



European School Administrator Program Agenda

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October 23-November 3, 2016

Washington, D.C. Program

Embassy Row Hotel
2015 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Welcome and Introductions

3:00-6:30pm

International Arrival and Registration

Embassy Row Hotel, Ballroom Foyer

7:00-8:00pm

Welcome Reception, Introductions, and Dinner

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

Fellows from participating countries will have the opportunity to meet each other, ECA, and IREX staff.

Remarks by:

Jen Gibson and Michael Kuban, *Teacher Exchange Branch, U.S. Department of State*

Mariya Chetyrkina, *Acting Project Director, Education Practice, IREX*

Linda Robertson, *Director, Gerald R. Read Center for International and Intercultural Education, Kent State University*

Monday, October 24, 2016

Theme: Overview of National Policies & Climate of Refugee and Immigrant Integration

8:00-9:00am

Breakfast

Embassy Row Hotel, Roosevelt Room

9:00-9:30am

Welcome Remarks

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

Remarks by:

Anthony Koliha, *Director, Office of Global Educational Programs, U.S. Department of State*

Kristin Lord, *President and CEO, IREX*

9:30-11:00am

Understanding and Framing Migration Issues on a National Level Panel and Q&A

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

Each speaker will present for 15 minutes on the topics indicated below. They will then participate in a moderated panel discussion, including Q&A time.



Remarks by:

Kelly Gauger, *Deputy Director, Office of U.S. Refugee Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, U.S. Department of State*

Topic: Overview of US Government refugee and immigrant foreign policy & public policy

Representative, *Department of Education (TBD)*

Topic: Overview of US education system and departments' assistance to communities working with immigrants

Anastasia Brown, *Director, Division of Refugee Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

Topic: Overview of refugee integration assistance

Moderator:

Michael Kuban, *Senior Program Officer, Teacher Exchange Branch, U.S. Department of State*

11:00-11:15am

Coffee break

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

11:15am-12:45pm

Program Overview, Expectations, and Sharing

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

Facilitators will discuss the program learning arc and frame the upcoming meetings, site visits and sessions in context of the overall program goals. Fellows will share and discuss the varying strengths, challenges and strategies they have experienced when supporting refugee, immigrant, minority, and at-risk youth in their home communities.

Facilitators:

Linda Robertson, *Director, Gerald R. Read Center for International and Intercultural Education, Kent State University*

Stanley Currier, *Senior Program Officer, IREX*

Whitney Hough, *Program Officer, IREX*

12:45-1:45pm

Lunch

Embassy Row Hotel, Roosevelt Room

1:45-3:00pm

Keynote Speech and Q&A

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

Remarks by:

Eskinder Negash, *Senior VP for Global Engagement, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants*

Topic: Comparative Overview of Refugee Resettlement in Europe and the US

3:00-5:00pm

Migration Policy Institute Site Visit

Migration Policy Institute

1400 16th St NW #300, Washington, DC 20036

Remarks by:

Dr. Julie Sugarman, *Policy Analyst, National Center of Immigrant Integration Policy*

Topic: English Language Learning Education in the US: Framing the Issues

5:00-6:30pm

DC Monument City Tour

6:30-8:00pm

Cultural Dinner

Daily Grill



Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Theme: Public/Private Partnerships & Practical Tools for Education Officials

8:00-9:00am

Breakfast + Reflection

Embassy Row Hotel, Roosevelt Room

Facilitator:

Linda Robertson, *Director, Gerald R. Ford Center for International and Intercultural Education, Kent State University*

9:00-10:15am

Community Facilitator Presentation and Discussion: Parent Engagement

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

Remarks by:

Dr. Marina Aleixo, *Program Director of International Initiatives, College of Education, and Human Development, University of Minnesota Twin Cities*

10:15-11:30am

Community Facilitator Presentation and Discussion: Cross-Cultural Education, Adjustment, and Support

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

Remarks by:

Myrna Ann Adkins, *President Emeritus, Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning*

11:45-12:30pm

Presentation and Q&A with Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL)

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

Fellows will learn about the work that CAL does in the community and the resources that they provide to educators through a short overview of the organization, followed by Q&A.

Remarks by:

Sanja Bebic, *Director, Cultural Orientation Resource Center, Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL)*

Moderator:

IREX Representative

12:45-2:15pm

The Brookings Institution Site Visit and Lunch

Brookings Institution

1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

This site visit, structured as a roundtable discussion, will offer an open forum for information exchange on the program topic areas.

Remarks by:

Bruce Katz, *Vice President, The Brookings Institution*

3:00-5:00pm

Educational Resources for Creating Welcoming Environments and Supporting Cultural and Religious Tolerance in Schools

Panel Discussion and Q&A

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

This panel will include presentations and discussion by representatives from innovative organizations that teach about empathy, peacebuilding, religion, inclusivity, and conflict resolution through curriculum and other tools. Each panelist will present for 15 minutes, followed by a moderated Q & A session.

