Manchester, New Hampshire, and one to Bismarck, North Dakota. The delegation had wide-ranging and important discussions with national and local level leaders on crucial subjects like national and energy security and fighting misinformation.



Members of the Verkhovna Rada hosted at Ukraine's Embassy in Washington, D.C. by Ambassador Oksana Markarova with Rep. David Cicilline (RI – 1). July 2021

RUSSIA - Sister Cities

Travel Date: October 27, 2021

Local Host: University of South Florida

COIL connected the two St. Petersburgs, Florida and Russia, using a unique window of opportunity to invite a Russian delegation of six esteemed educators. This delegation began the hard work of re-establishing and reinvigorating the St. Petersburg Sister Cities relations through education, collaborating with the University of South Florida's Russian Institute and a local NGO called Russian Heritage.

The delegation spent a week in the host community engaged in a wide-ranging professional dialogue identifying opportunities for collaboration, learning about the grass-roots America and sharing the best about St. Petersburg, Russia's cultural capital.

Their trip took place just before the U.S. borders were closed for those unvaccinated by a WHO approved vaccine.



Citizens of the two St. Petersburgs in Florida. November 2021

TAJIKISTAN - Entrepreneurs

Travel Date: October 27, 2021

Local Host: Global One to One, Albuquerque, NM



Tajik delegates during a tour of the historic La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. November 2021

In November, a group of delegates from Tajikistan traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico for an Open World program on the theme of Women in Entrepreneurship. While in New Mexico, the group had the opportunity to meet with many business-owners to discuss how the pandemic has affected their businesses. This group was postponed in 2020 due to the

COVID-19 pandemic. Highlights of the program included a trip to Santa Fe to tour the State Capitol Building and meet with staff from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's office, a reception and tour at the historic La Fonda Hotel with the Director of Sales, visiting the Santa Fe Business Incubator, a conversation with a businesswoman and CEO of HoonArts Fair Trade, and a panel discussion with the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO).

KYRGYZSTAN - Combatting Human Trafficking

Travel Date: November 3, 2021

Local Host Organization: Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc., Gainesville, FL

On November 3, we welcomed our first in-person delegation from Kyrgyzstan since the pandemic started. The delegation consisted of judges and activists who are dedicated to combatting human trafficking and putting laws into practice

Hosted by the Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc. in Gainesville, FL, the delegation visited the District Court and U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida and the Middle District of Florida. They also met with district staff for Rep. Kat Cammack (FL-3).

The delegates were excited to replicate at home what they observed in the U.S. including the cooperation between the federal government, law enforcement, and civil society.



Rule of Law delegation from Kyrgyzstan with district staff for Rep. Kat Cammack. The group learned about her issues in Congress and the role that the district office plays in helping the constituents of the third district of Florida. November 2021

Virtual Events

HUNGARY

- June 23, 2021 Local Elected Officials and Advisory Staff

RUSSIA

- February 19, 2021 Grants Pass - Rubtsovsk Sister City
- February 24, 2021 Waupaca, WI Rotary Club
- November 30, 2021 White Bear Lake, MN
- December 2, 2021 Linkages of Rochester

UKRAINE

- March 16, 2021 High Anti-Corruption Court Judges
- April 7, 2021 Amalgamated Territorial Communities
- May 11, 2021 Media Birmingham and WACKI
- June 2, 2021 Legislators, Anti-corruption
- June 16, 2021 Kansas City Commemorating Fallen Soldiers
- December 3, 2021 Toledo, Women in Agriculture

Alumni Highlights

In-person Alumni Events

UKRAINE

In October 2021 Deputy Executive Director Maura Shelden held alumni events in Kyiv, Lviv, and Bukovel, Ukraine. In Lviv she met with two different universities with alumni on staff who were eager to set up partnerships with American universities. An alumni reception drew 50 enthusiastic people who were updated on program plans and shared their own updates. In the Lviv Office of the Mayor, which boasts two program alumni, the administration reaffirmed their support of the Open World program and asked us to facilitate a sister city for them.



Tetyana Khabibrakhmanova, Head of International Outreach for the Lviv City Administration, COIL's Maura Shelden, Lviv First Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, Andriy Moskalenko, MP Halyna Vasylychenko, and Open World Program Manager for Ukraine, Veronika Gryshenko. October 2021

On a side trip to Bukovel, a mountain town in the far West, 15 program facilitators convened to brainstorm best practices for the year 2022. The retreat-format conference included activities such as “walk and talks” while hiking in the Carpathians and panel conversations with Western-based alumni.

