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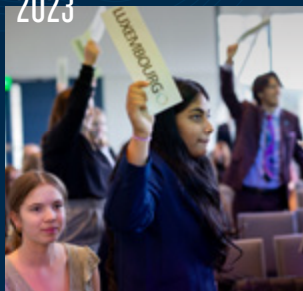


MODEL UNITED NATIONS

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CCWA'S CENTENNIAL | 1923-2023

100 Years of Global Engagement

IN 1923, after witnessing the horrors of the First World War, a group of local women sought to promote a more peaceful world through greater global understanding. They started an international study group which later developed into the Cleveland Council on World Affairs as we know it today. For a century, CCWA has brought diverse perspectives

on issues of international importance to Cleveland. Much of our programming is made possible by the support of our members and the generosity of our donors. To support our mission and help us continue to create meaningful global connections in our second century, please make a centennial gift on the newly-redesigned CCWA website at ccwa.org/support.

THE NEW CCWA.ORG "Sending a virtual 'high five' on CCWA's new website – it's both very beautiful and

A Century of Cultivating an International Community

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

The CCWA Annual Report highlights our 2022-2023 program year, in which we launched our centennial, a year-long celebration of our 100 years of global engagement. This milestone is an opportunity for CCWA to envision what the next century of global engagement in Cleveland will look like.

In the coming months, we will continue to celebrate this special birthday with a Civic Forum, a Centennial Gala, and a special centennial report documenting our storied history.

In the past year, as we emerged from the pandemic, building – or rebuilding – community through our programs was at the heart of our aspirations. CCWA was able to have greater impact in creating a globally-minded community because of our collaboration and partnerships.

Community-mindedness has been a focus of our entire first century during which CCWA has partnered with other organizations locally and globally and worked with our amazing members and volunteers. That same sense of community will launch us into our second century of global engagement.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of the CCWA family over the past year and century. Your support means the world to us!

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really well-done in terms of capturing and communicating the organization's key programs." – **SUMMER PARIS** COMMUNITY LIAISON, TRI-C

SPEAKER PROGRAMS



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LIANA FIX AT TRI-C



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN
OF COURAGE HONOREES

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The State of Global Food Security

CHASE SOVA

FORUMS & EVENTS

World Affairs Are Your Affairs

For the past 100 years, CCWA has brought us together for community conversations on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. We firmly believe that “world affairs are your affairs,” and bringing our community together to discuss these issues is at the heart of our mission. This past year, we engaged over 1,021 attendees at our Foreign Policy Forums, Cleveland Committee on Foreign Relations events, and programs hosted by our Young Professionals Advisory Committee.

FOCUS ON STUDENTS & YOUNG AUDIENCES |

We were excited to kick off our 2022-2023 season with our announcement that students can now attend our public Foreign Policy Forums for free, thanks to a generous donation from Dr. and Mrs. Wael and Sawssan Khoury.

“World affairs belong to everyone. Being able to welcome all students to CCWA programs for free really underscores that CCWA welcomes all voices to participate in these conversations,” reflect Wael and Sawssan on the impact of their gift.

During the 2022-2023 program year, a total of 398 students attended CCWA’s speaker forums. In addition, CCWA took 10 of our speakers to local schools to talk to students about world affairs.

Among some of the highlights was a visit by Liana Fix, a German Ukraine expert visiting the Ukrainian students at Tri-C, and one by Jeff Opperman from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) talking about global water issues at border zones to Beaumont School’s environmental science students.

BETTER TOGETHER |

This year, our Foreign Policy Forums were all about celebrating community connections, partnerships, and collaboration. We connected with the local business community through two global business events, one with Rich Kramer, CEO of Goodyear, and one with the Korea Economic Institute. We partnered with the Ukrainian Archives and Museum and Princeton Association of Northern Ohio to welcome former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch. We brought together local organizations leading Cleveland’s response to climate change for a conversation about international climate action. We partnered with the U.S. Department of State to have two distinguished International Women of Courage awardees share their amazing stories with our community, and we worked with the United Nations to host the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications for a talk on the role of the UN. Our heartfelt thank you to these and all other partners we worked with over the past year to bring globally relevant conversations to Cleveland.

TOP A CCWA newsletter insignia from the 1950s

SPEAKERS BY THE NUMBERS

1021 Program Attendees

18 Programs Presented

398 Students at Speaker Forums

10 Schools Visited

“Understanding the global context for events has always been a strong interest of mine. Listening to CCWA’s incredible speakers provided the chance to not only hear from experts on current international events, but to meet with other members of the community and hear their perspectives. Discussing the issues with other members and the speakers has helped me remain engaged with international affairs and see how they can have a tangible effect on the Cleveland community.”

REBECCA CAMBRON

2022-2023 POGUE FELLOW

PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS

Diplomacy Simulation
Participants **76**

Students Engaged
with Global Guides **16**

Young Professionals
Engaged in LEADS **14**

Global Competency
Workshop Attendees **38**

Global Competence
Assessments Given **340**

“By putting ourselves in the real-world positions of diplomats, advocates, and leaders, other students and I have a much better understanding of both the opportunities and significant obstacles involved with addressing global issues. I’m really grateful for CCWA’s enthusiasm in bringing these ideas into the classroom and helping us to become more globally minded.”

