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Global Ties Detroit is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that hosts international exchange programs on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and other governmental organizations, universities, and think tanks to promote global exchange and citizen diplomacy. Through these programs, we present Detroit and the metropolitan region as a revitalized center of world commerce and culture, a destination of choice for global leaders eager to explore the passionate, innovative, and creative side of a reemerging metropolis. Global Ties Detroit also organizes international speaker programs, cultural dinners, and networking events to engage Southeast Michigan's diverse and globally-minded citizens.

About GLOBAL TIES

Our goal is to connect the region with global leaders, introducing influential international professionals and changemakers to their Detroit counterparts and forging lasting relationships. These interactions and resulting partnerships become powerful tools to address and solve some of our biggest global challenges. While facilitating the professional development of visiting delegations, our local community is exposed to a worldwide network of leaders, giving Detroiters the opportunity to not only become involved on the worldwide stage as citizen diplomats, but also the capacity to cultivate cross-cultural connections, propelling them on a pathway to becoming local, national, and international changemakers.

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LETTER

FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

2020. A year like no other. We made it through with perseverance, creativity, resourcefulness, and help from so many of you. So, thank you for supporting Global Ties Detroit and citizen diplomacy this year. When our in-person exchanges and events paused, assistance from the U.S. Department of State, Global Ties U.S., national program agencies, our Board of Directors, Gulf Coast Diplomacy, local business, government and community leaders, and generous donors and volunteers allowed us to successfully pivot and help meet the needs of our community here in SE Michigan and continue connecting Detroit and the world.

We were fortunate to start 2020 with exciting and impactful exchanges, including our signature International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) projects, welcoming a Women, Peace and Security delegation from Colombia, the International Woman of Courage awardee from Burkina Faso, elections professionals from Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Tunisia and university educators from Pakistan and Russia.

Then COVID-19 upended our community, nation, and world. With the suspension of international travel and in-person interactions, we turned to virtual platforms to continue forging global ties. Our Virtual Talk Series and virtual exchange programs connected Detroit to advocates from around the globe, furthering international dialogue and cooperation on local, national, and global challenges. Even amid the pandemic, we never stopped. And the events of racial injustice over the past year reminded us of the importance of bringing leaders in our community together with their counterparts worldwide to work together on issues of human and civil rights, democracy and elections, education, freedom of the press, arts and

social impact, and more. While our day-to-day activities and exchanges looked different, we never forgot our mission: to connect Detroiters with the world, forging lasting relationships to solve the world's most pressing challenges. Through critical conversations between changemakers in metro Detroit and those overseas, we saw the need to bring even more voices onto the world stage to be heard.

In 2021 and beyond, we look forward to expanding access to our programs to include even more Detroiters and youth leaders by growing our list of partners, professional resources, and people served. By engaging young people like the scholars of Young People Travel Global Edge, we hope to inspire the next generation of leaders in the field of diplomacy and international exchange.

The need for global cooperation and collaboration is more apparent now than ever, and we are grateful to our sponsors and supporters who sustained these international connections.

Warmest regards,

Steve Rybicki

Chairman

Marian Reich

President



"May there be, in our time, at long last, a world at peace in which we, the people, may for once begin to make full use of the great good that is in us."

RALPH BUNCHE
U.S. Diplomat and Nobel Prize
Awardee from Detroit

Thank you!

We are grateful to the individuals who welcome international program participants to their homes and workplaces, share expertise, insights and hospitality, and provide financial support to Global Ties Detroit. Many thanks to these supporters and organizations that build cultural and professional bridges and promote understanding, peace and prosperity in Detroit and around the world.

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Detroit Free Press	Media Genesis	Rebel Nell	Young People Travel Global Edge
Detroit Future City		Recovery Park	
Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC)			

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| Benin | Ethiopia | Lebanon | Spain |
| Brazil | Finland | Liberia | Switzerland |
| Bulgaria | France | Mali | Tanzania |
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| Cameroon | Hungary | Montenegro | Tunisia |
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JANUARY 22-25, 2020

National MEETING

The Global Ties U.S. National Meeting is the premier gathering of organizations, U.S. government agencies, advocates, and leaders in the international exchange field. Held each year in Washington, DC, the National Meeting brings together hundreds of participants across three days to gain high-level insights on trends affecting the international exchange field, engage in in-depth professional development opportunities, and build networks to strengthen international exchanges.

From January 22-25, 2020, over 900 attendees from around the U.S. and the world convened in Washington, DC to celebrate the “faces” who make exchange programs happen every day: participants and alumni, locally-based hosts and coordinators, government agencies, and more.