In Kyiv, Deputy Director Shelden met with alumni in the Verkhovna Rada and spent a day observing their work on the floor.

ESTONIA

Also in October, Executive Director Jane Sargus and Deputy Executive Director Maura Shelden visited Tallinn, Estonia to hold a Rule of Law alumni event and meet upcoming Cyber Security participants. The alumni reception, held at the Chief of Mission’s residence, was an opportunity to discuss the regeneration of an MOU with the Estonian Supreme Court to continue a relationship that has been mutually beneficial for many years.



COIL's Jane Sargus with Estonian alumni in Tallinn. October 2021

RUSSIA

On October 8, some twenty-three of the most active alumni from across the country gathered in Moscow to welcome Executive Director Jane Sargus on her visit to Russia. Each of them shared their success stories about the program’s profound personal impact on them, and how it helped foster connections with Americans both personally and professionally. The alumni emphasized the unique legislative view, which the program provides, and its important role as a forum for a unique understanding of experience and useful professional insights, in a context of respect, cooperation, and mutual understanding between the emerging leaders of Russia and American people.

Her visit was a result of an invitation to attend the Third Eurasian Women’s Forum in St. Petersburg. While in St. Petersburg, Jane met with program alumni and other supporters of the Open World program.

Virtual Program Calendar 2021

Virtual Program Dates	Theme	Country	Participant Type	Host Organization	Host Location	Grantee
2021						
January 11	Digitalization of Business due to COVID-19	Tajikistan	Alumni	Boulder-Dushanbe Sister Cities	Boulder, CO	FHI360
January 14	Forest Management	Russia	Alumni	Marquette Breakfast Rotary Club	Marquette, MI	Rotary
January 21	Perm 2012 Delegation	Russia	Alumni	Kingman Route 66 Rotary Club	Kingman, AZ	Rotary
January 27 (Day 1)	Psycho-Social Integration of Veterans	Ukraine	Alumni	Open World Leadership Center/Combined Arms	Houston, TX	FHI360, CIPUSA, FFI
January 28 (Day 2)	Psycho-Social Integration of Veterans	Ukraine	Alumni	Open World Leadership Center/Combined Arms	Houston, TX	FHI360, CIPUSA, FFI
February 3	U.S. Elections	Serbia and North Macedonia	Alumni	Friendship Force of Big Canoe	Big Canoe, GA	FFI
February 4	Interfaith Community Development	Russia	Alumni	Global Ties Detroit	Detroit, MI	FHI360
February 11	Inclusivity/Ethnic Integration	Georgia	Alumni (multiple groups)	CIP Chicago, Global Ties AK, United Religious Community/Welcoming Michichiana, People to People International and League of Women Voters	Chicago, IL, S. Bend, IN, Tempe, AZ and Hendersonville, NC	FHI360, CIPUSA, FFI
February 16	Women Entrepreneurs	Tajikistan	Alumni	WAC of Kentucky and Northern Indiana	Louisville, KY	FHI360
February 17 (Part 1)	Anti-Corruption	Serbia	Alumni	Organizing directly with Museum of Political Corruption	Albany, NY	
February 24 (Part 2)	Anti-Corruption	Serbia	Alumni	Organizing directly with Museum of Political Corruption	Albany, NY	
February 26	Multi Country Alumni Webinar: Women in STEM	All	Alumni			
March 4	WBL Rotary Alumni	Russia	Krasnoyarsk Alumni	White Bear Lake Rotary Club	White Bear Lake, MN	ROT

