

Current U.S. Social, Political and Economic Issues for Young European Leaders
A Regional Project for Europe
June 8-26, 2015

This project will provide participants the opportunity to examine current political, economic, and social issues at the federal, state, and local levels in the United States. The visitors will gain a deeper understanding of the pluralistic nature of the U.S.; and regional variations through exposure to all levels of the political system and to a range of social and economic issues, such as education, regional economic challenges, environment, energy, health care, immigration and security. Visitors will also explore the role and impact of various actors and influences on U.S. foreign and domestic policy formation such as government bodies, NGOs, and academia, as well as the historic and constitutional bases of U.S. policy.

Project Goals:

- Introduce and provide broad exposure to current American social, political, and economic issues and associated policy formulation;
- Examine interrelated U.S. foreign and domestic policy topics, including homeland security and intelligence gathering; trade and economic development; immigration and integration; health and social services; environment and climate change; energy; and the role of diversity, the individual and religion in the U.S.;
- To foster dialogue between European participants and their U.S. counterparts in transatlantic relations and issues of mutual concern.

Cities, Themes, & Resources

Washington, DC / June 6-12, 2015

- American federalism
- U.S.-Europe relations: Politics, trade and security cooperation
- Introduction to the current U.S. political, economic and social policy landscape

Guided city tour
Federalism briefing
Department of State
Department of Defense
Department of Labor's Employment & Training Administration
Atlantic Council

Center for Strategic and International Studies

Brookings Institution

Heritage Foundation

Professor Arthur Wilmarth, Professor of Law, George Washington University

Pew Research Center – Hispanic Project & Journalism Project

New York, New York / June 12-14, 2015

- Cultural weekend - A guided city tour and Broadway may be included.

Manchester, New Hampshire / June 14-17, 2015

- State government structure and political party operations
- Youth civic engagement
- Debate around the Affordable Care Act

Roundtable on State Politics with Representatives of the NH Republican and Democratic Parties

New Hampshire's Legislative Branch - young New Hampshire State Representatives
NH Youth Legislative Advisory Council

Meelia Center for Community Engagement, Saint Anselm College
University of New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice

Town of Bow – Town Administrator

Sacramento, California / June 17-20, 2015

- Energy efficiency & renewables
- Climate Change, Drought, & Water management
- GMOs

California Energy Commission
California Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

The California State Assembly's Principal Consultant for the Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
Sutter's Landing Solar Energy Array

Monsanto Company

University of California-Davis (UC Davis) Agricultural Department experts on GMOs

Dallas, Texas / June 20-24, 2015

- Illegal immigration: State/local policy response and economic ramifications
- American energy security and the future of shale
- Building educational and employment skills for young workers

Republican Texas State Senator Don Huffines

Dr. Pia Orrenius, Assistant Vice President and Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Dallas County Commission – County Judge Clay Jenkins

Dr. Ken Morgan, Founding Director, Texas Christian University (TCU) Energy Institute

Tarrant County College – youth employment

Café Momentum

Visit to the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth

Home hospitality

Tickets to a rodeo or a professional baseball game may also be included.

Detroit, Michigan / June 24-27, 2015

- Promoting entrepreneurship and innovation as a path to economic recovery
- Local diversity and interfaith dynamics
- Law enforcement-community relations

Panel Discussion: Reimagining Detroit's Post-Industrial Economy.

RecoveryPark

Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion

American Muslim Center of Dearborn

Dearborn Police Department

Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality

PROGRAM CALENDAR

June 8-26, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					June	6 <i>Arrive Washington, DC</i>
7	8 Program Opening	9	10	11	12 Travel to New York, New York	13
14 Travel to Manchester , New Hampshire	15	16	17 Travel to Sacrament o, California	18	19	20 Travel to Dallas, Texas
21	22	23	24 Travel to Detroit, Michigan	25	26	27 <i>Internationa l Departure</i>