Global Ties Detroit was well-represented with a delegation that included our entire staff together with six Board leaders.

The 2020 National Meeting also served as the launch for a year-long campaign by the Office of International Visitors of the U.S. Department of State to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the International Visitor Leadership Program, the U.S. Department of State’s premier professional exchange program, and its achievements in advancing American foreign policy, prosperity, and security.



900 attendees
FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Assistant Secretary of State Marie Royce and Global Ties U.S. Board Chair Christopher Washington, PhD, celebrate 80 Years of IVLP through the Faces of Exchange campaign.



Global Ties Detroit Board Treasurer Jonathan Quarles networks with Eurica Huggins, Assistant Director of Programming at the Institute of International Education (IIE).



Global Ties Detroit’s President Marian Reich, Board Directors Pranadhi Koradia, Steven Rybicki, Chair, and Alexandra Stan enjoy the celebration at the Department of State Benjamin Franklin Room with former intern Ben Olsen.



Women, Peace, and Security: A group of Colombian women entrepreneurs tour Ponyride Detroit, an incubator that houses and fosters opportunities for socially conscious artists, entrepreneurs, innovators and manufacturers.

In Person DELEGATIONS

In 2020, Detroit hosted six in-person IVLP delegations before the COVID-19 shutdown began. Notable highlights include a group of Colombian women leaders visiting Detroit in February 2020 for a Women, Peace, and Security project. They met with entrepreneurs and nonprofits including Rebel Nell, the Women Officials Network, Centro Multicultural La Familia, and spoke with women leaders working in civil society about economic empowerment. They also enjoyed the uniquely memorable opportunity to share a dinner in the home of Genevieve Nowak together with her family for a deeper understanding of American life.

These experiences illustrated how women leaders mentor the next generation in different areas of expertise in service to their communities, promoted women's economic empowerment, and supported professionals working to combat gender-based violence. A safer, more prosperous world is achieved when people and communities connect on the issues that matter and work together. We are proud to be the bridge between Detroit and global leaders working to end human rights abuses and promote peace and security. The Colombians and Detroiters shared with one another how they are working to strengthen their respective communities, and post-project collaboration and inspiration show the power of these international exchanges.

In Person DELEGATIONS

FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 19

**FRANCE, LAOS,
ROMANIA,
SWITZERLAND,
TANZANIA, TUNISIA**

The Digital Economy – Transformative Technology for the Social Good

As a revitalizing and innovative city, Detroit had a unique perspective on the impact of technology as a mode of positive transformation to a multi-regional delegation. Detroit organizations including the Detroit Blockchain Center, Detroit Fintech, Data Driven Detroit, TechTown, and the University of Michigan Detroit Center for Innovation connected with the delegation to highlight innovative solutions to combat pervasive issues and the impact of using technology as a tool for education.

FEBRUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 29

PAKISTAN

Higher Education

A delegation of ten professionals from Pakistan visited Detroit to experience American academic institutions that prioritize the professional development of faculty and research methods that best lead to innovation. This project connected them to innovative and prestigious local institutions including the University of Michigan, University Research Corridor, Oakland University, Michigan State University, Oakland Community College, and Wayne State University. Britany Affolter-Caine, Executive Director of the University Research Corridor (URC), shared insights on URC's strategic partnerships with the University of Michigan and Michigan State University and exchanged contact information with the Pakistani delegation to inspire ongoing conversation.

MARCH 8 - MARCH 11

RUSSIA

Higher Education

Russian higher education professionals visited Detroit to explore U.S. public and private sector approaches to international educational marketing and test preparation and observe the positive connection between international education and career and economic development. Their program included meetings with OU Inc's Smartzone Business Accelerator to learn about promoting the growth of new start-up companies; Quicken Loans to discuss how corporate partnerships with local universities can provide educational opportunities for the community; and Fordson High School for insight into inclusive college prep for high school students.

MARCH 10 - MARCH 14

**INTERNATIONAL
WOMAN OF
COURAGE
BURKINA FASO**

Global Ties Detroit was honored to be chosen to receive a visit from the Secretary of State's International Woman of Courage (IWOC) awardee in 2020. Exceptional women from around the globe are recognized each year for demonstrating courage and leadership in advocating for peace, justice, human rights, gender equality, and women's empowerment, often at great personal risk and sacrifice. IWOC awardee Claire Ouegraogo from Burkina Faso connected with her Detroit counterparts to discuss women's health and economic empowerment. Claire had dinner in the home of local host Robin Wilson, met with the Dearborn Police Department to learn about partnerships to combat gender violence, and discussed raising awareness of female genital mutilation (FGM) with Detroit Free Press reporter Tresa Baldas.





