

OPEN WORLD  
LEADERSHIP CENTER

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT





## MISSION STATEMENT

The Open World Leadership Center, a Legislative Branch agency, supports Congressional efforts in international outreach.

It is a unique but no less powerful tool for Congress to engage local leaders and legislatures in critical regions of the world.

Authentic communication and enduring relations are established and then fostered through the Center's expansive alumni network.

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## A Message From The Executive Director

The arrival of the COVID-19 global pandemic in America created a host of issues for federal programs and, in this regard, the Open World Leadership Center is not unique. For a program that entails the travel and subsequent hosting of international leaders in communities across the country, the pandemic created a special set of hurdles for all the staff at the Center.

The pandemic brought the Open World program to a complete halt due to travel restrictions and sent all of us to work from home on March 18, 2020. In a matter of days, however, the Center rallied in order to create a virtual Open World program that exceeded all expectations. Since the beginning of April, the Center designed, developed, implemented, and managed more than 60 virtual programs with 512 participants from 12 countries. The Center also engaged approximately 45 Members of Congress and their staff as well as 412 American host families and program speakers – all of this in less than eight months.

The Open World Leadership Center's large community of stakeholders – including Members of Congress, their staff, subject matter specialists, our national grantees and home hosts, our 30,000 alumni, and future participants from across Europe and Eurasia – contributed to a successful 2020 in a variety of ways. The most important contributions were commitment, professionalism, and quality.

We are proud to bring the most promising, influential, and passionate young leaders from these strategic regions to the halls of Congress and to constituencies across the United States.

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



**Jane Sargus**  
**Executive Director**



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## Participating Countries

ARMENIA

AZERBAIJAN

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ESTONIA

GEORGIA

KAZAKHSTAN

KOSOVO

KYRGYZSTAN

MOLDOVA

MONGOLIA

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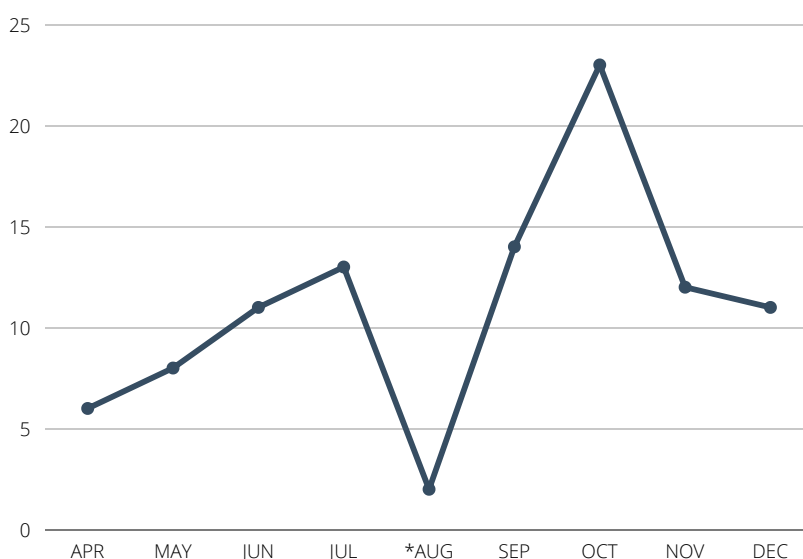
## Meeting the Challenge of 2020, A Year Like No Other

The Open World Leadership Center (the Center) started the 2020 calendar year by welcoming in-person delegations from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, and Ukraine on the Open World program. The Center reinforced its reputation as an agile and innovative federal agency with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unprecedented restrictions on international travel and concern for the safety of our delegations, local hosts, and staff quickly thwarted further opportunities for in-person programming. However, as this annual report will show, the Center persevered and remained a catalyst for engagement and collaboration for Americans and leaders in our partner countries.

On February 11th, before pandemic measures took place, the Open World Leadership Center's Executive Director, Jane Sargus, testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Legislative Branch at its annual budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2021. During her testimony, Ms. Sargus conveyed the Center's mission of bringing the next generation of government and civic leaders from countries of the post-Soviet states directly to the United States Congress, allowing Members and their staff to engage in authentic dialogue with legislators from around the globe.