March 10	Louisville/Perm Sister City	Russia	Alumni	WAC of Kentucky and Northern Indiana	Louisville, KY	FHI360
March 11	Burlington/Yaroslavl Digital Media	Russia	Alumni	Vermont Council on World Affairs	Burlington, VT	FHI360
March 12	Multi-Country Alumni Webinar: International Women's Day	All	Alumni			
March 19	Entrepreneurship	Russia	Alumni	Northhampton Community College	Bethlehem, PA	FHI360
March 22	Tulsa/Zelenograd Sister City	Russia	Alumni	Tulsa Global Alliance	Tulsa, OK	FHI360
March 23	Bloomington-Normal/Vladimir Sister City Community Development	Russia	Alumni	Bloomington-Normal/Vladimir Sister City	Bloomington-Normal, IL	FHI360
March 24	Rural Tourism Development	Georgia	Alumni	Center for International Understanding, Inc. (Alumni of June 1, 2017 and June 5, 2019 Rotary hosted in Parker Colorado)	Princeton, WV	FHI360
March 31 and April 1	Judge Alumni Event	Various	Alumni			
April 12 and April 13	Rule of Law	Kyrgyzstan	Alumni	Gainesville Sister Cities	Gainesville, FL	FHI360
April 21	Parliamentarians	Ukraine	Mixed 2020 Delegates	World Affairs Council of New Hampshire, Global Austin, and Dacotah Territory International visitor Program	Manchester, NH, Austin, TX, and Bismarck, ND	FFI and FHI360
April 21	IDPs/Health	Russia	Alumni	Global Ties Detroit	Detroit, MI	FHI360
April 22	Earth Day	Russia	Alumni	COIL	National Parks	COIL
April 28	Sports Disability Alumni Event	Russia	Alumni	Friendship Force of Eastern, WA-N. Idaho and Citizens Diplomacy Alliance	Spokane, WA and Tucson, AZ	FFI and FHI360
April 29	Health Care Management and Quality Assurance	Ukraine	Alumni	Kingman Route 66 Rotary Club	Kingman, AZ	Rotary
May 5	Ethnic Cooperation/Social Inclusivity and Religious Tolerance	Georgia	Alumni	CIP Chicago	Chicago, IL	CIPUSA
May 6 and 7	University Administration	Kosovo	Alumni	Lehman College	Westchester, NY	FHI360
May 11 and May 12	Media Literacy	Ukraine	May 27, 2020 delegation	World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Indiana	Louisville, KY	US-Ukraine

May 11 and May 13	Combating Disinformation	Ukraine	May 27, 2020 Delegates	FF of Birmingham	Birmingham, AL	FFI
May 17	US, Russia and China Relations	Russia	Alumni Series	Supporters of Civil Society	St. Louis, MO	Supporters
May 18	NPS Shared Beringian Heritage Program (SBHP)	Russia	Alumni	National Park Service		
May 18	Women Leaders	Tajikistan	Alumni	Friends Forever International	Durham, NH	FHI360
May 19	Multi Country Alumni Webinar: Education	All	Alumni			
May 20	Women in STEM	Russia	Alumni	Bridgewater Rotary Club	Bridgewater, MA	Rotary
May 24	OPORA Sister Cities/Partnerships/Entrepreneurship (St. Petersburg)	Russia	Alumni	International Visitors Council of Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	IF
May 25	NPS Shared Beringian Heritage Program (SBHP)	Russia	Alumni	National Park Service		
May 25	Energy Efficiency - Young Professionals	Ukraine	Alumni	Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development	Toledo, OH	FHI360
June 8	Accountable Governance	Kazakhstan	Alumni	Global Ties Alabama	Huntsville, AL	FHI360
June 9	Renewable Energy	Serbia	Alumni	Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy	Salt Lake City, UT	FHI360
June 10	Governance, Civil Society and Entrepreneurship	Georgia	Alumni	Friendship Force of Big Canoe	Big Canoe,, GA	FFI
July 7	Tulsa/Zelenograd Sister City - Legislators	Russia	Alumni	Tulsa Global Alliance	Tulsa, OK	FHI360
July 13	Expanding Social Inclusion	Armenia	Alumni	Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association	Cambridge, MA	CYSCA
July 22	Indigenous Peoples	Russia	Alumni	World Montana	Helena, MT	FHI360
July 27	Elder Law	Kyrgyzstan	Alumni	University of Florida and Gainesville Sister City	Gainesville, FL	FHI360

