

VP Champions

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Elizabeth Barry

Office of International Visitors

All creative ideas and unique strategies are on the table to keep us moving forward, breaking ground together on a new era for ourselves and exchanges.



Lisa Bennett

World Learning

*For me, Moving Exchanges Forward means **embracing uncertainty and leading more courageously.***



William Bobbitt

American Councils for International Education

Uniting people from across the world to build on common interests for promoting the well-being of all.



Laura Carroll

FHI 360

E.L. Doctorow once said that creating a novel was like driving at night: “You never see further than your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way.” With both the transition to virtual and re-transition back to in-person, there are so many variables and unknowns that it feels a lot like driving in the dark. But using the goals of public diplomacy as our headlights, we’ve been able to get where we need to go, moving one step forward at a time.



Angel Fang

IIE

*Moving Exchange Forward to me means making sure programs like IVLP engage with today's concerns such as equity and climate change while **creating opportunities for future collaborations.***



Jessica Heller

Office of International Visitors

*The opportunity to innovate
and adapt to changing realities
with technology!*



Anise Jasman-Sayers

World Affairs Council of New Hampshire

*To work collectively as a contributor to the VP Champions was inspiring and an honor. The important work we have done has helped **to create virtual best practices and drive the Network forward in our diplomacy mission; no obstacle will stop us!***



Jena Melançon

Gulf Coast Diplomacy

*By adding virtual exchange to our international exchange toolkit, we can invite more people to the table, **expanding our reach and mutual impact.***



Sarah Nugent

Office of International Visitors

*Moving Exchange Forward
means **ensuring another 80
years of IVLP** by celebrating
diversity, embracing innovation,
mentoring the next generation,
and evolving to the new
challenges of international
exchanges.*



Kate Sanders

Meridian International Center

Moving Exchange Forward means rising to meet the shifting needs of our global community. It requires creativity, flexibility, and a willingness to continue innovations that will allow the important work of people-to-people dialogue to continue through pandemics or social/civil unrest; ultimately, generating more of the empathy and goodwill needed to address such challenges.



Sarah Sibley

WorldBoston

Moving Exchange Forward means seeking out new ways to collaborate on creating connections across the globe in spite of global challenges. The time is now to move forward in building resilience, diversity, inclusion, equity, and accessibility in our field of international exchange.



Thank you to the VP Champions

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Nina Bankova

American Councils for International Education

*Moving Exchange Forward is making peace with the fact that there is no going back to normal. We have **to celebrate the new generation of exchanges and embrace its potential.***



Copeland Barnes

FHI 360

*Moving Exchange Forward means working together to explore innovative ways of enabling as many people as possible **to experience the magic of cross-cultural engagement** and of finding common ground.*



Sarah Belousov

Office of International Visitors

We learned over the past two years that our exchange program models are both durable and flexible. Through creativity and teamwork we found new ways to connect people from around the world with their U.S. counterparts during times of critical need.



Myra Best

Meridian International Center

*Moving Exchange Forward means **working to ensure equity, diversity, inclusion and access in every aspect of our work**, from hiring and promoting staff to creating itineraries that tell the full, complex story of the United States.*



Janice Brummond

Office of International Visitors

The COVID-related changes forced upon us have been challenging, but we are now ready to re-engage with each other and the world.



Hooju Choi

Office of International Visitors

*Ideas in written or spoken media can exercise the mind, but ideas in real life come in the form of people and have **the power to change and challenge** like nothing else.*



Don Cordell

Office of International Visitors

I remain inspired by the commitment of everyone across the Network to ensure this powerful exchange program would not only thrive in a virtual environment, but would come back in person more effective than ever. IVLP will never look the same as it did in early 2020, and that is a good thing. We are applying all the lessons we learned to create something new.



Melissa Cotton

Office of International Visitors

*As a member of the FPWG, I was struck by how deeply we in the IVLP exchange community care about our work and participants, and how committed we are to what we do. I felt such **strong cooperation across the Network** as we worked together to move exchange **forward** in our current times, always grateful for the shared support.*



Sara Delson

Office of International Visitors

Dedicated collaboration amongst NPAs, CBMs, and OIV is central to the future of the IVLP. The highly committed, collaborative work that the FPWG did to prepare the pivot to virtual, and the work continually being done by it, seems to move the Network further forward every day.



Sewell Gelberd

Columbia Council for Internationals

*As a relative IVLP newcomer, it gave me **the opportunity to work with colleagues** who have much more experience than I do and to play a small role in influencing how we deal with COVID moving forward.*



Jennifer Gregg

FHI 360

*Moving Exchange Forward is moving the world forward. The challenges the world faces affect everyone everywhere; **through exchange, we show how we can address those challenges together.***



Patricia Harrison

World Learning

*Moving Exchange Forward means constantly rethinking what we are trying to achieve and then finding the most effective ways to do it—not just relying on traditional practices, but using new technology and knowledge **to continuously improve** our programs.*



Chiquita Jackson

Office of International Visitors

Despite our ever-changing world, we continue to seek out diverse opportunities and experiences for International Visitors and their American counterparts.