The postponement of all in-person programming took place in mid-March, and the Center's staff transitioned to working from home. This change did not disable the Open World program; rather, the Center quickly began planning virtual programs, becoming a leader among fellow exchange programs in doing so. Transitioning to virtual programming brought forward an innovating opportunity to partner with speakers and agencies that had not participated in Open World programming due to physical distance, broadening our agency's network of institutional and community partnerships. By mid-May, the Center was hosting two to three virtual programs weekly. This remarkable pace of virtual programming continued through the remainder of 2020.

**Fig 1: Number of Virtual Programs by Month**

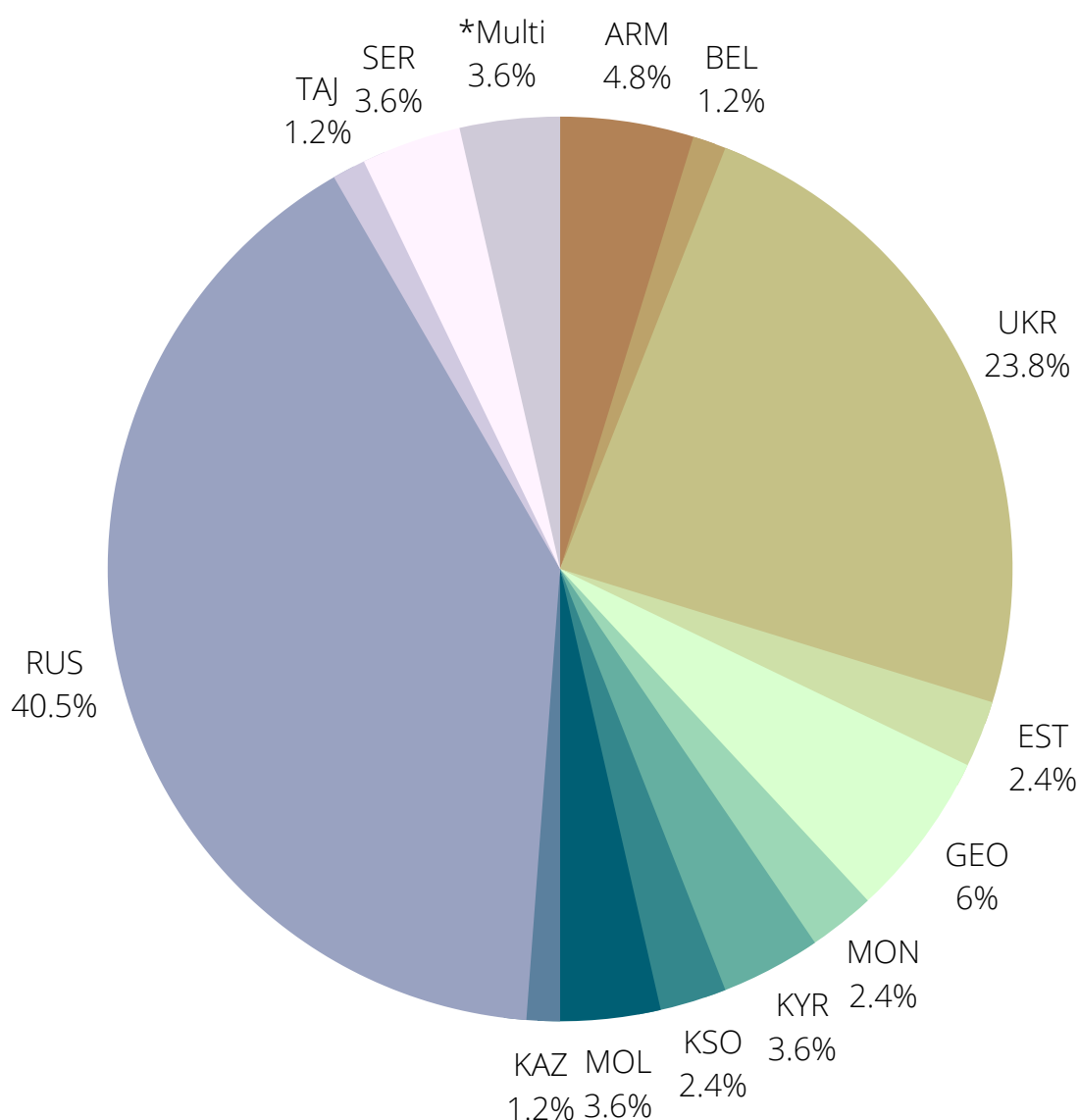


\*Fewer programs occur in August due to the Congressional recess.



