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About GLOBAL TIES

Global Ties Detroit is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that hosts international exchange programs on behalf of the U.S. Department of State and other government agencies, universities, and think tanks to promote global exchange and citizen diplomacy. Through these programs, we present Detroit and the metropolitan region as a center of world commerce and cultures. Global Ties Detroit also organizes international speaker programs, cultural dinners, and networking events to engage Southeast Michigan's diverse and globally minded citizens.

Our goal is to connect Detroit with global leaders, introducing influential international professionals to their SE Michigan counterparts to forge lasting relationships. These connections are powerful tools to address global and local challenges including equitable economic development, environmental sustainability, and national security. Additionally, through citizen diplomacy initiatives, we are building trust, increasing understanding, and promoting a more peaceful and prosperous world.

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Letter

FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

In 1972, the International Visitors Council of Metropolitan Detroit incorporated, stating its purpose to coordinate “services to those participating in international exchange” and “present visitors to the United States of America with a variety of experiences representative of life” in the nation.

A half-century later, and renamed Global Ties Detroit, our organization continues to shed a positive light on Detroit by connecting people to people across the globe, sharing stories professionally and dining in American homes. A half century of meaningful experiences and valuable interactions for international delegations who visit metro Detroit, Global Ties Detroit also delivers positive impact and beneficial results for the SE Michigan region.

That’s quite a milestone.

Detroit’s image and influence are enhanced worldwide because of our programs and events. We average 50 or more delegations per year visiting the City of Detroit. Nothing more than to hear it from a participant:

“I was amazed by the wealth and depth of knowledge of so many of the professionals we met...One of my favorite experiences was the dinner we attended hosted by a wonderful American family in Detroit, which gave me the real feeling for and taste of American culture.” – Grigor V., Business Leader/Think Tank Fellow, Armenia

Global Ties Detroit, like the city it represents, has weathered economic crises, government shut-downs, and most recently, a global pandemic. Like Detroit, we rise to meet the moment! 2022 saw the return of in-person international exchange

programming after a three-year pause. We welcomed dozens of International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) delegations to Detroit — hundreds of visitors taking part in the most prestigious exchange program that U.S. ambassadors and foreign service officials offer to emerging leaders worldwide.

Detroit was also the destination for scores of young entrepreneurs and innovation fellows from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. These enterprising professionals stayed in our region for a month or more, working with local businesses, often sharing ideas for long-term projects and partnerships. We also hosted youth programs, virtually and in-person for high school students and recent university graduates from Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America.

These rising leaders, like the thousands who preceded them over the past five decades, experienced the uniqueness of Detroit and appreciated the economic, educational, and cultural opportunities our region offers.

“We are proud to stand with Global Ties Detroit and to support your noble work....To the next half-century of building strong bonds of trust and partnership between Detroit and the World!” – Craig Glidden, Executive Vice President, Global Public Policy, and General Counsel, GM

Every step of the way, Global Ties Detroit relied on local support to make these projects and more a success. It could not be done without you! Many thanks to our Board, sponsors, donors, professional resources and mentors, cultural and hospitality volunteers. We are grateful for all you do! Here’s to the next 50 years!

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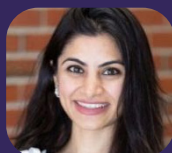
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Dinner Diplomats welcome international guests into their homes to share a meal, stories, and friendship. We are grateful for the volunteers who graciously hosted global delegations in 2022.

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Diplomats
Involved



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High School
Students
Engaged



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Local
Organizations
Connected

