

NH Communities Changing the World



2018 Annual Report

Message from the Executive Director



Throughout 2018, WACNH reached out across the state and welcomed new program participants from many communities. If you have only recently joined us, you may not know that WACNH is one of over 90 local Councils nationwide, established over 60 years ago by a group of dedicated citizens with support from the Foreign Policy Association. WACNH's founders knew that the possibility of worldwide peace and prosperity would only be achieved if individual U.S. citizens were actively engaged in world affairs. To this end, the Council gives NH's citizens the opportunity to understand international issues by providing live, in person exchanges with distinguished experts, statesmen, scholars, and international visitors in a non-partisan setting.

Over the course of last year, in collaboration with Southern New Hampshire University and many colleague organizations, WACNH provided accessible programs that shed light on an array of issues, including strife in the Middle East, climate change, refugees, and the threat of pandemics, to name just a few.

In 2018 WACNH was selected by Global Ties US to pilot its Citizens Exchange program, bringing foreign leaders together with their New Hampshire counterparts to discuss common challenges and share effective solutions. Topics have included legislative processes and challenges for women-owned businesses. In 2019, the Council will continue to participate in this pilot program, looking to help expand it to others.

In this time of turbulent change and profound uncertainty in foreign affairs, it is good to remember the wisdom and purpose of the WACNH founders, honoring the value of citizen participation in global affairs. Thanks to our program participants, community partners, members, volunteers, and benefactors, we've continued to deliver high quality, accessible, and uniquely meaningful programs. I hope you will join us in celebrating what we accomplished, and look ahead with excitement and determination as we continue to serve the citizens of New Hampshire in 2019 and the years to come.

Yours truly,

Tim Horgan

WACNH Executive Director

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GLOBAL CITIZENS

653 individuals attended World Affairs Council of New Hampshire's events in 2018. Overall events saw an attendance of 1,256 people engaging in our work.



22 TOTAL EVENTS

Held on topics including nuclear war, K-Pop, global healthcare systems, international diplomacy, and elections. Speakers came from top think tanks and universities including Harvard, The Iran Project, UNH, and Tufts University.



30 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

WACNH worked with 28 different community partners to spread the effects of our programming beyond our membership. Working with groups like the Fulbright Association, the Union of Concerned Scientists, SNHU, and UNH Manchester to ensure the wider community learns about these global issues.



4 DOCUMENTARY FILMS

In partnership with Red River Theatres, the Lantos Foundation, and Combatants for Peace, WACNH premiered 4 documentary films in 2018. They covered issues of foreign policy, international protests, and the impacts of war.



100+ STUDENTS ENGAGED

WACNH Speaker events reached out to over 100 high school and university students, helping to prepare the next generation of global citizens.



Speaker Events

The World Affairs Council of New Hampshire strives to bring experts on international topics to the state to provide unbiased, accurate information about top global issues. In today's day and age, where people do not know where to get facts they can trust, WACNH provides a vital service to the state. From discussions on the realities behind the Iran Nuclear Deal to the dangers of global pandemics, members and attendees know they will receive the facts and can engage in dialogue to better their understanding of these important issues.



Liisa Rajala of NHBR asks a question at WACNH Event with Ambassador Thomas Pickering



International Visitor Leadership Program

As the only US Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program Partner in the state, WACNH is proud to provide customized itineraries for visiting dignitaries through this program. In 2018, the Council facilitated 224 meetings for 276 international visitors on a wide range of important topics, including transparency, domestic violence prevention, judicial reform, and others. Almost 180 different organizations volunteered their time to share their experiences with these groups, engaging over 300 NH professionals in in-depth discussions. 28 families opened their homes, and hearts, to our groups, providing a strong cultural experience for each and every group. Many of our hosts were able to visit previous group members in their home countries later on. Finally, five high school classrooms benefited from meeting directly with international guests, not only learning about other cultures, but sharing about what life is like as a teenager in NH.



An IVLP Visitor uses an Impact Drill for the First Time at "Girls At Work"

2018 Line Item	INCOME	EXPENSE
Contributions and Grants	\$182,336	\$0
Program Services /Other Revenue	\$51,169	\$195,808
Net Investment Income	\$4,901	\$0
All Other Expenses	\$0	\$30,852
TOTAL	\$238,406	\$226,660
NET	\$11,746	-
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	(\$7,987)	-
Fund Balance Dec 31, 2018	\$240,398	-

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Academic WorldQuest

On March 11, 2018 twelve teams of four students each came together in the culminating event of the New Hampshire Academic WorldQuest. Teams started studying for this Global Trivia Challenge late in 2017, preparing to test their knowledge against other top schools. After a grueling ten rounds of questions, St. Thomas Aquinas came out victorious, winning a trip to Washington, DC to compete in the national competition. In addition to learning more about international facts, the students learn to be discerning consumers of international news and how to be engaged global citizens.



82% of Students agreed that they learned new perspectives about global issues through AWQ.



86% of AWQ participants indicated they gained the motivation to study international affairs due to this program



66% of students plan to participate in a Study Abroad Program while in High School or College, due, in part, to their competing in AWQ.

"I like to stay educated on world issues & it's fun to do it in a club format with friends."

-AWQ Participant





Left to Right: Larry Buonopane, Fang Lu, Carolyn Hollman, and Larry Welch at WACNH Annual Meeting



Left to Right: Charlie Bickford, Norm Turcotte, and Andy Supplee at WACNH Annual Meeting



Left to Right: Michael DeLucia, Amb Thomas Pickering Ann Ackerman, Dan Vallone, and Willem deVries at Global Tipping Points event



WACNH Board President presents the President's Award to Carola Gouse for her service to the Council.

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