Corporate Social Responsibility: Ukrainian delegates visit The Henry Ford to learn about the history of industry in America and how Detroit's ingenuity helped shape a nation of innovators.

JANUARY 19 - JANUARY 22

EL SALVADOR

City Planning

Ten city planning professionals from El Salvador met with their counterparts in the Detroit area to examine innovation in urban sustainability, public spaces for community use, social entrepreneurship and the role of the business sector in urban planning. Detroit Future City, Recovery Park, Design Core Detroit, and Data Driven Detroit connected with the delegation to exchange knowledge and ideas.

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7

UKRAINE

Corporate Social Responsibility

The Open World Leadership Program is a unique, nonpartisan initiative of and funded by the United States Congress that builds mutual understanding between the emerging leaders of participating countries and their U.S. counterparts. Through this program, a six-person delegation from Ukraine learned effective CSR practices from Detroiters. The most significant external barriers in implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs/ activities in Ukraine are the volatile political situation in the country, an inadequate legal framework to encourage such activity, and tax pressure. In Detroit, the Ukrainians toured the Packard Plant to see how an innovation event and design company is re-using the space. They met with Arts & Scraps, which reuses industrial scraps for STEM kits for children and sustainability, and with Forgotten Harvest to speak about how CSR benefits the community in the fight against hunger. Other Detroit organizations involved in this project were Quicken Loans, Green Garage, Friendship Circle, RPM, Avalon International Breads, and the Ukrainian Cultural Center.

MARCH 5 - MARCH 10

BAHRAIN, EGYPT, ISRAEL, TUNISIA

Professionals from countries in the Near East and North Africa visited Detroit to examine the U.S. political and electoral process, as well as political activism. During the project they focused on the political priorities of the younger generation and the role of young Americans in shaping the future U.S. political landscape. Notable highlights include the delegation joining State Representative Mari Manoogian and State Senator McMorrow at a constituent meet-up, and Deputy Chief of Staff Zaineb Hussein from Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's office speaking about the measures their office took to ensure that the 2020 elections were secure, accessible and fair.

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Young People Travel
(YPT) Global Edge



Presented by DTE Energy, the Global Ties Detroit Annual Dinner is our signature event recognizing diplomacy in Detroit, global engagement, and the power of international connections. Sponsors, supporters, and program alumni from around the world tuned in to take part in the celebration. The evening featured local and global leaders who spoke on the importance of international exchange programs and the Global Ties Detroit mission.

DINNER

The 2020 Virtual Annual Dinner, presented by DTE Energy, continued the annual tradition of connecting Detroiters and global delegates. Special highlights included previews of the 2020 Dubai Expo (rescheduled for 2022), words of gratitude from our network of program alumni, and an announcement regarding our new youth initiatives and partnership with Young People Travel (YPT) Global Edge.

A recording of the event can be accessed through the Global Ties Detroit website:
www.globaltiesdetroit.org

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VIRTUAL IVLP

When in-person exchanges paused, Global Ties Detroit turned to virtual platforms to continue our mission. We began implementing virtual exchange programs to continue connecting Detroit to current and emerging leaders from around the world, furthering international dialogue and cooperation on local, national, and global challenges. Throughout 2020, we worked to elevate

Detroit's status as a global city and promote citizen diplomacy virtually through a Cross-Border Trade project for South Africa; Transparency and Accountability for Cote d'Ivoire; Human and Civil Rights for Lebanon; Smart City Innovation for Ukraine, and more. Detroit leaders including investigative reporters, high school teachers, entrepreneurs, and activists shared their work and stories with a global audience through the virtual programs we brought to Detroit.