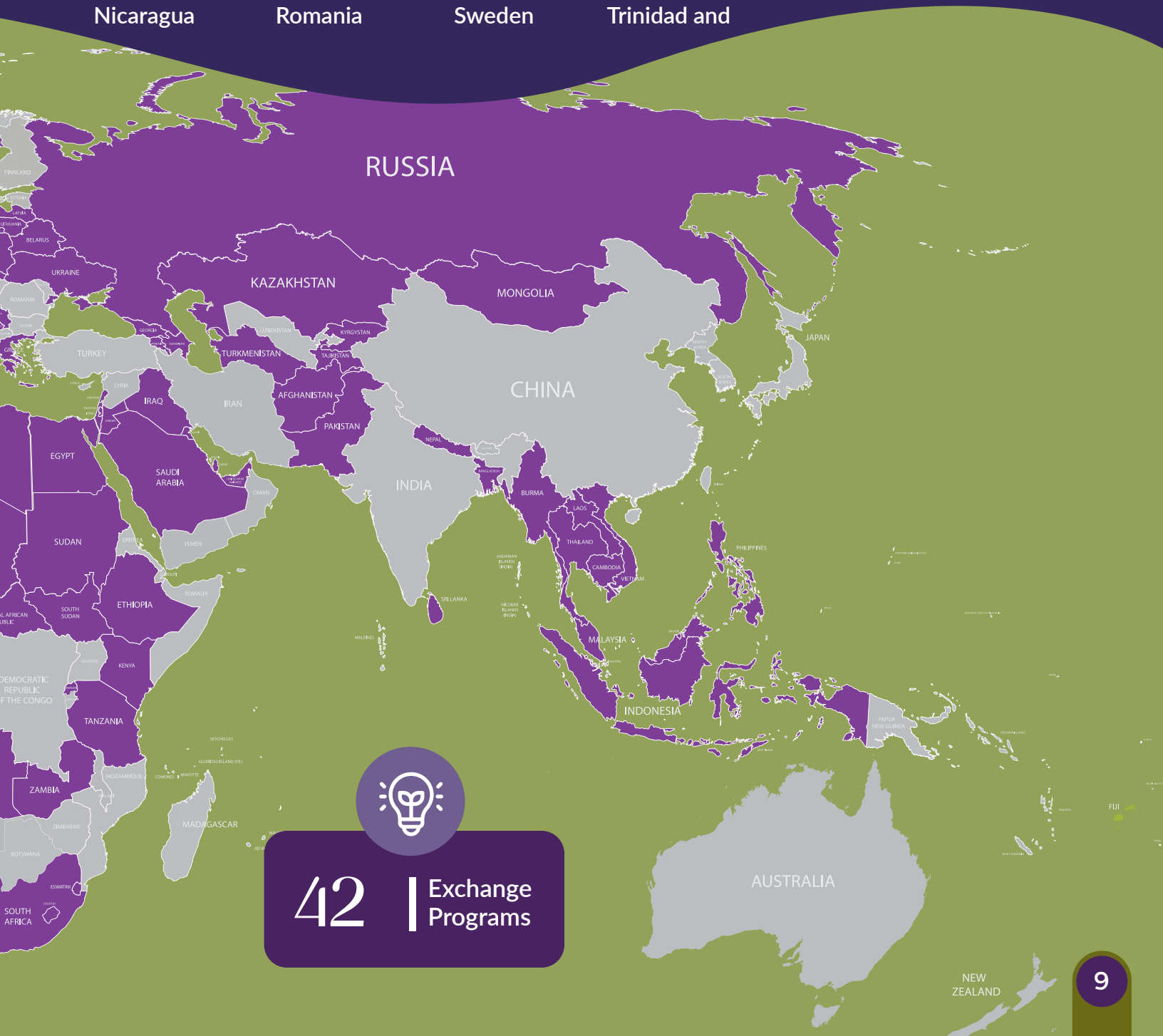
PROFESSIONAL Resources

Local business, government and community leaders share their time, expertise and insights with visiting international counterparts. Many thanks to the following professional resources and fellowship host organizations:

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Alchemie Solutions Inc	Detroit Civil Rights Inclusion and Opportunity Department	Hadroust Designs	Novi Police Department
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Arab American National Museum	Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC)	Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU)	Outlier Media
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Arts & Scraps	Detroit History Tours	International Academy	Pingree Detroit
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BTL Group	Detroit Pistons	Islamic Center of Detroit (ICD)	Rebel Nell
Bamboo	Detroit Public Theatre	Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC/AJC)	Rock Ventures
Bees in the D	Detroit Regional Partnership	Judeh & Associates	Rocket Mortgage
Belle Isle Conservancy	Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries	Lawrence Technological University	Schoolcraft College
BHSH System	Detroit River Coalition	Lean and Green Michigan	SER Metro-Detroit
BrightDrop	Detroit Venture Partners (DVP)	Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce	SkinnyTees
Build Institute	Detroit Windsor Tunnel	Little Caesars Pizza	Society of Professional Journalists, Detroit Chapter (SPJ Detroit)
Canada - United States Business Association (CUSBA)	Detroit Zoo	MCCI	Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
Caribbean Community Service Center	Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice	Meadowbrook Amphitheater	START UP Television Project, LLC
Center for Peace and Conflict Studies	Developing K.I.D.S.	Media Genesis	Strategic Staffing Solutions
Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History	Eastern Market	Metro Museum of Design Detroit (MM-O-DD)	Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice
City Institute	EcoTek Labs	Michigan Abolitionist Project (MAP)	TechTown Detroit
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Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan	Featherstone	Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)	University Research Corridor (URC)
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Consulate General of Canada	Fisher Building	Michigan State Representative Mari Manoogian	US Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
Corpus Art	Ford Motor Company	Michigan State University	US Department of Commerce
Creatively Flawless	Ford Rouge Factory	Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit	US District Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan
Cross Border Institute	Fordson High School	Music Hall	Velocity Center
Customs and Border Protection	Freedom House Detroit	Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs (MCWS)	Virtual Global Consultant (VGC) Group
DTE Energy	General Motors	Muslim Unity Center	Visit Detroit
Dearborn 19th District Court	Global Detroit	New Economy Initiative (NEI)	Vista Maria
Dearborn Mayor's Office	Goldman Sachs 10K Small Businesses		Wayne State University
Dearborn Heights Mayor's Office	Gordie Howe International Bridge Project		William Davidson Institute
Dearborn Police Department	Great Lakes Environmental Law Center		WDET 101.9 FM
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countries