August 11	Local Legislators	Russia	Alumni	Friendship Force of Sacramento	Sacramento, CA	FF
September 9	Fire Department/EMT Management/Volunteerism	Ukraine	Alumni	Parker Rotary Club	Parker, CO	Rotary
September 13	U.S. Policy Towards Russia	Russia	Alumni Series	Supporters of Civil Society	St. Louis, MO	Supporters
September 23	Media Coverage of Politicians and Elections	Ukraine	Alumni	Lehman College	Westchester, NY	FHI360
September 28	Rule of Law Lecture Series	Russia	Alumni			
October 21	Senator Ben Nelson Fellows - Oncology	Russia	Alumni	University of Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha, NE	FHI360
October 26	Supporters	Russia	Alumni	Supporters		
November 3	Rule of Law	Russia and Russian Speaking	Alumni	CIP Chicago	Chicago, IL	CIPUSA
November 10	Social Integration of Children and Adults with Mental Impairments	Russia	Alumni	Santa Clara Sister County Commission	Santa Clara, CA	FHI360
November 17	Women Entrepreneurs	Russia	Alumni	South Dakota World Affairs Council	Brookings,, SD	FHI360
November 18	Veterans/IDPs	Ukraine	Alumni	Global Ties Akron	Akron, OH	FHI360
November 30	Social Responsibility/Business	Russia	Alumni	White Bear Lake Rotary Club	White Bear Lake, MN	Rotary
December 2	Prevention of Elder Mistreatment and Exploitation/ Sister-City	Russia	June 3, 2020 Delegates	Linkages of Rochester	Rochester, NY	Linkages
December 3	Women in Agriculture	Ukraine	April 1, 2020 Delegates	Global Ties Akron	Akron, OH	FHI360
December 7	Rule of Law Lecture Series	Russia	Alumni			
December 8	American and Russian Foreign Policy: Assumptions, Goals and a Look Ahead	Russia	Alumni Series	Supporters of Civil Society	St. Louis, MO	Supporters

ALUMNI UPDATES

ARMENIA

Mane Tandilyan was appointed to serve as Artsakh's Minister of Labor, Social Affairs and Housing in 2021. She traveled to Los Angeles, CA on November 2, 2016 on the theme of Elections. At the time she traveled on the program, she was the Deputy Financial Controller at Synopsys. She was elected as a member of the National Assembly in 2017. After the Velvet Revolution, she was appointed Minister of Labor and Social Affairs. She resigned as Minister in June 2018 due to her disagreement with the government on pension reform. She participated in the December 2018 parliamentary elections and assumed office again as an MP in January 2019.

GEORGIA

George Tskhvediani was Head of Staff for the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Committee of the Parliament of Georgia during his time on the Open World program when he traveled to Atlanta, GA in February 2020. After the Open World program, George now works in the Legal Department of the Parliament of Georgia, where he "car[r]ies out oversight of all the legal initiatives before the parliamentary sessions and provides legal advice on various matters instead of solely working on one thematic direction"

Rashan Ziadaliyev participated in the Open World program in September 2018 on the program theme "Social Inclusion, Religious Tolerance, and Religious Pluralism" in South Bend, IN. At the time of the program, he was the founder and project manager of Self Development University, which provided informal education to ethnic and religious minorities and helped their integration into the country's civil society and decision-making process. In May 2021, he became a fact checker for FactCheck.ge, a media project in Georgia, piloted and currently actively implemented by Georgia's Reforms Associates. It works toward measuring the factual accuracy of the public statements of politicians and other public figures and aims to fact check fake news being disseminated in social media networks and media outlets. Among the supporters of the project are the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Georgia, National Endowment for Democracy (NED), German Marshall Fund, European Endowment for Democracy and the Embassy of the United States of America to Georgia.

RUSSIA

Olga Bykova was hosted in Los Angeles, CA in 2017 on the theme "Women Entrepreneurs." She is the founder and CEO of the boutique consulting firm named after herself. In 2019, Olga launched the "Woman Entrepreneur Russia" magazine, a business magazine for female entrepreneurs of small and medium sized businesses. She is also a contributor to Forbes Woman Russia and a mentor at the Skolkovo Foundation. Since the Open World program, Olga also participated in several federal projects for women. She was a speaker for an online event that was part of the project "Pedagogical Season" at the Herzen State Pedagogical University and she also took part in a charity forum in Tajikistan. Additionally, Olga received a certificate of appreciation from the Ministry of Investment Policy of Novgorod Oblast for her implementation of the "Mama-entrepreneur 2019" project.