CALENDAR

JUNE

Combating Gender Violence | Brazil

JULY

Central and Eastern European Journalists Fellowship (CEEJ)

Arts Education | South Africa

Democracy and Elections | Cote d'Ivoire

OCTOBER

Cross Border Trade | South Africa

Human and Civil Rights | Lebanon

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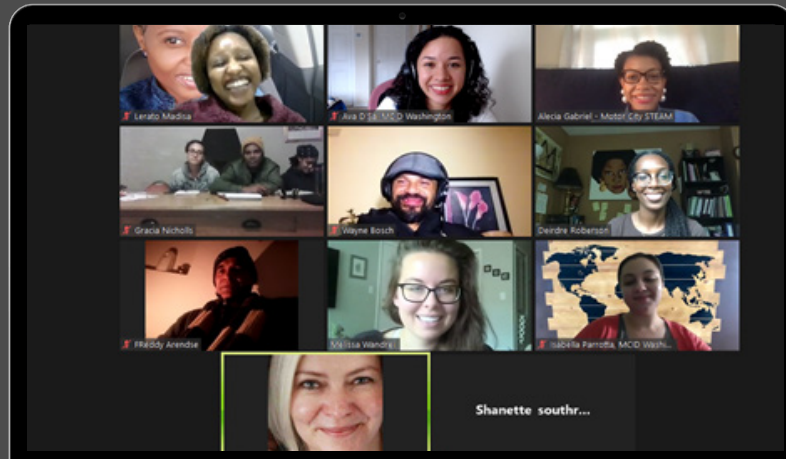
Foreign Investment Screening | Ukraine

SMALL WORD CAFE

Global Ties Detroit partnered with Gulf Coast Diplomacy to connect citizen diplomats in the Midwest and Gulf Coast regions with each other and the world. Through informal conversations about current events with professionals from around the world, participants established national and international ties through their passion for diplomacy and global exchange.



Ukraine activist Sphar Letuchyi connects with LivingArts to discuss initiatives for creating space for and celebrating diverse youth.



A group of South African art managers and educators hear from Motor City S.T.E.A.M. about their methods for infusing arts and creativity into science programs for underrepresented youth.

Calendar

VIRTUAL TALK SERIES

When the needs of our community changed due to the pandemic, we pivoted to meet them. Our Virtual Talk Series elevated the important voices of our community and the issues that affect us all. We gave Detroit leaders a platform to discuss critical topics like Global eCommerce, Sustaining a Business During and Post-COVID, Global Health Diplomacy, and the Future of Foreign Relations. We traveled virtually to the 7 New Wonders of the World and learned about Chagall, Communism, and Chernobyl. A local, national, and international audience tuned in to our Talk Series to be part of the conversation, and we look forward to continuing this initiative to inform and connect.



APRIL 7

Insights from Around the World on Steps you can Take to Sustain your Organization During and Post COVID-19

Faris Alami
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APRIL 15

Foreign Service Recruitment and Michigan - U.S. Department of State Engagement

Lou Fintor
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APRIL 23

The Future of International Relations

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APRIL 30

Global eCommerce

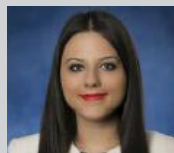
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MAY 6

From There to Here: Production, Exchange, and Transportation During a Global Pandemic

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Chagall, Communism, and Chernobyl: A Travelogue