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Mauritius	Norway	Rwanda	South Africa	Togo	United States
Mexico	Pakistan	Saudi Arabia	Sudan	Tunisia	Venezuela
Mongolia	Panama	Serbia	Suriname	Turkmenistan	Vietnam
Montenegro	Palestine	Singapore	Tanzania	Ukraine	Zambia
Morocco	Philippines	Slovakia	Tajikistan	United Arab Emirates	
Myanmar	Poland	South Sudan	Thailand		
Nepal	Qatar	Sri Lanka	Timor Leste		
Nicaragua	Romania	Sweden	Trinidad and		



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50 YEARS

2022 annual
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF DIPLOMACY IN DETROIT

dinner

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2022 marked our 50th Anniversary and we celebrated with valued sponsors, donors, Board, and friends during our Annual Dinner. Special thanks to our presenters: Craig Glidden of GM, Anne Grimes from the U.S. Department of State, DTE Energy's Jas Singh, and emcee W.E. Da'Cruz. Here's to the next 50!

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Networking Events

Bringing together internationally-minded Detroiters with each other and with global emerging leaders is one of our favorite activities! In 2022, Global Ties Detroit supporters connected with global delegates, diplomats, and local, national, and international partners at the Detroit History Museum, Plaza del Sol, TechTown, and more! Special thanks to George & Ann Mandelbaum Mann, Linda Schlesinger-Wagner, Wayne State University, and American Councils for International Education for their sponsorship and support of these cross-cultural events.





IVLP Program & Special Projects

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is the U.S. Department of State's flagship international exchange program, introducing emerging leaders selected by U.S. Embassy and Consulate officials to the U.S. to meet with local counterparts. In 2022 we returned to in person exchange programs for the first time after the two year pause. SE Michigan's leading voices, including business professionals, entrepreneurs, government representatives, and community activists share their work and stories with a global audience through the IVLP. These exchanges promote Detroit as a center of global commerce and cultures.

program spotlights:



FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

Four (4) economic and diplomatic professionals from Algeria, Greece, Rwanda and Thailand visited Detroit to examine international economic cooperation in the context of growth, support, and integration of emerging markets in the world economy.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Facilitated by World Learning, twenty (20) participants from around the world engaged with their professional counterparts in Detroit to discuss diversity and community within entrepreneurial ecosystems. They focused specifically on digital literacy and justice, venture capital and entrepreneurial resilience.



COUNTERING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Sponsored by the US Embassy in Dhaka, ten (10) judicial and government officials, together with law enforcement professionals from Bangladesh, explored best practices to prevent labor abuses and other forms of exploitation. They managed to take time to visit Banglatown during their visit to Detroit.



21ST CENTURY CHANGEMAKERS

Working with national partner MCID, seven (7) educators and community leaders from Czech Republic, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Montenegro, Poland and Tajikistan spend Thanksgiving in Detroit examining model programs and social campaigns that promote youth civic engagement and leadership.



UK CROSS BORDER POLICY

On behalf of the U.S. Embassy in London and Global Ties U.S., four (4) government policy advisors and directors from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland explored Detroit/Windsor as a case study for successful cross border trade and relations.