THERESA KRATT

STUDENT, SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY

DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WORKPLACE & CLASSROOM

Educational Programs Promote Ongoing Global Exploration

CCWA offers a suite of programs to engage local students, educators and young professionals in deepening their international knowledge and developing global perspectives. Learners of all ages find ways to explore their curiosity through CCWA’s global education programs.

GLOBAL GUIDES | During the 2022-2023 school year, we re-imagined our Bridges to the World program. This program offers professional development workshops for educators, and new this year, Global Guides curriculum units for bringing world affairs to classrooms and interactive diplomacy simulations for students facilitated by CCWA.

Local students had the opportunity to pilot two of our new Global Guides through interactive assignments, hands-on experiences, and engaging content. The students explored “Climate Change as an International Crisis,” and learned, among other things, about Kiribati, the first country at risk of being swallowed up by rising sea levels as a result of climate change. They also learned about the work of the United Nations and explored the challenges of balancing economic recovery, community-building, security, and governance needs during a peacekeeping operation.

DIPLOMACY SIMULATIONS | During the 2022-2023 school year, CCWA engaged local and international students in diplomacy simulations exploring negotiation, diplomacy and conflict resolution in practice. “My students enjoyed the diplomacy simulation, though were quite frustrated because they

realized how difficult it can be to come to a resolution! I am so happy we participated in this experience,” reflects Maggie Mueller, a science teacher from Beaumont School, about incorporating the diplomacy simulation into her environmental science class curriculum. The diplomacy simulation gave her students a wider perspective and context for how lessons learned in the classroom relate to international relations and global issues.

LEADS FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS | Fourteen local young professionals participated in CCWA’s Leadership, Exchange and Diplomacy Scholars (LEADS) program in fall 2022. These emerging leaders learned about Cleveland in the global economy, explored their own leadership styles, heard from changemakers around the world about social and political change in different countries, learned about diplomacy, and explored strategies for cross-cultural communication. “My eyes were opened to how cultural differences play a part in our daily lives. After diving deeper into my own communication style and culture, I feel I have a better understanding of how a miscommunication can be handled — whether it’s involving me directly or those I’m supervising,” reflects Bre Ganuelas-Tischler on her experience.

GLOBAL EDUCATION



LEADS FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



YPAC GLOBAL GAUNTLET



GLOBAL GUIDES

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CCWA's Young Professionals Advisory Committee is a body of young professionals who support CCWA in its efforts to engage young professionals and students in our programming.

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"I have had amazing opportunities to meet young professionals from Europe and Africa. These experiences have been insightful and I'm excited for what's to come."

VITO GIANNOLA
YPAC MEMBER

MODEL UN



AWARD WINNERS AT THE SPRING CONFERENCE



MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE



GROUP DELIBERATIONS



DELEGATES TAKE A VOTE

"Model UN allowed me to step out of my comfort zone, encouraging me to be the best version of myself."

CAM FALES

MODEL UN PARTICIPANT
AVON HIGH SCHOOL

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Global Conferences Inspire Local Students

A total of 1,563 high school and middle school students stepped in the shoes of diplomats representing countries from Finland to Fiji and worked together to find resolutions to global challenges at CCWA's Model UN conferences.

Model UN opens up a world of possibilities for local students: "Having high quality Model UN conferences this close to home gives my students an opportunity to participate in MUN that they would not have otherwise," reflects Matt Kish, Model UN advisor at North Royalton High School. "The interaction with other Model UN students and CCWA staff is a tremendous experiential learning opportunity for the students. The conferences have encouraged several of my students to look into careers in law, political science, or public policy, where they did

not consider them otherwise. CCWA MUN, simply put, helps open student minds."

In the past year, more than 1,500 students from across the greater Cleveland area have worked together to find resolutions to complex international challenges at MUN conferences. Students discussed topics such as "enhancing education and public awareness on climate change" and "battling resource scarcity in conflict zones." During the 2022-2023 school year, CCWA engaged students from 52 schools through our five Model UN conferences.



PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS

1563 Model UN Participants

52 Schools Sent MUN Students

24 Workshops for Students & Teachers

"I was very proud to be the Model UN advisor for a team made up entirely of English Learners. Many of my students represented the very country they immigrated from. My students worked incredibly hard to prepare and compete with their peers. They gained confidence, a much greater vocabulary, and a sense of agency as they spoke about issues that matter to them. My students deserve a seat at the table. Their voices deserve to be heard. Model UN and CCWA passed them the mic."