UKRAINE

In April 2021, Yelyzaveta Dziuba was among the winners of the Forbes Europe's "30 Under

30" list, in the Technology category. Yelyzaveta is the co-founder of an app called Flawless, which simplifies the process of communication between a customer and a UX (user experience) designer. She posted on her LinkedIn page, "I'm honored to be featured on Forbes 30 under 30 list of 2021 in Europe. We have been working hard on Flawless App for 5 years, built 3 products used by 17K designers & developers, created an active community, and eventually, Flawless App has been acquired by Abstract."

In November 2020, Fedir Serdiuk was included in Forbes Ukraine's "30 Under 30" award winners. In April 2021, he was also included in Forbes Europe's "30 Under 30" list in the Social Impact category. The profile reads: "In 2014, Ukraine-born Fedir Serdiuk quit university to join the Red Cross Rescue Team following the Ukrainian Revolution. He went on to found first aid training program FAST to spread access to the skills he learned to more than 130 corporate partners. When the pandemic hit last year he pivoted, launching an infectious disease safety consulting operation for industrial partners like Metinvest, one of Ukraine's largest private companies."

In June 2021 Olha Budnyk was appointed an Advisor to the President of Ukraine on supporting education, science, and sports. In this position, she is responsible for developing and implementing the state humanitarian programs aimed at human and community development. Olha traveled to Huntsville, AL in November 2015 and has since served as a nominator for several programs.

Nataliia Lukova-Chuiko participated in the Open World program in February 2016 in Richmond, VA on the theme "Legal Development and Education." At the time of the program, she was an associate professor in the Cybersecurity and Protection of Information Department at Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University. She is now the head of the department. In April 2021, the university was selected to participate in the USAID Cyber Security of Ukraine's Critical Infrastructure project. During the launch ceremony of the project, Nataliia received a certificate of partnership from USAID. The project provides for 3 years of professional development of research and teaching staff who teach in the field of cybersecurity and the introduction of practical training laboratories (cyberfields). The trainings will be conducted by American colleagues from Purdue University and Florida International University.

UZBEKISTAN

Rasul Kusherbayev was awarded the "Man of the Year" award by Uzbekistan's National News Agency for promoting systemic transparency and openness. Rasul came as part of an Accountable Governance program in October 2017, where he traveled to Jackson, MS. A member of the Liberal Democratic Party, Rasul is elected from the Tashkent region and is serving his second term in the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis. Trained as a journalist, Kusherbayev is also a vocal blogger, constantly raising hard socio-economic issues. Fellow lawmakers, reserved political figures specifically, accuse him and the other vocal MP, Doniyor Ganiyev, of populism. Both confidently told Voice of America reporter Navbahor Imamova that they are "not going to shut up." They believe it is their and their followers' time to speak up and push for solutions.

On January 15, deputies of the Legislative Chamber elected Feruza Eshmatova as the Oliy Majlis Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman). Prior to that, Ms. Eshmatova served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Women and Gender Equality. Ms. Eshmatova participated in the program in September 2018 in an Accountable Governance program hosted in Santa Fe, NM. The ombudsman is elected for a term of five years and the candidate is nominated by the President of Uzbekistan.

FACILITATOR CONFERENCES



Russian facilitators receiving COVID vaccinations during their conference. October 2021

RUSSIA

In mid-October, 37 COIL program facilitators from Russia participated in a training conference in Washington, D.C. This professional development opportunity allowed the Russian facilitators to refine their skills at facilitating programs for COIL's Russian participants at a time when relations between our countries are so strained. Throughout the program, the facilitators met with Professor Sufian Zhemukhov from George Washington University; Jill Dougherty, former CNN Foreign Affairs Correspondent; John Beyrle, former US Ambassador to Russia; and Tom Toomey, professional facilitation trainer from American Councils. Session topics included current divisions in American, US-Russia relations and facilitating in the post-pandemic world.

UKRAINE

In Mid-December, 33 facilitators representing COIL Ukraine participated in a training conference in Washington, D.C. These talented professionals met with former Ambassadors to Ukraine William "Bill" Taylor and John Herbst with regard to the current situation in Ukraine. In the training sessions, COVID-19 protocols were reviewed, and programming visions and strategies were discussed, as were key partnerships and nominations plans. The program also included a reception hosted by Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States Oksana Markarova at the newly-opened Ukraine House where they were joined by key Congressional staffers. The program was designed to prepare them for 2022 programming.