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THEMES

1. Trade and Economic Development
2. Sustainability
3. Global Security
4. Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development
5. Empowering Youth

Fellowship Programs



MIDDLE EAST NORTH AFRICA PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM (MENA PFP)

In partnership with CRDF Global, fourteen US Department of State-sponsored Professional Fellows from Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia had the opportunity to kick off their program here in Detroit!. The five fellows who were fortunate to remain in Detroit were placed at TechTown, Bamboo Royal Oak, International Strategic Management, Inc. and the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation during their month-long exchange.



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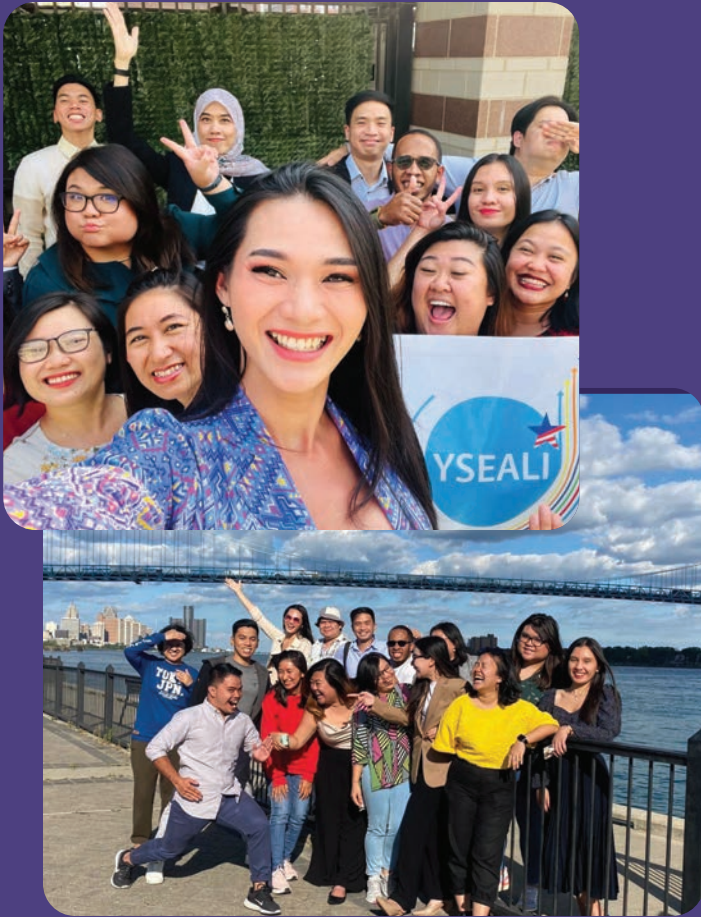


PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM (PFP) | EUROPE-EURASIA

Two Fellows, one from Belarus and one from Ukraine, spent a month living and working in Detroit. Special thanks to leaders at Wayne State University's Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and the University of Michigan Dearborn History Department for serving as worksite mentors. While staying with homestay families, the fellows experienced the uniqueness that Detroit has to offer.



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PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM (PFP) | YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE (YSEALI)

In 2022, Detroit was designated as the opening city for the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Professional Fellows Program (YSEALI PFP). For one month, 17 young leaders from around Southeast Asia worked directly with their American counterparts in professional placements across the country. Global Ties Detroit welcomed two fellows from Singapore and the Philippines who stayed with a local host family and worked in SE Michigan's entrepreneurial ecosystem.



RBL STUDY TOUR

Twenty US Embassy-sponsored young business leaders from across Russia spent five days in Detroit visiting a wide-variety of local businesses, community organizations, and university incubators. They volunteered at a food pantry, took part in home hospitality, and networked with Global Ties Detroit supporters and visiting international fellows.





RUMSFELD FELLOWS

In another first for Global Ties, the Rumsfeld Foundation sent 12 exceptional rising leaders from Central Asia, Mongolia, the Caucasus and Afghanistan (CAMCA) to Detroit for a high-level, intensive exchange experience designed to forge enduring personal and professional connections among its participants.



 RUMSFELD FOUNDATION



SAUDI YOUNG LEADERS EXCHANGE PROGRAM (SYLEP)

This year we were proud to host the US Embassy in Riyadh-sponsored SYLEP for the very first time. Over two separate trips, two dozen Saudi Young leaders from medical, engineering, and business backgrounds visited Detroit with the goal of promoting mutual understanding between Americans and the people of Saudi Arabia. This program prepares young leaders to become responsible citizens, and to develop leadership skills among Saudi youth.



