

Program Resources Found in the Open World Leadership Center – Thursday, August 2

- Open World Center is a legislative branch program, it started in 1999
- Participants are accomplished young professionals from both participating countries
- Participants have to be nominated for the program
- Participants stay with host families, many don't speak English
- How do you get involved?
 - Call for grant proposals is at the end of August/beginning of September (check this page https://www.openworld.gov/grants/grants)
 - o You can request the program find people from your Sister City to be on your delegation
- Open World always has a theme
 - For example, Santa Barbara/Ukraine exchange centered around theme of child welfare/abuse
- Nuts and Bolts of the Program
 - o It's not free
 - You must commit at least 100 hours
 - o The exchange is 5 intensive 12-hour days
 - o \$7600 fee
 - o Interviews and follow-up are extremely important to the program
 - o The age range is under 40