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# Rotary OW Hosting Request Form

*Please complete the form and send it in a Word format to Rotary International at* *natalia.kunzer@rotary.org* *by Tuesday, 22 August 2023, or sooner.*

Instructions: The information provided in this form will be used by the Congressional Office for International Leadership and its logistical contractor to finalize programming plans, hosting dates and identify Open World participants that will be best suited to the program you are planning.

***SECTION I***: **Host Information**

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| **Host Local Rotary District or Club or Rotaract Club**: **Zone & District**:  | **Primary Contact Name**:  |
| **Contact Information** |
| **Address** (Street address):  | **City**:  | **State**:  | **Zip Code**:  |
| **Phones** (Home):  | (**Work**):  | (**Mobile**):  |
| **Email**:  |  |
| Grantee Organization:**Rotary International** | **Congressional District**:  | Are you providing nominations (Y/N?):N |
| **Local Airport preference** *(it doesn’t have to be international because delegates will be traveling from Washington, D.C.)*:  |

***SECTION II:* Program Information**

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| **Preferred Hosting Dates/Months** (please see pp. 2-5):  | **Theme/Sub-theme**:  |
| **Preferred Home Region(s) of Delegates** (if applicable) country & city/region:  | **Preferred Type of Delegates**:  |
| **Please provide a general description of the proposed program** (2-3 paragraphs):  |
| **Please provide a list of several meetings/activities to be included in the program including name and/or organization to be visited and purpose of the meeting**:  |

**Open World Program**

* Each civic theme group is formed of 6 participants (5 delegates and 1 facilitator).
* Duration of each hosting is 8 days and nights, including one weekend.
* Clubs’ collaborations are welcomed.
* A local Rotary host coordinator will lead the program locally and will be responsible for all program-related tasks.
* The program operates on a reimbursement basis. RI will reimburse the host Rotary or Rotaract club(s) or district for hosting expenses in accordance with RI Open World grant guidelines.

**Open World 2024**

**Overview**:

The program allows American leaders and their counterparts from the following participating countries to engage in meaningful and unfiltered dialogue: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

Counterparts engage constructively with one another in a manner that complements the U.S. Congress’s legislative diplomacy efforts on timely issues such as e-governance, young leadership development, entrepreneurship, health and social services delivery, education, environment, and the rule of law. The principles of accountability, transparency, and citizen involvement in government are among the concepts emphasized by the Open World program. The program also emphasizes the importance and impact of the legislative process on every aspect of society. Collaboration with foreign legislatures, governments and emerging leaders is a part of Congress’ Article 1 foreign policy oversight function and its conduct of legislative diplomacy.

COIL will give greater weight to those 2023 hosting proposals that (a) give delegates significant exposure to federal, state, county, and local legislators; the structure and functions of legislatures; and the legislative process; (b) include planned meeting(s) with relevant Members of Congress and their staff; (c) are likely to produce new partnerships or further existing ones; (d) include specific follow-on project activities and significant projected results, such as plans for substantive future reverse travel;1 (e) include collaborative programming with American young professionals organizations; and (f) provide for significant cost-sharing of program expenses. Some hosting proposals will be judged specifically for their ability to program as described in (a) above, especially in a state capital when the state legislature is in session (usually the first three months of the year).

Overall, the Open World program focuses on developing an international leadership network through which professional counterparts with mutual interests are able to consult and cooperate with each other on issues affecting their communities. Reflecting its identity as a U.S. legislative branch entity, COIL ensures that all delegations receive significant exposure to the role and procedures of American legislative bodies. As part of this focus, COIL asks local host organizations to set up meetings with Members of Congress, congressional staff, and state, county, and local legislators and their staff members, so that delegates can review functions such as lawmaking, legislative oversight, and constituent relations with officials engaged in these activities. Delegates should also learn about the effect of legislation on their exchange’s assigned theme.

Please mark a few choices (in case your first selection isn’t available, we’ll have an alternative or two).

