

International Education Week

International Education Week (IEW)

November 14-18, 2016

International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. The joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of

Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

This year's theme is Empowering Youth Through International Education

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has many resources available for you to help enhance your local IEW events and promotion. Check out the IEW Website here for events that may already be planned in your community and post your events as well. This is your opportunity to get kids excited about expanding their world and encourage them to seek travel opportunities. At the same time you can connect with new resources and find opportunities to engage youth in your community!

Tips to promote International Education Week

- **This Passport to the World Toolkit** has a wealth of information and materials that you can use to promote international exchange and encourage students in your community to apply for passports.
- **Have a group of international visitors in town during IEW?** In addition to a school visit, consider also including one or more of the following groups in their itinerary: Meeting with a Boy Scout/ Girl Scout Troop, a 4-H Club, or the local FFA Chapter.
- **Arrange a meeting for your organization to speak to a class at your local High School, community college, or university.** Encourage students to apply for a passport and if they are eligible, share the information about Study Abroad Scholarships.
- Share this **handout** for K-12 classroom teachers with educators in your community and encourage them to incorporate activities into their curriculum during IEW.
- Reach out to the Rotary Club or Kiwanis Club in your area. Provide information about State Department exchange programs, study abroad scholarships and passports and ask them to help distribute to parents and teachers.
- Talk to Media Outlets in your community and tie IEW to your organizational mission.
- Promote Department of State Scholarships for US High School students to study abroad. Show students that international education is attainable. Give brochures to all student groups. These brochures provide information about FREE study abroad scholarship programs for U.S. students. To request, send an email to YouthPrograms@state.gov and provide the quantity and your mailing address.

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