

Working in the Community

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To bring the world home to communities across America.

SOLUTIONS

IIE's network of offices offer resources to both our international guests and our local neighbors, bringing public educational programs, high-profile international visitors, and information about academic opportunities to cities across America and around the world.

Bringing the World to America

In 2005, 80% of Americans did not hold passports—but tens of thousands had international experiences at home through IIE programs. The Denver World Affairs Council, one of IIE/Denver's local community service initiatives, brings dozens of experts to downtown Denver every year to address timely international topics. 2005 presenters included Lionel Barber, U.S. Managing Editor for the *Financial Times*, and His Excellency Zhou Wenzhong, China's Ambassador to the United States.

In the Bay Area, IIE/San Francisco sponsored a series of events, including a talk by the Consul General of Egypt, a dialogue between Israeli and Palestinian students, and a presentation by an Afghani Fulbrighter who worked on voter education for Afghanistan's first election.

This past Fall, IIE's West Coast Regional Center assumed responsibility for operating the San Francisco Council of International Visitors (CIV), designing programs for the foreign leaders participating in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) and providing cultural activities and home hospitality. IIE's Southern and Rocky Mountain Regional Centers also serve as CIVs in their areas, building professional-level contacts between visiting global leaders and U.S. counterparts. IVLP also arranges school visits that allow children in San Francisco, Houston, and Denver to speak and interact with guests from around the globe.

Supporting Citizen Ambassadorship

The students, scholars, and professionals whom IIE serves are citizen ambassadors to host campuses, communities, and institutions worldwide. Whether visiting small towns in the American Midwest or the biggest cities of Southeast Asia, these world-travelers teach about their homes and gain new perspectives on the host community.

Regional centers across the United States bring Fulbrighters and IIE program participants and alumni into their local communities, offering networking events, advising, and more. IIE's international offices and colleagues in Fulbright commissions and affiliated institutions worldwide provide local advising, support, and social events for students and scholars in their regions.

Building Understanding Across Cultures

In 2005, Fulbright Fellows from nearly 150 countries joined together in a series of seven seminars across the United States to discuss important world issues and trends. In each city, foreign Fulbright Students visited local classrooms, where they gained insight into U.S. student life and shared diverse facets of their own countries and cultures with the young American students. These activities, organized by IIE and funded by the U.S. Department of State, are designed to promote mutual understanding between people of the United States and the people of Fulbright partner countries.

International Resources for the Local Community

IIE serves as the face of international education to communities around the world. A scholar in Budapest or a college senior in Chicago is welcome to meet with IIE staff for on-the-ground information, advice, and materials about an enormous array of international education options. Distance advising is available by email and phone, while regular campus visits enable students and faculty to build relationships with the Institute and staff.

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Administering programs on international, national, regional, and local levels—all of which are tailored to the specific needs of their communities—IIE's offices promote global thinking.

IIE's Southern Regional Center engages Houston-area K-12 classrooms through the Cultural Navigators Project, which provides teachers with cultural artifacts and supporting materials through a series of "World Discovery Trunks." Using the trunks, more than 5,000 students in over 100 classrooms were able to take "virtual trips" to Brazil, China, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia in 2004–2005.

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IIE's Rocky Mountain Regional Center arranged site visits and community activities for Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows as part of a workshop on natural resource management with public officials and environmental leaders.

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