Transitioning into virtual programming also accelerated efforts to reconnect with Open World program alumni. Online exchanges became a valuable opportunity for former participants and local hosts across America to refresh their connection with one another. Being an early adopter to virtual exchanges became a valuable asset that led to the creation of broad multi-country alumni events, the first time Open World program alumnus from across all partner countries interacted with each other on a range of topics.

**Fig 2: Distribution of Virtual Delegations by Country**



\*"Multi" indicates a multi-country event, where individuals from all Open World program countries participated.

The next portion of this report tracks memorable programmatic achievements monthly at the Center, highlighting specific delegations and professional accomplishments by Open World program alumni.

# Open World Programs By Month

## January 2020

Ukrainian, Kazakh, and Tajik delegations met in Washington, D.C. on January 23rd for a program orientation with the Center's staff and heard from distinguished speakers about American federalism and local governance. Senator **John Boozman** (AR) met with the Ukrainian delegation traveling to Little Rock, AR, while the Memphis TN-bound Ukrainian delegation had a meeting with **Adam Buckalew**, Deputy Health Policy Director at Senate HELP Committee and, **Tyler Shrive**, Health Research Assistant to the United States Senator Lamar Alexander (TN), the HELP Committee Chairman. United States Senator **Marsha Blackburn's** (TN) Legislative Correspondent **Blake Center** also participated in the meeting.

Later that week, Senator **Roger Wicker** (MS), Co-Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Commission), reflected on the Open World program during a Senate hearing titled *Life Under Occupation: The State of Human Rights in Crimea* on January 28th, 2020.

*"...these are representatives inviting citizens from these various countries to come to the United States to live with us, to stay in our homes, to find out how we live and how we actually practice freedom of speech, freedom of association, and freedom of religion in this country."*



An Open World program delegation from Ukraine pose alongside Senator Boozman from Arkansas.

## February 2020

Program highlights for the month of February include a delegation of Georgian Parliamentary Staffers that participated in a program hosted by Georgia to Georgia Foundation, Inc., headquartered in Atlanta, GA. Later that month, a delegation of Business Leaders from Russia observed firsthand how the Buffalo-area business community supports local economies across New York State from the International Institute of Buffalo. A group of IT Specialists from Kyrgyzstan also learned about current data processing trends from the Council of International Programs USA in Cleveland, OH. While in Washington D.C., the Kyrgyz delegation met with **Charles William III** and **Drew Martineau**, Legislative Correspondents for Senator **Sherrod Brown** (OH).

A cornerstone of the agency's operation is to track professional advancements from past participants. Open World's alumna, **Chimguundari Navaan-Yunden**, was posted as Counselor to the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations in February. She participated in the Open World program as a Rumsfeld Fellow in April 2019 and spent time in Austin, TX, on a theme of Accountable Governance.

Representative Nita Lowey (NY-17), Chair of the House Appropriations Committee poses with an Open World program delegation of Georgian Members of Parliament in February 2020.



## March 2020

After heavily monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Center took precautionary measures to postpone all travel dates starting on March 16th and moved all staff to telework status. The Center hosted six Russian delegations and one group from Azerbaijani in-person only two weeks before this decision. All delegates participated in an orientation in Washington D.C. before visiting their local host community. During this orientation, one Russian delegation met with **Danuta Pereira**, a Legislative Correspondent for Sen. **Ron Johnson** (WI), while another delegation met with two staffers from the office of Sen. **Jackie Rosen** (NV). Planning for virtual programming occurred shortly after global lockdowns came into effect, the first online event taking place only weeks later.

Alumna, **Shahla Humbatova**, became the first-ever Azerbaijani recipient of the U.S. Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award. The ceremony was held on March 6th in Washington, D.C., and was hosted by Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo**, and headlined by First Lady **Melania Trump**. Ms. Humbatova, who traveled on the Open World program in 2011, was recognized for her exceptional work and accomplishments in progressing human rights in Azerbaijan. She is the second Open World alumna to have received this prestigious award (pictured below).