Ukrainian facilitators visit George Washington's Mount Vernon before their conference. December 2021

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 2021:

Dacotah Territory International Visitor Program	Bismarck	ND
University of South Florida in St. Petersburg, FL	Saint Petersburg	FL
American Councils for International Education	Washington	DC
Global One to One	Albuquerque	NM
World Affairs Council of New Hampshire	Manchester	NH
Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc.	Gainesville	FL
Global Ties Alabama	Birmingham	AL
Friendship Force of New Hampshire Seacoast	Dover	NH
Birmingham Sister Cities	Birmingham	AL
Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister City Partnership	Cincinnati	OH
U.S.-Ukraine Foundation	Little Rock	AR
Friendship Force of Birmingham	Birmingham	AL
Rotary Club of Waupaca	Wild Rose	WI
World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Indiana	Louisville	KY
Grants Pass Sister City Committee	Grants Pass	OR
GlobalAustin	Austin	TX
Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH
World Trade Center Institute, International Visitors Program	Baltimore	MD
Modesto Sister Cities International	Modesto	CA
Global Ties Kansas City (formerly known as the International Visitors Council of Greater Kansas City)	Kansas City	MO

NATIONAL GRANTEEES

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 non-profit international training providers.

- The Archangel Committee (Portland, ME)
- Council of International Programs USA (Chagrin Falls, OH)
- FHI 360 (Durham, NC)
- Friendship Force International (Atlanta, GA)
- Georgia to Georgia Foundation (Atlanta, GA)

- International Focus Inc. (Raleigh, NC)
- Linkages of Rochester Inc. (Rochester, NY)
- Maryland Sister State Committee of Sister States of Maryland Inc. (Annapolis, MD)
- Rotary International (Evanston, IL)
- Supporters of Civil Society in Russia (St. Louis, MO)
- U.S.-Ukraine Foundation (Washington, DC)

FINANCIALS

Open World Financial Information

In fiscal year 2021, the Open World Leadership Center received \$6 million in appropriated funds and \$306 thousand in interagency transfers. Open World Leadership Center submitted a complete set of financial statements for fiscal year 2021 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 2021 audit, the Center has received sixteen clean opinions since the first year of audits.

BALANCE SHEETS - As of September 30, 2021 and 2020		
	FY 2021	FY 2020
ASSETS		
Entity Assets:		
Intragovernmental Assets		
Fund Balance with Treasury	\$ 1,420,689	\$ 2,475,713
Investments	6,376,846	2,794,171
Prepayments	84,802	0
Total Intragovernmental	7,882,337	5,269,884
Total Assets	\$ 7,882,337	\$ 5,269,884
LIABILITIES		
Intragovernmental Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,982	\$ 0
Accrued Payroll & Benefits	16,252	12,570
Total Intragovernmental	20,234	12,570
Accounts Payable	236,057	416,080
Accrued Payroll & Benefits	54,841	41,385
Unfunded Annual and Compensatory Leave	67,360	58,340
Total Liabilities	\$ 378,492	\$ 528,375
NET POSITION		
Unexpended Appropriation	\$ 604,170	\$ 1,428,366
Cumulative Results of Operations	6,899,675	3,313,143

Total Net Position	\$ 7,503,845	\$ 4,741,509
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 7,882,337	\$ 5,269,884

Note 1 - Investments, Net

Funds that are not needed to finance current activities are invested in interest-bearing obligations of the United States. The Center has directed the Library to invest funds derived from contributions 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 \$6,376,846 and \$2,794,171 for fiscal years 2021 and 2020. Average annual interest rates were 1.5% and 2.2% in fiscal years 2021 and 2020, respectively.