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| **US Arrival Date** | **Hosting Week in Local Community** | **Country** | **Theme** | **Your Selection** |
| 16-Jan-24 | 18-24 January | Kosovo | Parliamentary Staffers: Legislation and Parliamentary Oversight  |  |
| 24-Jan-24 | 26 Jan - 3 Feb | Estonia | Transparency in Governance |  |
| 24-Jan-24 | 26 Jan - 3 Feb | Estonia | Municipal Leadership and Community Engagement |  |
| 24-Jan-24 | 26 Jan - 3 Feb | Lithuania | Regional and Municipal Leaders and Climate Change |  |
| 24-Jan-24 | 26 Jan - 3 Feb | Ukraine | Fighting Disinformation |  |
| 24-Jan-24 | 26 Jan - 3 Feb | Ukraine | Higher Education/Impact of War |  |
| 24-Jan-24 | 26 Jan - 3 Feb | Ukraine | Sr. Level Public Communications |  |
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| 30-Jan-24 |  | Uzbekistan | \* Members of Parliament |  |
| 27-Feb-24 |  | Moldova | Members of Parliament |  |
| 27-Feb-24 |  | Ukraine | Members of Parliament |  |
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| 13-Mar-24 | 15-23 Mar | North Macedonia | Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Officials: Euroscepticism and Foreign Malign Influence  |  |
| 13-Mar-24 | 15-23 Mar | Ukraine | Serving Children/Time of War |  |
| 13-Mar-24 | 15-23 Mar | Ukraine | Veterans/Victims of War (State/VA) |  |
| 13-Mar-24 | 15-23 Mar | Ukraine | Veterans/Victims of War (State/VA) |  |
| 3-Apr-24 | 5-13 Apr | Latvia | Rule of Law |  |
| 3-Apr-24 | 5-13 Apr | Ukraine | Rule of Law - High Anti-Corruption Court (Boston) |  |
| 3-Apr-24 | 5-13 Apr | Ukraine | Rule of Law - Processing War Crimes |  |
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| 9-Apr-24 |  | Armenia | Members of Parliament |  |
| 9-Apr-24 |  | Kazakhstan | Members of Parliament |  |
| 9-Apr-24 |  | Georgia | \* Parliamentary Staffers |  |
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| 24-Apr-24 | 26 Apr - 4 May | Kyrgyzstan | The Creative Economy |  |
| 24-Apr-24 | 26 Apr - 4 May | Tajikistan | Information and Communications Technology in Business and Security |  |
| 24-Apr-24 | 26 Apr - 4 May | Tajikistan | Social Media Influencers & Civic Engagement |  |
| 24-Apr-24 | 26 Apr - 4 May | Turkmenistan | University Self-Sustainability/ University Partnerships  |  |
| 24-Apr-24 | 26 Apr - 4 May | Turkmenistan | Independent Journalists |  |
| 24-Apr-24 | 26 Apr - 4 May | Uzbekistan | Sustainable & Green Mass Urban Transit  |  |
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| 7-May-24 |  | Poland | Members of Parliament |  |
| 7-May-24 |  | Serbia | Members of Parliament |  |
| 4-Jun-24 |  | Indonesia | Members of Parliament |  |
| 4-Jun-24 |  | Vietnam | Members of Parliament |  |
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| 12-Jun-24 | 14-22 Jun | Hungary | Rule of Law |  |
| 12-Jun-24 | 14-22 Jun | Mongolia | Rule of Law: Judges |  |
| 12-Jun-24 | 14-22 Jun | Armenia | Rule of Law: Legal Reasoning and Writing Skills  |  |
| 12-Jun-24 | 14-22 Jun | Mongolia | Rule of Law: Prosecutors |  |
| 10-Jul-24 | 12-20 Jul | Georgia | Best Practices in the Publishing Industry |  |
| 10-Jul-24 | 12-20 Jul | Georgia | Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development |  |
| 10-Jul-24 | 12-20 Jul | Georgia | Woman Activism/Inclusivity |  |
| 10-Jul-24 | 12-20 Jul | Armenia | Cultural Heritage Preservation |  |
| 10-Jul-24 | 12-20 Jul | Latvia | Cybersecurity |  |
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| 16-Jul-24 |  | Solomon Islands | Members of Parliament |  |
| 16-Jul-24 |  | Vanuatu | Members of Parliament |  |
| 10-Sep-24 |  | Lithuania | Members of Parliament |  |
| 10-Sep-24 |  | North Macedonia | Members of Parliament |  |
| 10-Sep-24 |  | Ukraine | Members of Parliament |  |
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| 25-Sep-24 | 27 Sep - 5 Oct | Kosovo | Effective Local Governance |  |
| 25-Sep-24 | 27 Sep - 5 Oct | Azerbaijan | Strengthening Political Think Tanks |  |
| 25-Sep-24 | 27 Sep - 5 Oct | Poland | City Mayors |  |
| 25-Sep-24 | 27 Sep - 5 Oct | Poland | Refugee Integration |  |
| 25-Sep-24 | 27 Sep - 5 Oct | Romania | Local Libraries as Community Hubs |  |
| 25-Sep-24 | 27 Sep - 5 Oct | Romania | Cybersecurity |  |
| 9-Oct-24 | 11-19 Oct | Moldova | Rule of Law: Criminal and Civil Forfeiture  |  |
| 30-Oct-24 | 1-9 Nov | Central Asian Regional (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) | Water Management |  |
| 30-Oct-24 | 1-9 Nov | Tajikistan | Climate Change |  |
| 30-Oct-24 | 1-9 Nov | Turkmenistan | Reduction of Methane Emissions  |  |
| 30-Oct-24 | 1-9 Nov | Uzbekistan | Environmentalism: Preventing Desertification  |  |
| 6-Nov-24 | 8-16 Nov | Ukraine | Veterans/Victims of War (State/VA) |  |
| 6-Nov-24 | 8-16 Nov | Ukraine | Veterans/Victims of War (State/VA) |  |
| 6-Nov-24 | 8-16 Nov | Ukraine | Energy Independence |  |
| 6-Nov-24 | 8-16 Nov | Ukraine | Cybersecurity in the Energy Sector |  |
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| 6-Nov-24 |  | Hungary | Parliamentary Staffers |  |
| 3-Dec-24 |  | Azerbaijan | Members of Parliament |  |
| 3-Dec-24 |  | Mongolia | Members of Parliament |  |

\* Open World Programs for Members of Parliament and Parliamentary Staffers typically have a shorter duration – 6 days instead of 8. These programs should also be hosted in or near a State Capitol in order to have access to sufficient resources to build a strong program.

If you and your club are interested to host one of these delegations, please reach out to Natalia.Kunzer@rotary.org and we will provide details for each of these programs.

If your club is interested in the program, please contact Rotary’s Open World Program Officer at natalia.kunzer@rotary.org or at (847) 946-5664.