



OPEN WORLD

LEADERSHIP CENTER

OPEN WORLD FAST FACTS For Presenters and Host Families

- The Open World Leader Center (OWLC) is an **independent** government agency of the **United States Congress**.
- OWLC administers and funds the **Open World** program, an exchange and partnership program designed to enhance understanding and cooperation between Eurasian and American leaders.
- The Open World program builds the groundwork for enduring cooperation by bringing emerging **Eurasian government and civic leaders** to the United States to work with their American counterparts during 10-day professional visits and facilitates continued relations through an alumni network.
- OWLC **awards grants** to U.S. non-profit and educational organizations, who partner with community-based civic and service organizations to provide local hosting and programming for the Open World delegates.
- The Open World program provides thousands of American community leaders in hundreds of congressional districts the opportunity to serve as **citizen diplomats**.
- Through hosts and grantees, the Open World program provides delegates first hand experience with American community life, accountable governance, and democratic values.
- OWLC currently conducts programs for delegates from the Caucasus, Central Asia, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine.
- OWLC has hosted nearly **18,000 Eurasian leaders** in all 50 states since 1999.
- More than half of Open World delegates meet with **Members of Congress** or their staff.
- The average age of Open World delegates is **38**; over half are women.
- More than half of Open World delegates have been **federal, regional, or local government** officials.
- For more information, please visit www.openworld.gov or find the Open World Leadership Center on Facebook and follow OWLC on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/OWprogram>.