



## WorldDenver Capacity Statement

WorldDenver is a non-profit community organization dedicated to advancing deeper understanding of world affairs and cultures, and has a history of successfully arranging and managing all aspects of professional and youth exchange programs. With 1025 active members, WorldDenver is a healthy and growing organization that has hosted approximately 600 visitors in approximately 65-70 projects per year (combining IVLP and fee for service projects) for the past four years. WorldDenver has programmed throughout the State of Colorado, working closely with our sister organizations in Boulder and Colorado Springs when possible. Our staff of seven international exchange professionals, our board of 22 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 Denver's Community Based Member (CBM) and official partner of the US State Department, WorldDenver has worked to plan and implement numerous State Department-sponsored professional exchange programs, including, but not limited to: the International Visitor Leadership Program (2012-present); the Professional Fellows Program (2019-present); the Open World program (2012-present); the Russian Business Leaders Program (2016-2019); the Youth Ambassadors Program (2016-present); the YSEALI Professional Fellows Program (2018-present); the Iraqi Youth Leadership Exchange program (2015-present); and the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (2016-present). All programs were successful in our community and well-reviewed by the participants, their host families, and the local resources. Past Professional participants have enjoyed and benefitted from the local Fellowship Placements, workshops, and additional enrichment activities. Youth have engaged with community leaders and experts in related fields to their programming sub themes in order to gain valuable perspectives as well as participating in community service outreach, visiting local schools to meet American peers, and pursuing leadership development. 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); and non-profit management.

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 local community colleges and maintains partnerships with K-12 schools. Home hospitality, in the forms of hosted dinners, guided hikes, and trips to Rocky Mountain National Park, and Home Stays are generously provided by WorldDenver members and community volunteers.

WorldDenver has good access to conference and training space as well as to journalists who inform and document our work. WorldDenver is able to offer government rates at attractive downtown hotels and work with a transportation company. All of our hotel and transportation vendors have been selected through a Global Ties U.S.-approved RFP process.

