



The World Affairs Council of Las Vegas Celebrates the 80th Anniversary of the International Visitor Leadership Program with the U.S. Department of State

The World Affairs Council of Las Vegas is joining the U.S. Department of State, in partnership with Global Ties U.S., to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the [International Visitor Leadership Program](#) (IVLP). For the past 80 years, the IVLP has connected current and emerging leaders from around the world to the United States through short-term exchanges. The program has grown to include more than 225,000 alumni, including more than 500 current and former heads of state, and continues to build vital linkages between U.S. citizens and emerging leaders throughout the world.

The World Affairs Council of Las Vegas is a non-profit 501(c)(3) non-partisan member organization of the World Affairs Councils of America and GlobalTIES US as part of over 100 grassroots organizations across 40 states and the District of Columbia dedicated to engaging and educating Americans on international affairs and foreign policy. Our mission of “enhancing global understanding” focuses on the development and execution of programs that benefit education, business, and government within Southern Nevada.

“Cultural diplomacy is the cornerstone of our people-to-people exchanges, which are a critical tool of American foreign policy and enable us to reach diverse audiences throughout the world,” said Marie Royce, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. “From the more than 500 current and former heads of state to leaders in boardrooms, classrooms, community organizations, the arts, and NGOs – the breadth and depth of the IVLP is amazing.”

Throughout 2020, 80 accomplished alumni and the impact their experiences brought to the global community will be showcased at: <https://eca.state.gov/facesofexchange>. The #FacesOfExchange initiative will share information about people who are making a difference in the world. People who participated in a professional exchange program that continues to pay dividends and helps change the world.

Many world-renowned leaders are alumni of the IVLP, including Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair of the United Kingdom, Nicolas Sarkozy of France, Felipe Calderon of Mexico, F.W. De Klerk of South Africa, Indira Gandhi of India, and Anwar Sadat of Egypt. These incredible alumni join thousands of current and emerging leaders who utilize skills and information gained during their IVLP experience to build a more safe, secure, and prosperous world.

The IVLP continues to play a critical role in U.S. foreign policy and provides an opportunity for the next generation of leaders to gain firsthand experience in the United States. Join the conversation on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using the hashtag #FacesOfExchange or by visiting: <https://eca.state.gov/facesofexchange>.

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