	FY 2021	FY 2020
Face Value	\$ 6,355,000	\$ 2,782,000
Interest Receivable	21,846	12,171
Investments, Net	\$ 6,376,846	\$ 2,794,171

Note 2 - Prepayments

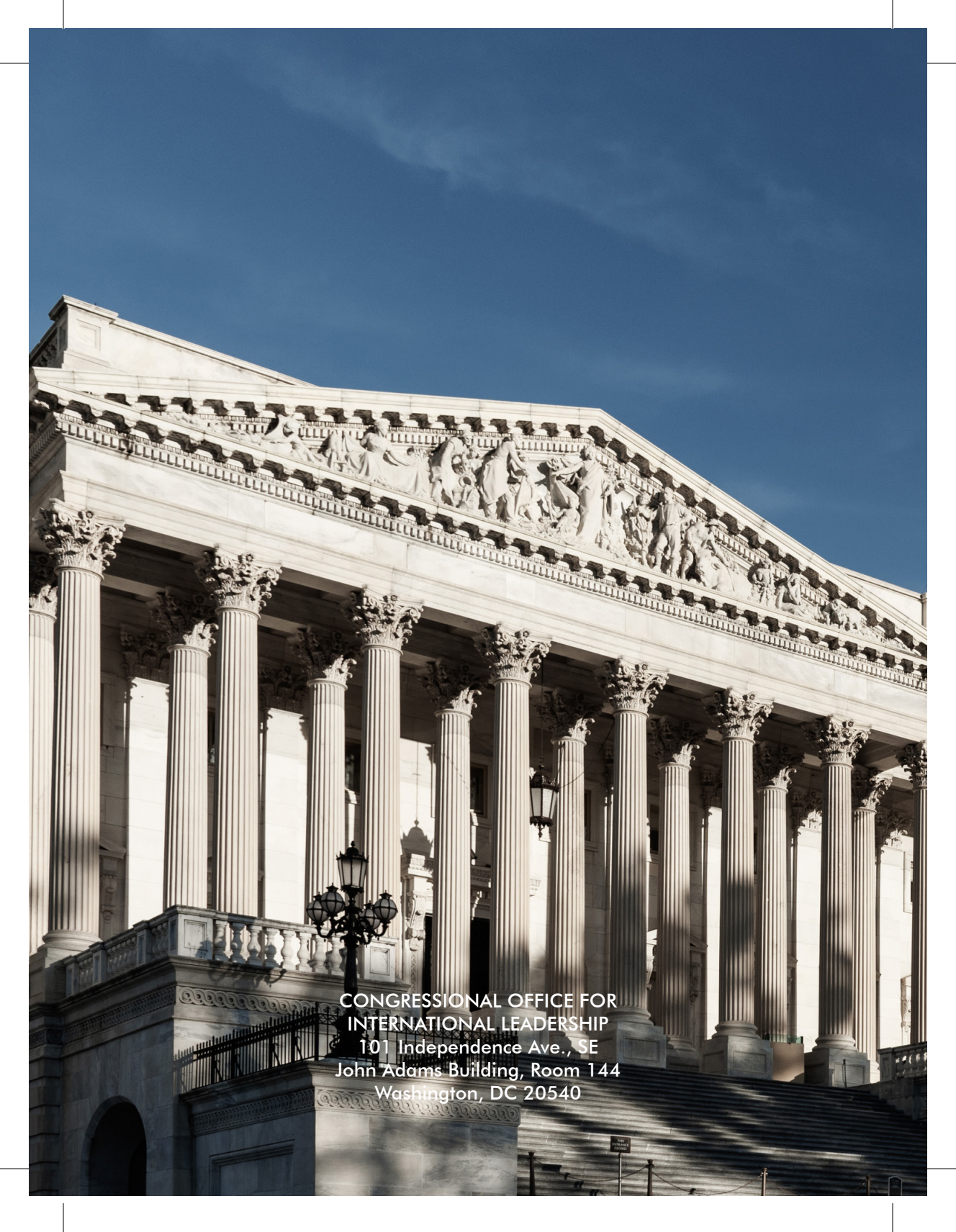
The Center awards grants to approximately 12-16 organizations with exchange-program expertise that are competitively selected for the purpose of hosting foreign delegates. In fiscal years 2021 and 2020, no funds were paid in advance to these organizations to carry out their services.

In fiscal year 2021, the Center entered into a long term agreement with the Library to digitize and archive documents. Periodically, the Center sends a prepayment to the Library's Federal Research Division for this project. As of September 30, 2021, \$84,802 had been paid in advance but not yet used to carry out their services.

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 2021	FY 2020
Liabilities Not Covered by Budgetary Resources:		
Intragovernmental	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unfunded Annual and Compensatory Leave	67,360	58,340
Liabilities Covered by Budgetary Resources	311,132	470,035
Total Liabilities	\$ 378,492	\$ 528,375



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