



One To World

2024-2025 Annual Report

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,

In looking back over 2024-2025, my very first year as One To World's Executive Director, what immediately comes to mind is pride. *Pride* in finding myself at the helm of an organization that has been so dear to me since I first discovered them more than a decade ago. *Pride* at being part of a team that works diligently day in and day out to support our international students, K-12 youth, and local hosts. *Pride* at being part of the historic launch of a brand-new program, through which One To World will now provide sponsorships and support for J-1 visa trainees and interns.



And perhaps most important of all, pride in our community for coming together in the face of repeated adversity to continue our vital work.

I think it comes as no surprise that people around the world are feeling more fractured and separated than they have in many years. Perhaps ever. No matter your beliefs or affiliations, we can all sense it – the divide between us feels vast. It may even feel insurmountable.

And yet, I am proud that One To World serves as a bridge across that divide.

Whether it's a Thanksgiving meal shared between international students and a local resident, a workshop that introduces K-12 youth to the national dress and beloved customs of a country far away, or a mentorship opportunity between an esteemed professional and the next generation of young leaders, the very nature of our work is building meaningful connections.

That work would not be possible without our incredible support system of friends, members, hosts, alumni, and donors. We want to thank you so much for your commitment and time over the last year.

We hope as you read through the rest of this report, you know how vital you are to each and every success.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deepesh Dhingra".

Deepesh Dhingra
Executive Director

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

One To World has four core areas of work after launching a new program initiative in 2024-2025:

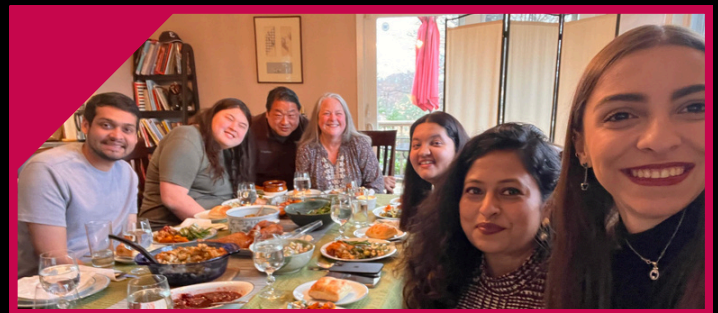
1) Enrichment programs for international students and Fulbright scholars. Enrichment programs include a number of activities, such as access to foreign affairs conferences, intimate mentorship conversations with distinguished leaders across business and philanthropy, community service projects, social gatherings, neighborhood tours and local hikes, career readiness training, and more. **These programs ensure our international students are successful, engaged, and supported during their time in the U.S.**



3) Intercultural workshops for underresourced, K-12 students in New York City – entitled *Global Classroom*. This program includes dedicated training for international university students to prepare them to enter local classrooms to share their culture; interactive, global workshops for local K-12 youth; and curriculum development and professional development for local educators so they can incorporate global citizenship into their curricula. **Global Classroom allows our international students to give back, and provides local youth with meaningful opportunities to build their knowledge of and appreciation for other cultures.**



2) Professional development for staff at academic institutions in the greater New York area (known as membership). Membership includes access to monthly meetings with up-to-date regulatory guidance and best practices, as well as intercultural competence workshops. **Membership programs increase our partners' capacity to support international students, while connecting professionals with their peers to share insights.**



4) J-1 visa sponsorship and management for interns/trainees in the United States. Through this newly launched program for interns and trainees, we support companies and organizations in hosting international university students, recent graduates, and early-career professionals for short-term internships and training programs. **This program provides invaluable experience to young professionals from abroad, and connects companies to global expertise and perspectives.**

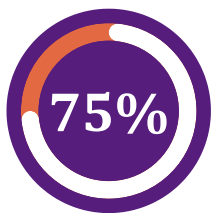
Combined, these programs create a sense of community among people of different countries, cultures, and backgrounds.

OUR IMPACT

One To World directly supported more than 4,200 people in 2024-2025 across all of our programs. Together, we foster curiosity, mutual respect, inclusion, and community for a better world.

GLOBAL CLASSROOM

One To World trained 101 Global Guides, 75 of whom led 338 workshops (covering 49 different countries) for 467 youth. 3 new curriculum units were designed, and 175 adults were served through professional development and community outreach events.



75% of *Global Classroom* teachers said their students make significant cross-cultural connections because of the program - an increase from 0% at the start of the program!

91%

of middle school participants agreed that all cultures should be respected (an increase from 75% pre-program).

25% ↑

increase in elementary school participants who felt a responsibility to take care of the world around them after being in the program.

85%

of international students reported that they gained new perspectives from participating youth after facilitating workshops.

MEMBERSHIP

One To World organized a total of 11 membership activities for 500+ international educators.

100% of members surveyed say that our services are valuable.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

One To World organized a total of 135 enrichment program activities for 2,433 international students and 530 local hosts. Of participating international students who responded to our survey:



agreed that our programs increased their understanding of cultures different than their own.



agreed that our programs have improved their happiness, well-being, and/or comfort in the U.S.



agreed that our programs have helped them feel more connected to the local community.

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“I am thankful to this organization because it has really allowed me to be part of a big family, even though I’m far away from home.”

-Sinokuthaba, international student from Zimbabwe



“My experience with One To World has been deeply enriching. The most meaningful part has been the opportunity to engage with a diverse group of people and learn about different cultures and perspectives. Overall, it has been a rewarding journey that has greatly enhanced my perspective and personal growth.”

-Megh, international student from India



“*Global Classroom* has allowed me to see things from lots of different perspectives.

I’ve learned a lot from the *Global Guides*.”
-6th grader in *Global Classroom*

“It’s heartwarming to see the students embrace cultural diversity and show interest in learning more about different backgrounds.”

-Fatima, *Global Guide* from Pakistan



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