Open World alumna, **Dilrabo Mansuri**, was elected as one of the three Vice Speakers of the Parliament of Tajikistan. She participated in the Open World program in 2017 when she was a deputy on the Committee on Energy, Industry, Construction, and Communication for the Parliament of Tajikistan in March. In her new role as a Vice Speaker, Ms. Mansuri continues to pave the way for women leaders in Tajikistan.



## April 2020

The Center launched its inaugural virtual delegation in April with a Rule of Law cohort from Russia. Welcomed by Open World Trustee and Judge **Catherine O'Malley**, the delegation spoke at length with veteran Open World host Judge Stephen Friot, Judge **Suzanne Mitchell**, and Judge **Henry Coke Morgan** about judicial best practices during the pandemic.

Multiple Open World program alumni quickly responded to COVID-19. Entrepreneurs from Kyrgyzstan, **Karima Talgat**, and **Tilek Toktogaziyev** produced personal protective equipment and medical uniforms for health care workers in infectious disease hospitals. Both Ms. Talgat (Appleton, WI in March 2016) and Mr. Tilek (Cashmere, WA in April 2017) participated in Open World programs focusing on entrepreneurship.

*"We are all pioneering an effort to try and find ways to communicate with others, with each other, across borders, across cultures, and across disciplines. We are part of a program that is unique to the United States because it belongs to the United States Congress. It is unique because its focus has been entirely on the idea of exchanging people to people on the basis of interests and local developments."*

Ambassador James F. Collins  
Greeting a Russian Women in STEM Delegation, April 2020



## May 2020

The Center launched its May programming with a Women in STEM delegation from Russia. The Friendship Force of Boston, in collaboration with MIT Professor **Bruce Tidor**, hosted the group. Guest speakers included **Dr. Richard Obermann**, Chief of Staff of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and **Dr. Ellen Stofan**, former NASA Chief Scientist. Open World Leadership Center trustee Ambassador **James F. Collins** welcomed the Russian Women in STEM as pioneers in space research, as women in science, and as early participants in virtual delegations.

The Center launched its first Ukrainian virtual program in May, highlighted by Rep. **Marcy Kaptur** (OH-09) and Former Secretary of Veteran Affairs **Robert McDonald**. The program's theme was Serving Victims of War, focusing on War Injuries, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Veterans. A later event featured former U.S. Ambassadors to Ukraine, **John Herbst**, and **William Taylor**. They discussed the topic of Ukrainian Political Prisoners and Activists with Myroslava Gongadze of Voice of America, Dr. **Sam Potolicchio**, President of the Preparing Global Leaders Foundation, and **Jonathan Katz** of the German Marshall Fund. Mr. Katz highlighted the strong bilateral support for Ukraine in the U.S. legislature.



On May 21, the Center hosted a COVID-19 Response-themed Legislator to Legislator Dialogue. This session featured three alumni from Ukraine's Parliament. On the U.S. side, speakers included Open World Trustee Rep. **Jeff Fortenberry** (NE-01), Senior Associate at the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies **Judyth Twigg**, and **Nick Bath**, the Health Policy Director for the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. The conversation focused on the response to COVID-19 and the effects of the pandemic on both countries. This program engaged 36 participants.

## June 2020

The Legislator-to-Legislator Dialogue on combatting COVID-19 continued in June, this time with Rep. **Steve Chabot** (OH-01) and Georgian Members of Parliament: **Tinatin Bokuchava**, **Otar Kakhidze**, **Sergi Kapanadze**, **George Khatidze**, and **Kakhaber Kutchava**. The Center also virtually welcomed a delegation from Georgia on the theme of Urban Planning and Cultural Preservation. The delegates heard from Rep. **Marc Veasey** (TX-33), **Carol Star**, and **Regina Gray**, both Directors at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Other virtual programming included an Armenian delegation on Combatting Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; a Belarusian delegation on Social Entrepreneurship; and Moldovan Members of Parliament.