U.S Embassy & Consulates
in Saudi Arabia





YOUNG LEADERS OF THE AMERICAS (YLA)

Global Ties Detroit hosted 13 fellows from Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Chile, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Nicaragua, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela, who came to Detroit for four-week immersion fellowships, cultural exchange, and professional development.



YOUNG TRANSATLANTIC INNOVATION LEADERS INITIATIVE (YTI)

Four enterprising young professionals from Belgium, Italy, Kosovo, and Lithuania spent a month in Detroit working with local organizations, including Media Genesis, PeoplePlus Software, ISM, Inc. and Wayne State University. The group thoroughly enjoyed SE Michigan's vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem and took part in leadership development activities, volunteer opportunities, networking events, cultural programming, and home hospitality.



University Exchanges



EXCHANGE FOR PAKISTANI SECONDARY EDUCATORS/ADMINISTRATORS (EPSEA).

Sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, Global Ties Detroit collaborated with Oakland University to provide social and cultural programs for secondary teachers from Punjab Province, Pakistan. The educators are exploring best practices to identify and support students with learning differences and implementing related research projects. Our team facilitated cultural activities, dinner hospitality, and excursions to fully immerse the teachers into Detroit's history and community.



MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS INITIATIVE (YALI)

YALI supports young Africans as they spur economic growth and prosperity, strengthen democratic governance, and enhance peace and security across the African continent. In support of Wayne State University's program for YALI Public Administration professionals, Global Ties Detroit facilitated networking sessions to connect YALI changemakers with their Detroit counterparts. This included cultural events, dinner hospitality, and volunteer service projects to fully immerse the leaders into the Detroit community.



MICHPAKVERSIY

Fifty participants made up of educators and administrators from the University of Sindh Jamshoro and Shah Abdul Latif University (SALU) participated in virtual programs on research and inclusion and with speakers from various universities in Michigan. Special speakers from Oakland University, Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Wayne State University shared insights on developing a culture of research and inclusivity. Pakistani and Michigan-based alumni of the program will be encouraged to take advantage of ongoing virtual networking events and to continue to develop joint research proposals after the program concludes.



Youth Exchanges

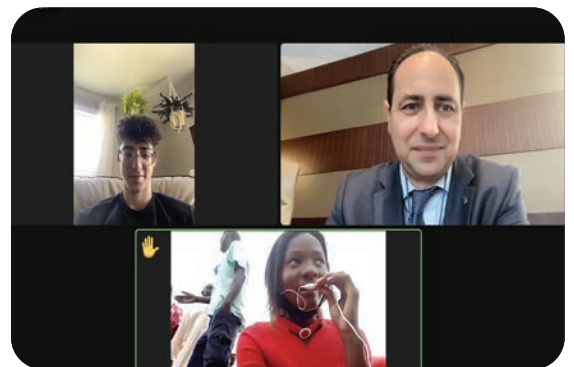
ALEX KAZAKHSTAN

Eleven young people from Kazakhstan helped put their country on the map in Metro Detroit this past November. Participants explored Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with state and local government officials, faculty and peers at colleges and a high school, museum guides, and community organization leaders and volunteers. Returning home to Kazakhstan, these recent high school graduates are inspired to be agents of change in their home communities.



PAN AFRICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (PAYLP)

Partnering with Meridian International Center, Global Ties Detroit worked virtually with 20 francophone high school students and adult mentors from the Central African Republic, Chad, Guinea, and Togo. Along the way, they connected with fellow American youths, heard from Detroit's local leaders, and took part in cross cultural exchange with American host families.



TECHGIRLS

TechGirls is an exchange from North, Central and South America focused on empowering and inspiring teenage girls from around the world to pursue careers in science and technology. As part of their program, these young women joined virtual workshops and meetings to gain exposure to a variety of careers in the technology sector and to build opportunities for mentorships with other young women in tech.



