

One To World Appoints new Executive Director

Deepesh Dhingra joins international education-focused non-profit from Metropolitan Museum of Art

New York, NY (July 1, 2024) – One To World has appointed Deepesh Dhingra, a leader at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as its new executive director. Dhingra has more than ten years of experience with One To World – first as a participant, then later serving as an alumnus Global Guide (through which he introduced local K-12 students to global education), and then joining the Board of Directors in 2020. Dhingra brings a wealth of experience in non-profit management and program development, as well as a deep passion for One To World’s mission, to this role.

One To World engages the almost 100,000 international students studying in the New York area (including over 800 Fulbright grantees) through programs that create understanding and build positive relationships between these unofficial ambassadors from all over the world and local residents. Its programs provide a unique opportunity for U.S. residents and international students to engage on an intimate level: having dinner inside local homes, sharing culture and experiences in the classroom, volunteering their time together through community service projects, and more.

Born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya, Dhingra’s career trajectory focused originally on construction, including tenures at Concept Construction Services, INC. in NYC and Schneider Electric, specializing in data center design. With a growing passion for education, Dhingra began applying his construction skills to the non-profit education sphere, starting as a volunteer at Liberty Science Center, before rising to Manager of Special Exhibits, where he designed over 100 STEAM installations. Most recently, he served as Buildings Manager at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, overseeing some of the premier institution’s displays, as well as honing his skills as an administrator and supervisor.

“Deepesh Dhingra’s leadership and passion for international education and non-profit service will be a tremendous asset to One To World,” said Creighton Condon, chair of the board of One To World. “His innovative approach and commitment to international education align perfectly with our mission to build bridges and inspire the next generation of global leaders.”

Dhingra noted: “I am honored to continue my journey at One To World, where education and intercultural understanding converge to inspire curiosity and discovery. I look forward to furthering our mission through programs and services that build meaningful relationships and foster a community that can change the world.”

About One To World: Established in 1977, One To World was founded by a group of foreign student advisers committed to building bridges between international students on campus and the broader New York community. One To world’s mission is to advance global cooperation by fostering intercultural understanding through face-to-face experiences among local communities, international students and Fulbright scholars. One To World has three core areas of work: 1) enrichment programs for international students and Fulbright scholars to ensure they are successful, engaged, and supported during their time in the U.S.; 2) professional development for staff at academic institutions in New York to increase their capacity to support international students; and 3) workshops for underresourced, K-12 students in New York City –

entitled *Global Classroom* – that provide youth with meaningful opportunities to build their knowledge of and appreciation for other cultures. Together, these programs foster curiosity, mutual respect, inclusion, and community for a better world.

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