Two substantial professional achievements by program alumni occurred in June. Armenian alumna, **Vahe Khachikyan**, was appointed to the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs as a Youth and Women's Employment Council member. Mr. Khachikyan participated in the Open World program in February 2020 and traveled to Wichita, KS, on an Emerging Leaders delegation. **Enis Kervan**, the new Minister of Regional Development for Kosovo, is also an Open World program alumnus. Mr. Kervan participated in a Multilingualism program in Cedar Rapids, IA, in September 2017.

The Open World Leadership Center Board of Trustees convened its annual meeting on June 2 where it discussed various issues including programming under quarantine. Led by Chairman **Benjamin Nelson**, the virtual meeting focused on collaborative ways to support congressional international outreach through its unique Open World program.

## July 2020

Along with the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, the Center hosted an event for Armenian Members of Parliament on July 23rd. Caucus Co-Chair Rep. **Frank Pallone** (NJ-06) recorded remarks for the group, and **Everett Price**, Senior Policy Advisor from the Commission On Security And Cooperation In Europe (the Helsinki Commission), moderated a panel discussion. The discussion focused on the effects of COVID-19 on Armenia and the Parliament's response to the pandemic. This was the first time the Center partnered with a Congressional caucus and the Helsinki Commission to conduct a virtual event.

The Center held its first virtual alumni event with participants from Mongolia on July 30th. Mongolian judges reunited with their 2019 local hosts, the West Virginia Council of International Programs. West Virginia Senator **Joe Manchin** (WV) recorded a greeting for the group, while Senator **Shelley Moore Capito** (WV) wrote a letter of support to the Mongolian judges.

## August 2020

On Monday, August 3rd, the Center hosted a Ukrainian alumni delegation on a Public Policy theme with the Friendship Force of Big Canoe/North Georgia. Ukrainian Member of Parliament **Inna Sovsun** recorded a greeting for the delegation, followed by an exchange on professional development between the alumni and the local host organizers. Later that month, a Russian delegation met with **Todd Thomson**, the President, and CEO of the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, to discuss Adapting to COVID-19 for Businesses and Entrepreneurs.

In August, the Center was pleased to report a crucial breakthrough to reinvigorate the St. Petersburg, Russia – St. Petersburg, FL Sister City Partnership. The Center staff partnered with the Center's regional alumni network in St. Petersburg, Russia, and was able to negotiate an agreement that the Open World program supports Quality Education, Goal Four of the United Nations Sustainable Development initiative. The Center looks forward to helping this partnership and hopes it will further promote future collaboration between other institutions and sister cities.

The Open World Leadership Center Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, August 5 led by Chairman **Benjamin Nelson** (Senator for Nebraska 2001 – 2013). Executive Director **Jane Sargus** presented an update on the Center's expansive virtual programming during the quarantine. Alumni engagement has been particularly robust with thirteen virtual events for Russian participants, seven for Ukrainian participants, and eight virtual events for other Open World program countries. The meeting is pictured below.



## September 2020

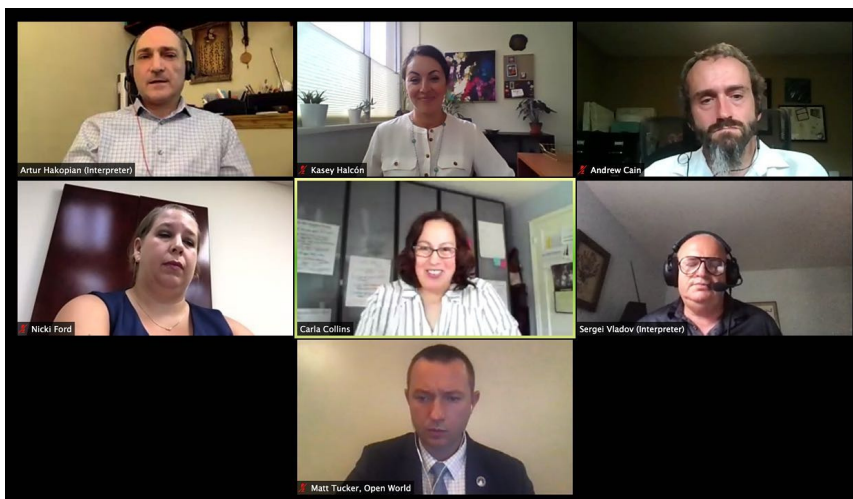
Several milestone achievements took place in September. These are the first alumni event to reach over a hundred attendees and the first trilingual Open World program. September 15th marked the opening day of the Center's first-ever trilingual virtual program. Over 46 participants from the United States, Ukraine, and Georgia met to discuss topics of disability, inclusivity for religious minority communities, and the LGBTQ community. Key speakers included former Ukrainian Ambassador **John Tefft**, **Marc Behrendt**, director of Eurasia programs at Freedom House, **Bruce Curtis**, chairman of Whirlwind Wheelchair, and **Iryna Smolina**, of the USAID Office of Democracy and Governance.

