



# INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**F**or more than 40 years, The International Center has recognized that the world is full of tremendous talent and innovative minds in both the public and private sector. In keeping with this long-standing belief and a decades-long mission to connect Hoosiers to the world, The International Center has partnered with the U.S. Department of State and Global Ties U.S. to welcome international visitors to Indianapolis from every corner of the globe via the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP).

## **WE BELIEVE IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO CAPITALIZE ON THE WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE SURROUNDING US TO PROMOTE CITIZEN DIPLOMACY.**

Through short-term visits to Indiana, current and emerging international leaders are presented with the opportunity to exchange ideas and cultivate lasting relationships with their American counterparts and forge relationships that last even longer. Alumni include over 300 current or former heads of government. Past program themes hosted by The International Center have included:

- Agriculture and environment
- Arts and culture
- Counter terrorism
- Higher education
- Immigrant and refugee integration
- Journalism and freedom of the press
- LGBTQIA rights and religious freedom
- Non-profit management
- Sports management
- Social entrepreneurship
- Trade, tourism and economic development
- Transparency in government
- U.S. elections
- U.S. judicial system

## **BECOME A RESOURCE TO INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES. SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH GLOBAL LEADERS.**

The goal of the International Visitor Leadership Program is to promote mutual understanding between the U.S. and other nations around the world. The International Center provides an avenue for Hoosier and international leaders, to foster an open and honest dialogue and exchange ideas about their mutual professional interests.

Through these exchanges, Hoosiers and international leaders share ideas, discuss their successes and challenges, and explore opportunities for collaboration, creating a unique opportunity for all parties involved. This aspect of the IVLP would not be possible without the participation and hospitality of organizations across the state who engage with our visitors.

As a professional resource, you or your organization would:

- Share 60-90 minutes of time with international visitors
- Host meetings at your place of business, when possible
- Be prepared to discuss relevant experience and expertise with visitors

If you or your organization would like to be considered as a potential professional resource to share your expertise with international visitors or have recommendations of others who would be interested, please contact Peter Kirkwood – [pkirkwood@internationalcenter.org](mailto:pkirkwood@internationalcenter.org).

## **HOOSIER HOSPITALITY ON DISPLAY**

Hoosiers are known for their hospitality, warmth and generosity. The International Center seeks to embody these qualities through our home hospitality program, powered by our generous volunteers.

As a home hospitality volunteer, you will play a unique and integral role in citizen diplomacy. By inviting visitors into your home for a casual shared meal, you will enable our visitors to experience social life in the United States first-hand. In turn, you and your family will be exposed to multiple cultures and perspectives from the comfort of your living room.

To learn more about this special opportunity or to become a home hospitality volunteer, please contact Jeff Kamm – [jkamm@internationalcenter.org](mailto:jkamm@internationalcenter.org).