REBEKAH JOY HARPER

CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN
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BRINGING THE WORLD TO CLEVELAND

International Visitors Offer Vital Perspective

It is powerful to witness community leaders, innovators, and activists from around the world coming together with their counterparts in Cleveland to learn from one another and talk about how they are going to change the world for the better.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES | During the 2022-2023 program year, CCWA hosted groups on promoting diversity, equity and inclusion, strengthening the rule of law, advancing human rights, promoting sustainability, innovation in education, and more. In total, we hosted 476 visitors from 158 countries through exchanges sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

Last summer, members of the Roma community in Hungary came to Cleveland to learn about minority community advocacy and to share their struggle to fight for their rights in their country. In October, we hosted our first youth exchange program since the pandemic and welcomed eight high school students from Senegal on a program focusing on youth leadership

and environmentalism. In December, 92 Fulbright scholars from around the world gathered in Cleveland to learn about environmental justice and to share their vision for a more resilient and sustainable future for the planet. In April, we hosted independent journalists from Cameroon, who learned about countering misinformation and experienced a warm Midwest welcome by our citizen diplomats.

CCWA's Citizen Diplomats are the heart and soul of our exchange programs. These local individuals and families open their homes and their hearts to welcome international visitors from around the world. This year, a record number of Citizen Diplomats hosted international exchange participants for dinner or overnight stay.

FOR MORE ON INTERNATIONAL VISITORS, SEE THE IMPACT SECTION ON THE NEXT PAGE

PROGRAMS BY THE NUMBERS

476 International Visitors

158 Countries Represented

191 Citizen Diplomats

"These exchanges allow us to grow, creating wonderful opportunities to share, learn, open our minds, and expand our world view, which is especially true for our young children. These experiences enrich our home by celebrating the beauty of different cultures and help make the world a little more connected. Many thanks to all the staff at CCWA for continuing to help bring these lovely people into our home!"

JOHANNA HAMM

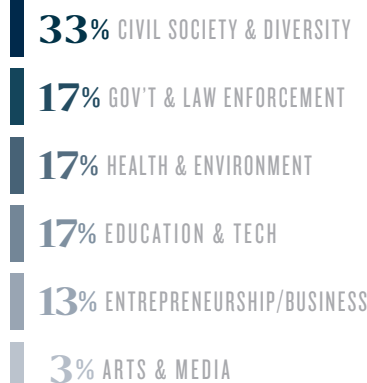
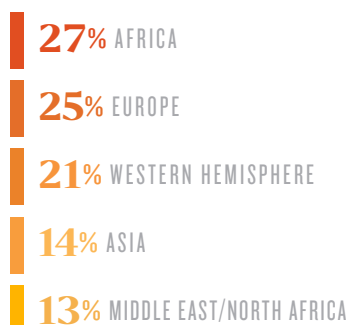
CCWA CITIZEN DIPLOMAT

THE COUNCIL'S IMPACT



CCWA BY THE NUMBERS

Committed to Community, Locally and Globally



INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TOPICS

Select topics of CCWA-hosted Internal Visitor Leadership Program exchanges included:

- Entrepreneurship as the Engine of Prosperity and Stability
- Youth Volunteerism and Civic Engagement
- Combating Climate Change
- Regional Responses to Refugee and Migration Issues
- Education in the Digital Age
- Legal Protections for Victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Addressing the Needs of Underserved and At-Risk Youth
- Countering Holocaust Denial and Antisemitism to Combat Racism & Identity-Based Hate
- Higher Education: Innovation and Opportunities for Partnership

2022-2023 KEY FIGURES

1021
FORUM ATTENDEES
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18
PROGRAMS
presented as part of
our speaker series

476
GLOBAL VISITORS
from 158 countries took
part in exchanges



CARINA VAN VLIET MODERATING



ENGAGE! CLEVELAND
GENERATION NEXT AWARD

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Strong leadership has helped CCWA adapt, endure, and grow for almost a century. In their work, our staff and board continue to embody our founding principles.

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CITIZEN DIPLOMATS
created meaningful
global connections

340
ASSESSMENTS
in global competence
given by CCWA

1563
STUDENTS
engaged with the world at
Model UN conferences

63
SCHOOLS
partnered with CCWA
in educational programs



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Oberlin College
Ohio Attorney General's Office

Ohio EPA
Ohio State University
Ohio Statehouse News Bureau
Partnership for a Safer Cleveland
Peacemakers Alliance
Port of Cleveland
Princeton Association of
Northern Ohio
Rachel Dissell
Recovery Resources
Refresh Collective
Representative Bride Rose Sweeney
Rid-All Green Partnership
Signal Cleveland
Society of Professional Journalists
Sustainable Cleveland
The Center for Community Solutions
The Citizens League of Greater
Cleveland
The City Club of Cleveland
The Cleveland Foundation
The Refugee Response &
Ohio City Farm

The Sherwin-Williams Company
The Urban League of Greater Cleveland
Tucker Ellis
Two Cafe and Boutique Foundation
U.S. Coast Guard
U.S. Committee for Refugees and
Immigrants
U.S. Department of State Bureau of
African Affairs
Ukrainian Museum - Archives
United States Attorney's Office
Northern District of Ohio
Upcycle Parts Shop
Urban Squash
Ursuline College
Dean Valore
Voice of America
Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging
Western Reserve Historical Society
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from all around the globe,
from all walks of life, and
speaking many languages.
International visitors help you
see the humanity of the world."*

LINDA ROBERTSON, CITIZEN DIPLOMAT

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