At an Open World program event with Estonian cybersecurity professionals, Rep. **Dutch Ruppersberger** (MD-02) stated:

*“The [Appropriations] committee this year also included 6 million dollars to the Open World Leadership Center to continue its important work. The committee specifically noted the importance of Open World in countering Russian influence in central and Eastern Europe and has directed Open World to work with countries like Poland and Hungary in the years to come. I know that Open World looks forward to that outreach and continued support and work to foster international conversations. I think you all know how much I appreciate the work that the program does every day to build these relationships.”*

Over one hundred attendees from eleven countries took part in an alumni event on domestic violence in September. This event was the first of a six-part series on this topic developed by two Russian Open World program alumnae inspired by their time in Santa Clara County, CA, in March 2020. Expert panelists included **Nicole**

**Ford** and **Kasey Halcón** of the Domestic Violence Council, **Andrew Cain** of the Child Abuse Council, and Carla Collins of the Santa Clara County Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention, who shared their professional experiences on this challenging and complicated subject.





## October 2020

The Center marked its first multi-county alumni webinar on October 9th. This unique virtual event engaged Open World program alumni across all of the Center's participating countries. Focusing on the influence of COVID-19 in the United States and Moldova, the agenda looked at the similarities and differences in pandemic response, impact, and healthcare systems. The event highlighted two speakers, **Joy Wilson**, an independent consultant in the field of health policy in the United States, and **Evelina Gherghelegiu**, Director of Foreign Affairs and European Integration at the **Nicolae Testemițanu** State University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Moldova.

On October 16th, North Carolina's Secretary of State **Elaine Marshall** greeted a Moldovan waste management professionals' delegation. In partnership with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), the discussion focused on best practices and waste management technologies. Rep. **David Price** (NC-04), a member of the Open World Leadership Center's Board of Trustees, spoke to this delegation about the unique opportunity of participating in an Open World program. His comments are featured to the right. Mr. Price is Chairman of the House Democracy Partnership and Co-Chair of the Congressional Moldova Caucus.

*"Open World is a program that has engaged, for years now, people in professional roles, not just political positions, in a dialogue with their counterparts in this country. We value getting to know you and to have discussions with mutual benefit."*

On Friday, October 30th, the Open World Leadership Center hosted its second multi-country alumni event focused on the recent U.S. elections. **Tatjana Zivadinovic**, a Serbian Open World alumna who visited Akron, OH, in 2018, spoke about Serbia's recent elections during the pandemic, her experiences on the Open World program, and Serbia's interest in the U.S. elections. Over 100 alumni from multiple Open World program countries participated, including individuals from Russia, Georgia, Serbia, Kosovo, Mongolia, and other Central Asian countries.

## November 2020

On Friday, November 13th, the Center held a virtual alumni event with two delegations of Russian National Park employees that have all been hosted in Los Angeles, CA, by the local chapter of People to People International in 2018 and 2019. John Alford from the district office of Rep. **Brad Sherman** (CA-30) greeted the delegations. The alumni had the opportunity to meet with Foreign Service Officer Christine Dal Bello. As a result of the event, the alumni are now looking to establish a Sister Park relationship with the U.S. National Park Service and are scheduling additional virtual sessions to learn more about the Junior Ranger Program to implement similar programming in their home parks.



On November 4th, the Open World Leadership Center facilitated a conversation between Members of Parliament from Armenia and Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues Rep. **Frank Pallone** (NJ-06) and Rep. **Jackie Speier** (CA-14). The virtual meeting allowed the Armenian Members of Parliament to brief Members of the U.S. Congress on the escalating conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh region from their perspective as parliamentarians (pictured above).