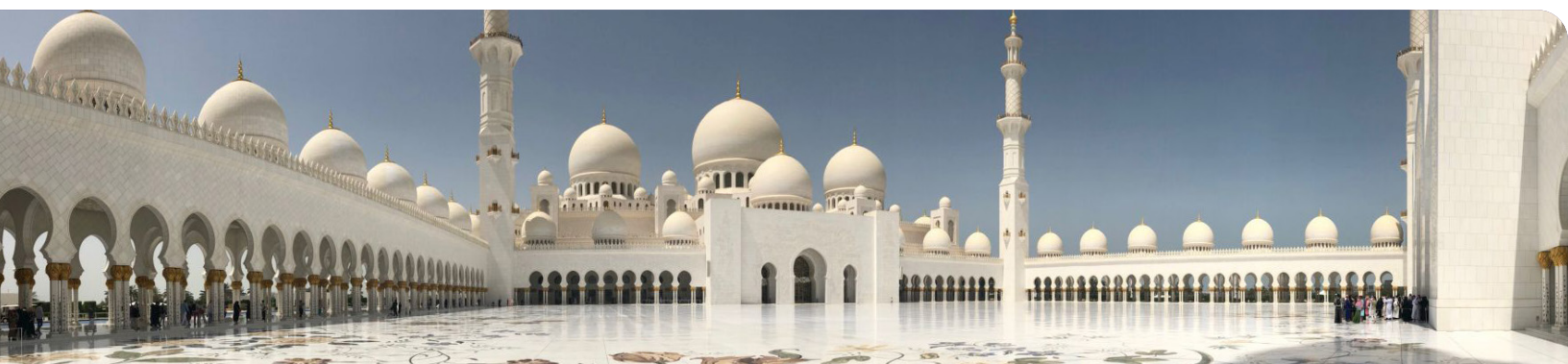
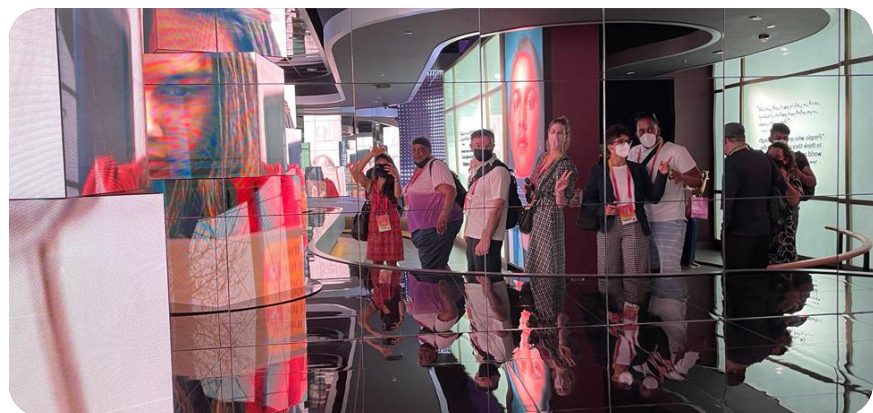
VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM BELARUS

Over 65 camp goers from Belarus participated in virtual programming to explore some of the ways that young people can change the world. They met with inspirational entrepreneurs from SE Michigan and enjoyed learning about Detroit's one-of-a-kind culture and history.



Dubai World Expo

The USA Pavilion at EXPO 2020 Dubai welcomed more than 1.25 million visitors between October, 2021 through March, 2022. Global Ties Detroit led an 8-member delegation to the EXPO where we were greeted by U.S. Department of State team managing the Pavilion. The group interacted with the Cultural Performers and Youth Ambassadors recruited through the national Global Ties network. Aside from the amazing EXPO, highlights of the week-long visit in the United Arab Emirates included a tour of Dubai's spice and gold souks, home hospitality with His Excellency Dr. Obaid Al Ketbi, and tours of the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and Qasr Al Watan Royal Palace in Abu Dhabi. Surprising, exciting, and inspiring!



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. Our return to in person programming reinvigorated our community of volunteers. From sharing your home and hospitality for an intimate dinner or a longer stay, to mentoring a fellow professionally in your workplace – volunteers make meaningful and rewarding connections with guests in a variety of ways. 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!

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 share a meal only for as many guests as they can comfortably accommodate. It's fun! A meal is a low-pressure way to socialize and share with a new group of people. 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.



WORKPLACE

Throughout the year there are many programs that require workplace interactions ranging from a short meeting in your office to discuss best practices and network with global counterparts, to a four week Fellowship where you work with an international young professional on a specific project. As a Fellowship host, you have a chance to receive a prestigious all-expense paid Reverse Exchange to their home country. You and your organization will benefit from having a unique perspective from an emerging leader.



HOMESTAY HOSTING

By welcoming a visitor during their stay in metro 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.



INTERNSHIP

The Global Ties Detroit team works year-round with talented high school and university interns. Interns support the programming, communications, 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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