

# WINTER FUN IN COLORADO



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Eshraq is an IVLP alumna from Yemen, currently based in Saudi Arabia, who participated in the NGO Management program in February 2020. The first few days, the group met with Girls on the Run, the Made for More Project, CASA, Colorado 14ers, and ProgressNow. The following week, they had the opportunity to participate in a mountain trip in addition to meeting with the Senate Local Government Committee, the Colorado Nonprofit Association, and Open Media Foundation.

“Joining the IVLP with 10 participants from 7 countries was truly an overwhelming experience. It provided me with a broad educational perspective that will complement my core competencies and will equip me to utilize my knowledge and expertise towards building my future career goals. The program equipped me with knowledge, inspiration, and cultural understanding not just about the United States but about seven other countries that I passed down within my team, my friends, and my community.

The most surprising thing about Denver is that it is considered to have the second highest educated population in America. It is among the most brainy cities in the states. Moreover, it is very easy in Denver to be Green. For example, Denver International Airport is dedicated to sustainable practices including energy and environmental management, green buildings, and noise reduction. Denver is a modern, clean, and cultural city with friendly people; I enjoyed my short stay there.”

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