## December 2020

On December 3rd, the Center held a virtual event with a Russian delegation on the theme of National Parks. **Ben Bruns** from the office of Rep. **Jaime Herrera Beutler** (WA-03) greeted the delegation, followed by welcoming remarks from the local host organization, the Friendship force of Lower Columbia, located in Washington State. **David Milne**, Professor Emeritus, The Evergreen State College, discussed academic and professional views on state conservation issues. **Karen Fraser**, a former Washington State Senator, joined the meeting to provide an overview of Washington's State Legislature and its role in protecting natural areas.

Civil Society Development in Rural Communities was the topic of conversation on December 14th, when the Center welcomed a Moldovan delegation's return from May 2019 for a virtual alumni event with their local host in Toledo, OH. The Great Lakes Consortium for International Training & Development (GLCAP) is significantly invested with this group, even visiting Moldova in January 2020. **Deb Martin**, the Director of International Programs at GLCAP, gave welcoming remarks and community updates. The alumni then presented updates on professional growth, local accomplishments, and upcoming program plans. This delegation includes the Mayor of Gajdar, **Ilia Chiosa**, who provided specific updates about her city and Moldova's response to the global pandemic.

## National Grantees

- 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)

## Local Host Organizations

### Alabama

- Global Ties Alabama
- Birmingham Sister Cities Commission  
- Ukraine Committee
- Friendship
- Force of Birmingham

### Arizona

- CIP Phoenix (Empower International, LLC)

### Arkansas

- Global Ties Arkansas

### California

- International Visitors Council of Los Angeles
- Rotary Club of Paso Robles
- County of Santa Clara/Moscow Sister County Commission
- Foundation for Democratic Development (FFDD)

### Colorado

- Friendship Force of Greater Denver
- WorldDenver

### Florida

- GlobalJAX
- Rotary Club of Tallahassee
- Sister City Program of Gainesville, Inc.
- Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council
- Friendship Force of The Villages

### Georgia

- Hall Booth Smith, P.C.
- Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta

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**Illinois**

- WorldChicago
- Springfield Commission on International Visitors (also known as Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau)
- Council of International Programs USA (CIPUSA)
- Carbondale Rotary Club

**Indiana**

- United Religious Community/Welcoming Michiana

**Iowa**

- Iowa Sister States

**Kansas**

- Rotary Club of East Wichita
- Global Ties Kansas City
- Rotary Club of Winfield

**Kentucky**

- World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Indiana

**Maryland**

- World Trade Center Institute, International Visitors Program
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County

**Massachusetts**

- Friendship Force of Greater Boston
- Rotary Club of the Bridgewaters
- U.S.-Ukraine Foundation

**Michigan**

- Global Ties Detroit
- Colleagues International, Inc

**Minnesota**

- Rotary Club of White Bear Lake

**Missouri**

- Supporters of Civil Society in Russia, Inc.

**Montana**

- WorldMontana

**Nebraska**

- Friendship Force of Lincoln
- Alma Rotary Club
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Lincoln Council for International Visitors

**Nevada**

- Northern Nevada International Center

**New Hampshire**

- Friendship Force of New Hampshire Seacoast

**New Mexico**

- Global One to One

**New York**

- Linkages of Rochester, Inc.
- International Institute of Buffalo
- Minisink Valley Rotary Club

**North Carolina**

- International Focus
- North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

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**North Dakota**

- Dacotah Territory International Visitor Program

**Ohio**

- Cincinnati-Kharkiv Sister City Partnership
- Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development
- Friendship Force of Greater Cincinnati
- Council of International Programs USA (CIPUSA)
- Council of International Programs Columbus
- Global Ties Akron

**Oklahoma**

- Rotary Club of Oklahoma City
- Tulsa Global Alliance
- Rotary Club of Oklahoma City