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MAY 21

Global Health Diplomacy

Madiha Tariq
Deputy Director
ACCESS



MAY 28

Connecting Local and Global - Using Digital to Grow your Business

Jim Glasgow
Media Coordinator
Media Genesis



JULY 8

Making Dollars While Making Change

Jonathan Quarles
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AUGUST 25

The Accidental Traveler: 7 Wonders of the New World

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SEPTEMBER 24

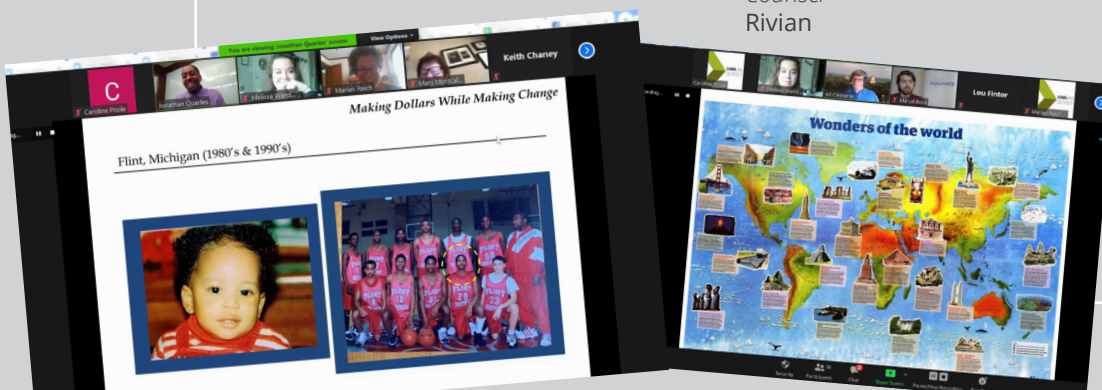
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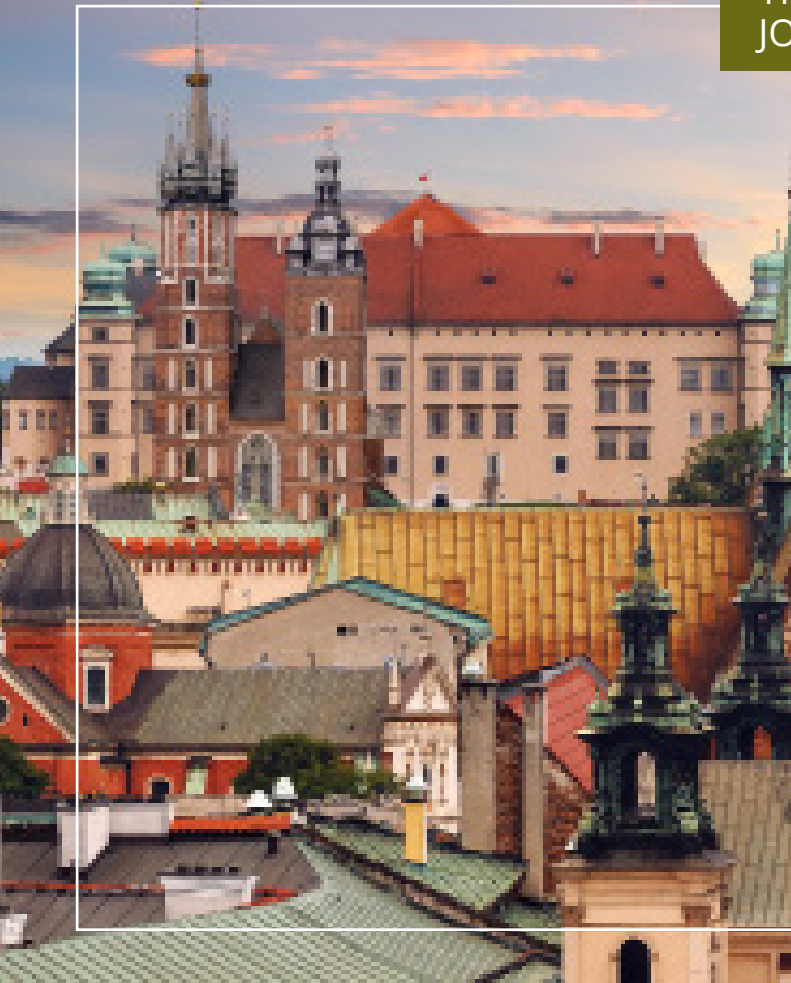
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THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE JOURNALIST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Central and Eastern Europe Journalist Fellowship Program (CEE) is building the capacity of professional journalists and improving the sustainability of citizen-generated media in Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland, Croatia and Slovenia. Through virtual conferences, skills-building workshops, networking, and informational webinars, the journalists increased professional standards, advanced the credibility and accuracy of their reporting, built cross continental partnerships, and bolstered their independent media sector in the region. In 2020, Global Ties Detroit facilitated sessions featuring local journalists, media experts and community leaders on issues ranging from environment and trade in the Great Lakes region, to U.S. elections and redistricting, and racial justice and diversity in media. Special thanks to presenters:

- *Sandra Svoboda, Great Lakes Now, Detroit Public Television*
- *Professor Alicia Nails, Wayne State University*
- *Olivia Lewis, Bridge Detroit*
- *Nancy Wang, Voters Not Politicians*



FOREIGN PRESS CENTER

Global Ties Detroit helped make it possible for international journalists to better understand and cover the 2020 U.S. elections without traveling during the COVID-19 pandemic. We arranged on-the-record interviews with local journalists, academics and elections experts. We worked with local video producers to capture “person-on-the street” footage to be used in broadcast and print media worldwide. As a result, Detroit pundits and citizens were featured in articles and news features from Kosovo to Nigeria! Global Ties Detroit appreciates the insights and expertise shared by:

- *Chad Livengood, Crain’s Detroit Business*
- *Simon Schuster, Michigan Campaign Finance Network*
- *Corwin Smidt, Michigan State University*
- *Robert Yoon, University of Michigan*



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THE PAN AFRICA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



The Pan Africa Youth Leadership Program (PAYLP) is a U.S. Department of State dynamic youth leadership program that engages high school students from 38 African countries in a U.S.-based cultural exchange and civic engagement training program. With the support of Meridian International Center, Global Ties Detroit participated in the first ever virtual PAYLP Alumni Reunion aimed to engage student and adult mentor alumni from all program years. We recognized the importance of sparking and sustaining connections for interpersonal support and collaboration to create solutions for some of the most challenging issues the world has ever seen. We sought to re-energize this powerful network of ambitious and civically-minded emerging African leaders, provide opportunities for alumni to re-discover their own skillsets built on PAYLP, and re-connect alumni with both counterparts across the continent and Americans who believe in the bright future of youth driving Africa's advancement.