Remarks by:

Alison Milofsky, *Director of Curriculum and Training Design, United States Institute of Peace*



Helen Bond, *Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Howard University*

Dawnya Underwood, *Deputy Director, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service*

Jaime Duckett, *Children's Services Specialist, US Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Christopher Murray, *Teacher, Walter Johnson High School, Montgomery County Public Schools*

Moderator:

Linda Robertson, *Director, Gerald R. Read Center for International and Intercultural Education, Kent State University*

6:00–8:00pm

Small Group Dinners

Boveda and Lauriol Plaza

Denver and Minneapolis groups will dine separately with their city facilitators to informally discuss the city-specific agendas and learn more about the upcoming visits.

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Theme: School Visits and Concept Application

7:00–8:00am

Breakfast + Reflection

Embassy Row Hotel, Roosevelt Room

Facilitator:

Linda Robertson, *Director, Gerald R. Read Center for International and Intercultural Education, Kent State University*

9:00-11:30am

Columbia Heights School Visits + Meeting with School Administrators

Columbia Heights Educational Campus (1/2 the group)

3101 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20010

Briya Public Charter School (1/2 the group)

2333 Ontario Rd NW, Washington DC 20009

12:00-2:00pm

Montgomery County School Visit + Meeting with School Administrators

Eastern Middle School

300 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, MD 20901

2:30-4:00pm

Montgomery College Refugee Center Site Visit

Montgomery College, Silver Spring Campus

7995 Georgia Ave. CF 251, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Remarks by:

Kimberly Brown, *Instructional Services Director, Montgomery College*

4:30-5:30pm

Debrief and Application

Silver Spring Civic Center, Colesville Room

1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Facilitators:

Linda Robertson, *Director, Gerald R. Read Center for International and Intercultural Education, Kent State University*

Stanley Currier, *Senior Program Officer, IREX*

Whitney Hough, *Program Officer, IREX*



6:00-8:00pm

**Holistic Community Integration
Dinner and Discussions**

Silver Spring Civic Center, Fenton Room
1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Fellows will interact with representatives from community organizations in Silver Spring and surrounding areas that work to holistically resettle families into their new communities. Representatives will introduce themselves and provide a short overview of their organization's mission before the dinner begins.

Thursday, October 27, 2016

Travel Day

6:00am

Departures to Host Communities
Denver/Minneapolis

Afternoon

City-Specific Programming
Denver/Minneapolis

Friday, October 28, 2016 - Monday, October 31, 2016

Host Community Programming



Tuesday, November 01, 2016

Theme: Reflection and Sharing

Morning

Travel to Washington, D.C.

2:00-6:30pm

Hotel Check-In and Free Time

Embassy Row Hotel, Ballroom Foyer

6:30-8:00pm

Dinner + City Experience Sharing

Embassy Row Hotel, Roosevelt Room

Fellows will informally present to each other an overview of the meetings and site visits they had in each city, as well as their main takeaways from the visits.

Facilitators:

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Stanley Currier, *Senior Program Officer, IREX*

Whitney Hough, *Program Officer, IREX*

Wednesday, November 02, 2016

Theme: Processing and Action Planning

7:30-8:30am

Breakfast

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Ballroom

8:30-9:30am

Host City Reflection, Discussion, and Analysis

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10:30am-12:00pm

Debrief and Discussion at the U.S. Department of State

State Room 1408, Harry S. Truman Building, 2200 C St., NW

Remarks by:

Mala Adiga, *Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State*

Larry Bartlett, *Director, Office for U.S. Refugee Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration*

Ben Ziff, *Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs*

12:30-1:30pm

Lunch

Embassy Row Hotel, Roosevelt Room



1:30-3:30pm

Action Planning

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Fellows will work individually and in groups to plan how insights from their discussions and reflections throughout the program can be used and shared upon return home.

Facilitator:

Linda Robertson, Director, *Gerald R. Read Center for International and Intercultural Education, Kent State University*

3:30-4:00pm

Coffee Break

Embassy Row Hotel, Ballroom Foyer

4:00-5:30pm

Closing Speech and Q&A

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Remarks by:

Dr. Sarah Dryden-Peterson, *Associate Professor of Education, Harvard University*

Topic: Looking Forward: The Future of Refugee and Immigrant Education

Moderator:

IREX Representative

6:00-8:00pm

Closing Dinner

Vidalia

Thursday, November 03, 2016

Travel Day

9:30-10:30am

Check Out

Embassy Row Hotel, Admirals Room A

10:30-12:00pm

Optional Final Brunch and Q&A with Linda Robertson, IREX, and U.S. Department of State

Embassy Row Hotel, Roosevelt Room

2:30pm

Airport Departures