**Oregon**

- Grants Pass Sister City Committee

**Pennsylvania**

- GlobalPittsburgh
- Citizen Diplomacy International of Philadelphia

**South Dakota**

- South Dakota World Affairs Council

**Tennessee**

- Friendship Force of Memphis

**Texas**

- GlobalAustin
- Combined Arms
- Fort Worth Sister Cities International
- mid-Cities
- Pacesetters Rotary Club
- San Antonio Council for International Visitors
- Fort Worth Sister Cities International

**Utah**

- Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy

**Vermont**

- Vermont Council on World Affairs

**Virginia**

- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Norfolk Sister City Association, Inc.
- US-Ukraine Foundation

**Washington**

- Community Colleges of Spokane
- Friendship Force of Lower Columbia

**West Virginia**

- West Virginia Council of International Programs

**Wisconsin**

- Friendship Force of Madison
- Fox Valley Technical College

## Financial Information

In fiscal year 2020, the Open World Leadership Center received \$5.9 million in appropriated funds, \$2.2 million in interagency transfers, and \$53 thousand in direct private donations. In calendar year 2019, the accumulated value of cost-sharing with the Open World community of grantees, local host organizations, and individual local hosts totaled an estimated \$2.177 million. Open World Leadership Center submitted a complete set of financial statements for fiscal year 2019 to the independent public accounting firm of Kearney and Company for a full audit. Kearney and Company issued an unmodified (clean) audit opinion on the financial statements. With the 2019 audit, the Center has received thirteen clean opinions since the first year of audits. The fiscal year 2020 information below has not yet been audited.

| <b>BALANCE SHEETS - As of September 30, 2020 and 2019</b> |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | <b>FY 2020</b>      | <b>FY 2019</b>      |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                     |                     |
| Entity Assets:  |                     |                     |
| Intragovernmental Assets                                  |                     |                     |
| Fund Balance with Treasury                                | \$ 2,475,713        | \$ 1,311,163        |
| Investments   | 2,794,171           | 1,400,546           |
| Total Intragovernmental                                   | 5,269,884           | 2,711,709           |
| Prepayments   | 0                   | 11,068              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                       | <b>\$ 5,269,884</b> | <b>\$ 2,722,777</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                     |                     |
| Intragovernmental Liabilities                             |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Payroll & Benefits           | \$ 12,570           | \$ 9,284            |
| Total Intragovernmental                                   | 12,570              | 9,284               |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Payroll & Benefits           | 457,465             | 532,887             |
| Unfunded Annual and Compensatory Leave                    | 58,340              | 43,576              |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                                  | <b>\$ 528,375</b>   | <b>\$ 585,747</b>   |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>                                       |                     |                     |
| Unexpended Appropriation                                  | \$ 1,428,366        | \$ 914,054          |
| Cumulative Results of Operations                          | 3,313,143           | 1,222,976           |
| <b>Total Net Position</b>                                 | <b>\$ 4,741,509</b> | <b>\$ 2,137,030</b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Position</b>                 | <b>\$ 5,269,884</b> | <b>\$ 2,722,777</b> |
| FY 2020 Balance Sheet has not yet been audited.           |                     |                     |

## Financial Information (Continued)

### 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 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 \$2,794,171 and \$1,400,546 for fiscal years 2020 and 2019. Average annual investment rates were 2.2% and 2.3% in fiscal years 2020 and 2019.

|                         | FY2020              | FY2019              |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Face Value              | \$ 2,782,000        | \$ 1,392,000        |
| Interest Receivable     | 12,171              | 8,546               |
| <b>Investments, Net</b> | <b>\$ 2,794,171</b> | <b>\$ 1,400,546</b> |

### 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 the foreign delegates. In fiscal year 2019, \$11,068 had been paid to but not yet used by these organizations to carry out their services.

### Note 3 - Liabilities Not Covered by Budgetary Resources

Liabilities covered by budgetary resources include accounts payable and accrued funded payroll and benefits. Liabilities not covered by budgetary resources include accrued unfunded annual leave and benefits.

|  | FY2020            | FY2019            |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Liabilities Not Covered by Budgetary Resources:</b> |                   |                   |
| Intragovernmental                                      | \$ 0              | \$ 0              |
| Other  | 58,340            | 43,576            |
| Liabilities Covered by Budgetary Resources             | 470,035           | 542,171           |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                               | <b>\$ 528,375</b> | <b>\$ 585,747</b> |



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