Global Ties Detroit collaborated with Young People Travel (YPT) Global Edge to virtually welcome PAYLP participants to Detroit. A group of Detroit-based global scholars guided PAYLP participants through the city. Highlighted sites were hand-selected by the scholars, which included some of the most cultural and historically significant places in the city that give Detroit its nicknames of Motown, The Motor City, and America's Comeback City. YPT Global Edge scholars also engaged with their counterparts in a virtual, hour-long "home hospitality" visit and shared what life was like in Detroit, how international travel has impacted their personal and professional growth, and what their plans are beyond high school.

Detroit community superstars and social impact entrepreneurs Alecia Gabriel and Deirdre Roberson of Motor City S.T.E.A.M. hosted an interactive session for the PAYLP alumni. Motor City S.T.E.A.M. boosts the number of minority students pursuing higher education degrees in science, math, engineering, and technology, while infusing art and creativity into each learning experience. Deirdre and Alecia - Black entrepreneurs, STEM education advocates, and chemists - demonstrated to the PAYLP youth how social impact entrepreneurship changes a community for the better, especially at the intersection of STEAM and youth leadership.

How to GET INVOLVED

Year after year, visitors and volunteers find the personal connections made during exchanges to be the most memorable and meaningful parts of their time in Michigan. Despite the pause of in-person programming, our community of volunteers remained engaged in our mission. Through virtual hospitality hosting, our network of citizen diplomats welcomed guests from around the world into their homes and shared their experiences. Our undergraduate interns assisted in our programming and communications efforts, spreading the word about virtual exchange opportunities and continuing to spread the word about the importance of our work to the metro-Detroit region. Local healthcare, government and social justice leaders never stopped sharing their expertise with their counterparts, adding diverse voices to a global dialogue on strategies for addressing the world's largest problems.



DINNER DIPLOMACY

Interested in becoming a Dinner Diplomat? Here's what you should know: It's easy! Dinner hosts are asked to make space and provide a meal only for as many guests as they can comfortably accommodate. The Global Ties Detroit team will work with you to make sure you are prepared to welcome visitors into your home. It's fun! A meal is a low-pressure way to socialize and share with a new group of people. Guests bring their experiences and appetites to your house. It's rewarding! Hosting a dinner is an easy way to connect with a diverse group of emerging leaders, many of whom have not been to the U.S. before. Having them in your home for a meal is a great opportunity to build connections that can cross borders and last a lifetime.

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From sharing your home for an intimate dinner or a longer stay, to mentoring a fellow professionally — volunteers make meaningful and rewarding connections with guests in a variety of ways. When it is safe to resume in-person programming, we look forward to expanding the number of ways you can get involved in citizen diplomacy. Subscribe to our mailing list at globaltiesdetroit.org and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn to stay up-to-date on the latest volunteer opportunities!

HOMESTAY HOSTING

By welcoming a visitor during their stay in Detroit, you can truly bring the world to you. Guests will share their unique perspectives and professional backgrounds while spending time in your home, and are eager to learn about life through your eyes. In sharing your home with a guest, you can bring a global perspective to your door.



WORKPLACE

Throughout the year there are many programs that require workplace interactions ranging from a meeting in your office to discuss best practices, to a four week Fellowship where you work closely with a Fellow on a specific joint project and hopefully win a prestigious Reverse Exchange to their home country. You and your organization will benefit from having a unique perspective from an emerging leader.



CULTURAL HOSTING

The visiting delegates want to explore the best of what Detroit has to offer -- including our sports, art, music, and restaurants. We always welcome volunteers interested in adding a personal touch to the program by attending museums, sporting events or the like with the delegation.



INTERNSHIP

The Global Ties Detroit team works year-round with talented undergraduate interns. Interns support the programming and administrative work of the full-time staff, interact with our Board and delegations, and undertake projects of their own design to enrich their professional experience during their months spent with Global Ties Detroit.





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