



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL

CINCINNATI & NORTHERN KENTUCKY

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ABOUT

The **World Affairs Council** ignites our community's engagement in foreign affairs and its diverse cultures. Through global education, international exchange, and cultural awareness initiatives, the Council strengthens Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky's international identity and engages individuals with foreign affairs.

As the World Affairs Council - Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky concludes our 100th Anniversary year, we honor a **legacy that began on February 23, 1923**—when a group of engaged citizens in Cincinnati gathered with a vision to connect our region to the world. The Council is proud to be the fourth local chapter of the national movement that began in 1921 in response to the United States' refusal to join the League of Nations. Only New York, Cleveland, and Philadelphia preceded us.

In preparing to mark this milestone, the World Affairs Council took a deep dive into our history. Three themes resonated across the decades:

- **Global issues remain strikingly familiar**—from Middle East conflict and border disputes in Europe to concerns about Russia, protectionism, and illicit drug trade.
- **That spirit of collaboration remains core to our work.** From the beginning, we have worked in partnership—with civic leaders, schools like Hughes High School, and organizations like the League of Women Voters.
- **Our founding values still matter.** The original "Foreign Policy Association (FPA) of Cincinnati" was courageous and inclusive, committed to fostering informed dialogue—even when it was uncomfortable. As the Cincinnati Post noted in 1924:

"Other organizations present speakers who will be sure to say things their members like to hear. The FPA brings speakers...who may say things some persons don't like to hear...it is willing to hear both sides of an issue."

Our early meetings were held at the historic Hotel Sinton at Fourth and Vine—a symbol of our city's vibrant connection to the world. **A century later, we're proud to still be here: bringing people together to understand, discuss, and engage with global affairs.**

As the World Affairs Council - Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky closes our 100th year, we **thank you—our community, schools, and global partners**—for being part of this journey and helping us carry our mission forward into a new century of international education and exchange.

OUR PROGRAMS



GLOBAL EDUCATION

Bringing the world to classrooms from elementary through adults. From sharing cultural knowledge to UN Global Goals local impact to international careers, students develop global education skills and competencies.

Educator Professional Development Opportunities, Youth Leaders for Glocal Impact Grants, Global Summer Camps & International Education Summit transforms you into a local leader in the global arena.



PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE

Hosting exchange visitors annually through the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) helps people to people diplomacy efforts "one handshake at a time." These emerging world leaders create personal and professional connections with people just like you.

Exchanges create lasting bonds between our region and the world! TechGirls also innovated with job shadow opportunities at local companies.



SIGNATURE EVENTS

Given the leadership role that the U.S. plays in the world, the Council brings foreign affairs experts to deepen understanding about timely global challenges and policies. As a nonpartisan organization, we are sharing perspectives and helping to inform through these open dialogues.

Now providing programs virtually and in person to engage our community in conversations that matter.

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39

EDUCATION
PARTNERS

12,194

STUDENTS
IMPACTED

5112

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

280

VOLUNTEERS

**98% of the students
who attended felt the
International
Education Summit
was beneficial for
their future success.**

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\$280,000+

ECONOMIC IMPACT

78

COUNTRIES

203

VISITORS

"Learning across countries and cultures enriches all of us. Sharing different perspectives provides new insights into our own work that we might not have ever considered." --Beth Schwarz, HER Cincinnati

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107
MEMBERS
814
LEADERS SERVED

“Work and public events like this is now more important than ever.” --Thomas Schultz, program attendee

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Thank you to our local community who volunteers to connect with international exchange delegations.

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- Aiken High School
- Aviara Accelerators
- Beckett Springs Help for Heroes
- CHNK Behavioral Health
- Cincinnati Enquirer
- Cincinnati Museum Center-- STEM Departments
- Cincinnati Police Department
- Cincinnati Police Training Academy
- Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber of Commerce: Women Excel
- Cincinnati Youth Collaborative
- Cincinnati's Healthcare Emergency Management Program
- Citizen Complaint Authority
- Citizen's Climate Lobby
- City of Cincinnati
- Communities United for Action
- Department of Justice--Southwestern Ohio
- Elementz
- FBI
- Five Ives** (virtual meeting)
- Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road (GSKWR)
- GLSEN Greater Cincinnati
- Greater Cincinnati STEM Collaborative
- Greater Cincinnati Voter Collaborative
- Green Umbrella
- Groundwork USA and White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council
- Hamilton County Board of Elections
- Hamilton County Commission on Women and Girls
- Hamilton County Great Parks
- Health Collaborative's Health Equity Taskforce
- Ignite Institute and Northern Kentucky Makerspace
- Immigrant and Refugee Law Center
- Incubator Kitchen Collective
- Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Kids Voting Northern Kentucky
- League of Women Voters
- MARCC
- Matthew 25: Ministries
- Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC)
- Miami University
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- News 12
- NKU Center of Enterprise and Innovation
- Northern Kentucky University
- Office of Environment and Sustainability
- Office of Ethics and Good Government
- Ohio Civil Rights Commission
- Ohio Civil Rights Commission-- Cincinnati Office
- Ohio Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Ohio Innocence Project
- Ohio Justice and Policy Center
- Ohio Women in Government** (virtual meeting)
- Roothouse Aquaponics
- Scarlet Oaks Career Campus
- Seven Hills Houses' Trauma Recovery Center
- Sew Valley
- SOS Art
- Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council
- U.S. Attorney of Southwest Ohio
- UC Chemical and Environmental Engineering Programs
- UC Linder College of Business
- University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
- University of Cincinnati College of Law Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice
- Urban League of Southwest Ohio's Economic Empowerment Center --Entrepreneurship Center Initiative
- Urban Morgan Institute of Human Rights
- US Department of Energy
- Voices and Visionaries
- Women Helping Women
- YWCA

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SCHOOL PARTNERS

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Aiken High School
Boyd County Middle School
Butler Tech
Cincinnati Country Day
Gilbert Dater High School
Glenn O'Swing Elementary
Holmes High School
Ignite Institute
Latonia Elementary
Miami University
Mount Saint Joseph University

Ninth District Elementary School
Northern Kentucky University
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Arts
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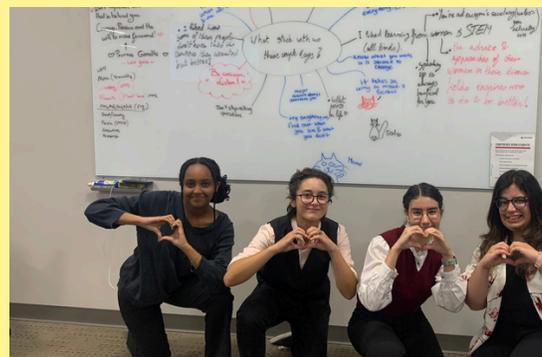
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