Kim Jenkins

Office of International Visitors

*This year, Moving Exchange Forward means moving back to **engaging our International Visitors over “the last three feet.”***



Katelyn McAlister

CRDF Global

*Moving Exchange Forward is more than returning to in-person programming. Moving Exchange Forward is the application of recent innovations and lessons learned in virtual to ensure a **more inclusive and accessible experience for all participants and implementers alike.***



Robert Means

IIE

*I was honored to be part of the process of reorienting IVLP to virtual programming and then planning for the return to in-person **experiences for our visitors.***



Gail Shrott

GlobalPittsburgh

*Moving Exchange Forward means **reigniting greater possibilities** to forge linkages between emerging international leaders and our community and celebrating what makes the IVLP such an *impactful program around the world.**



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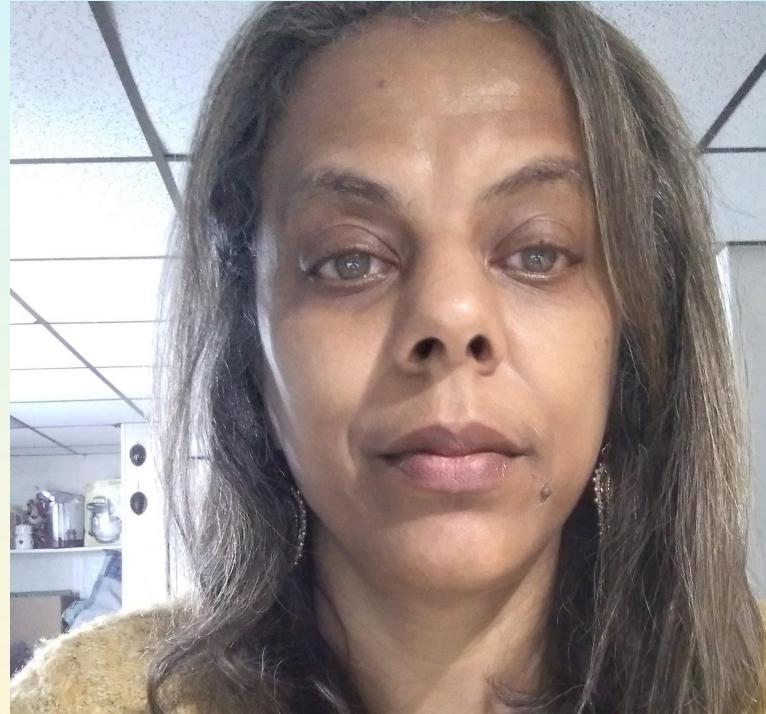
Global Ties Network DEIA Working Group

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Mathilde Andrade

U.S. Department of State

*It means moving forward with
an even greater appreciation
that the world is connected, for
better or worse. **Exchanges**
are for the better.*



Janine Branch

FHI 360

To be a change-maker, and instead of stirring the pot - steer it. To move forth new ideas and fresh perspectives compassionately, honestly, and most importantly, timely.



Andrea Vanessa Castillo

WorldOregon

*Moving Exchange Forward means acknowledging the past and critically analyzing the present to contribute to **a future that holistically celebrates and supports the richness that comes from a diverse nation.** It means emphasising the two-way dialogue and sharing the incredible work being done across the world and right next door.*



Rogelio Cerezo

IIE

*Moving Exchange Forward means broader inclusion of diverse voices and perspectives, recognizing systemic injustice and **supporting democracy in our work**. In doing so, we will lead groundbreaking, creative, and impactful IVLP programming for our participants from across the world.*



Amy Alice Chastain

Global Ties Iowa

*Moving exchange forward means moving dialogue, empathy, understanding, collaboration, interculturality, and anti-racism forward. It means taking huge steps forward in combating the myths and lies that have taken hold of so much of our global societal sound bytes and taking back **the humanity of relationships fostered by citizen diplomacy** and person-to-person exchange.*



Crystal Kelch

MCID Washington

*Sharing diverse experiences to
help **eliminate stereotypes and**
myths in the global community*



Nilufer Leuthold

Northern Nevada International Center

*Continue the efforts to broaden our scope of work to break down the financial barriers for the underrepresented communities and achieve a **more diverse and inclusive representation** on both sides.*



Jodi Hope Michaels

Global Ties Kalamazoo

*It is essential that we continue to break down stereotypes in our own local communities that exchange "isn't for me" or is "elitist." **Exchange is for everybody**, and ensuring that everyone has access to exchange, as a goal, makes our local communities stronger, and makes our world stronger.*



Yuriria Morales Sanchez

Global Ties ABQ

*Moving Exchange Forward means we are given **the opportunity to bring the world to EVERY member of our community**, and in turn, we are **showcasing our ENTIRE community to the world**. As we continue with this amazing journey, we are given even more opportunity to foster diplomacy, education, understanding, skillsets and mutual respect across our diverse platform.*



Shannon Payne

WorldDenver

*To me, Moving Exchange Forward means making sure that our international exchange programs reflect our ever-expanding understanding of our ever-changing world. It means **introducing our visitors and our communities both to the world as it is and the world as it could be.***



Rebecca Taylor

CRDF Global

*Moving Exchange Forward
means **blending the best of
our past practices with new
innovative approaches** to
reach and build an even greater
global community in the future.*



Steven Washington

Cultural Vistas

*Moving Exchange Forward
means learning from the past
and building on the best to
advance a more equitable and
engaged global community.*



Mary Yntema

WorldBoston

*Moving Exchange Forward includes **focusing on DEI and the full depth and breadth of the American experience.** Americans' ability to do this, and our commitment to doing this, are real strengths we have to share with the world—even as we ourselves learn by fostering global connections.*



Tony Zaun

World Learning

*For me, Moving Exchange Forward is about including individuals and communities that have been overlooked or underrepresented and **making exchanges accessible to all.***



Xiao Yin Zhao

World Affairs Council of Kentucky & Southern Indiana

*Gallery of faces on a screen; angst about technical failures - "are you there, can you hear us;" working with different time zones; cajoling various participants into conversations; hunting for ice breakers; awkward silences; spectacular smiles, laughter and insights - **pivoting to virtual overnight and becoming technical wizards** - these are what Moving Exchange Forward Means to me.*



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