



WorldDenver Capacity Statement

WorldDenver is the world affairs council of Denver and the official partner of the US State Department IVLP program in Denver. With 1250 members, WorldDenver is a healthy and growing organization. Our staff of six international exchange professionals, our board of 19 experienced community leaders and a roster of hundreds of volunteers and professional resources work seamlessly together to connect Denver to the world by bringing expert speakers to Denver and by organizing timely and relevant programs for international visitors.

As WorldDenver, we have hosted approximately 600 visitors in approximately 65-70 projects per year (combining IVLP and fee for service projects) for the past four years. WorldDenver was created by Karen de Bartolomé, who had directed the WAC and IVLP programs under the aegis of the Institute of International Education's Rocky Mountain Center until 2012 when the new organization was created to engender greater community support.

WorldDenver has programmed throughout the State of Colorado, working closely with our sister organizations in Boulder and Colorado Springs when possible. Areas of special expertise include: judicial system and rule of law; disability rights and accommodations (especially outdoor sports for the disabled); LGBT rights; environmental sustainability; immigrant integration; clean energy; entrepreneurship; human trafficking; domestic violence; food and agriculture (especially natural foods); youth leadership exchange programs; and non-profit management. Home hospitality and homestays are generously provided by WorldDenver members and volunteers.

Through its World Affairs Council work, WorldDenver arranges approximately 50 educational programs per year, most of which are open to the community. Additionally, WorldDenver offers international travel opportunities to our members and sponsors a variety of educational initiatives with area community colleges and middle and high schools.

Co-located with Rocky Mountain PBS, WorldDenver has good access to conference and training space as well as to journalists who inform and document our work. We are able to offer government rates at attractive downtown hotels and work with a transportation company. Both our hotel and transportation vendors have been selected through a Global Ties U.S.-approved RFP process.