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## **OPEN WORLD PROGRAM**

**Sponsored by the  
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**THEME: Urban Planning/Environment/Clean Air  
Dates: September 7 -15, 2018**

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**Official host city  
Madison Wisconsin**

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### Description of host organization

The Friendship Force of Wisconsin, founded in 1978 and based in Madison, Wisconsin, is a member of the Friendship Force International. With approximately 140 members who serve as citizen ambassadors, the club usually has two outbound and two inbound journeys (exchanges) each year as well other activities and social gatherings. Our members have traveled and hosted extensively, love to meet people from around the world, and are committed to our mission of promoting world peace through personal friendships.

Madison is the capital of the state of Wisconsin and home to the University of Wisconsin, a major teaching and research university with an enrollment of over 43,000 students. The capitol building, which houses the Governor's office and the State Legislature, is situated on an isthmus between the two lakes that define downtown Madison.

Sandi Wysock is the current President of the Friendship Force of Wisconsin-Madison. She has traveled with the group and lived in host family homes in Russia, Romania, Turkey, Germany, England, Costa Rica, and Guadeloupe and has also traveled to Columbia, Finland, Denmark, Ireland and Italy. During her 30 year insurance industry career, she was involved in interactions with a diverse sales force in four states and responsible for customer services and policy underwriting.

### Program Agenda

#### *Friday, September 7*

6:30 - 7:30 pm        Delegates arrive at the Dane County Airport, Madison, WI and are transported to a welcome reception at the home of George and Sandi Wysock

7:30-9:30 pm        Welcome Reception  
George & Sandi Wysock  
102 Acadia Drive  
Madison, WI  
608-833-5326 (residence)  
608-335-0759 (cell)

Welcome reception with food and refreshments at the Wysock's home, Introduction to host families and invited guests. Delegates will receive a brief overview of Madison, the area and the program.

9:00-9:30 pm        Delegates depart with host families

## **Saturday September 8 - Cultural programming - 5.5 hours**

**9:00-11:00 am**      Badger Bash, Meet at the Randall Street Entrance to Union South  
Location: University of Wisconsin Union South  
1308 Dayton Street  
Madison, WI

The Badger Bash is a pep rally before an American football game between the University of Wisconsin and the New Mexico Lobos. The delegates will be able to enjoy a performance by the University of Wisconsin Band and cheerleaders.

**11:00 am –  
12:45 pm**      Farmers Market and Lunch  
Location: Capitol Square, Madison, WI

The Farmers Market, sited on the eight blocks surrounding the State Capitol, is one of the largest open air markets in the country. It features fresh Wisconsin grown food products as well as other locally produced food products such as honey, breads, sausages and meats.

**12:45-2:30 pm**      Tour of the Capitol building. **Meet at reception desk in rotunda**  
The Capitol building houses both chambers of the Wisconsin legislature, the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the Office of the Governor. Completed in 1917, the building is the tallest in Madison, a distinction that has been preserved by legislation that prohibits buildings taller than the columns surrounding the dome (187 feet). The exterior dome is the largest granite dome in the world.

**2:30 pm and after**      Free time with the Host Family

## **Sunday September 9**

**8:00-5:30 pm**      Free time with the host Family, time to explore Madison

**5:30 pm - 9:00 pm**      Potluck Dinner  
The delegates will be guests at a traditional potluck dinner at a local park, where they will be welcomed by members of the Friendship Force, be introduced to some of the presenters for the coming week and have an opportunity to interact socially.

**9:00-10:00 pm**      Return to host family homes

## Monday September 10 (7hrs)

- 8:15 am Arrive at Meeting point: Hilldale Shopping Center
- 8:45-10:30 am Madison Central Library  
1st Floor Conference room-Enter on Mifflin St.  
201 Mifflin Street  
Madison  
Heather Stouder, Director of Planning for the City of Madison  
Jean Hoffman, Manager of Facilities and Sustainability.  
We will talk about the city's comprehensive 20-year plan, transit fill-in, green and resilient, affordable housing
- 10:30- 11:15 am Mark Benno Facilities Manager  
Tour of the LEED Gold certified Madison Central Library. The original library was renovated and expanded reducing waste and using sustainable materials.
- 11:15 – 11:30 am Travel to Memorial Union on University of Wisconsin Campus
- 11:30 am -12:30 pm Lunch at Memorial Union. The Wisconsin Union on the shores of Lake Mendota opened in 1928. Paul Robbins Director of the Nelson Institute will join us for lunch
- 12:30 -2:00 pm Meeting at the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies  
550 North Park Street, Room 140  
Madison, WI  
(608) 265-5296  
Paul Robbins, Director of the Nelson Institute  
Aslıgül Göçmen [gocmen@wisc.edu](mailto:gocmen@wisc.edu) Associate Professor - Urban Planning/Green Cities  
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- The Nelson Institute is home to four interdisciplinary research centers that serve as laboratories and incubators for solutions to the world's most critical environmental challenges. These include the Center for Climatic Research, The Center for Culture, History and Environment, The Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment, and the Land Tenure Center.
- 2:00 - 2:45 pm Travel to Arboretum

- 2:45 - 4:00 pm      University of Wisconsin Arboretum  
1207 Seminole Highway
- Jennifer Mitchell [jennier.Mitchell@wisc.edu](mailto:jennier.Mitchell@wisc.edu)  
Gail.Overholt      [gail.Overholt@wisc.edu](mailto:gail.Overholt@wisc.edu)  
Widely recognized as the site of historic research in ecological restoration, the Arboretum includes the oldest and most varied collection of restored ecological communities in the world.
- 4:15 - 4:30 pm      Travel to meeting point to transfer to Host families
- 6:00 pm              Home Hosted Dinners

**Tuesday September 11 (7.5 hrs)**

- 8:15 am              Meet van at Hilldale
- 9:00 am              Visit Congressman Mark Pocan's Office  
10 East Doty Street, Suite 405  
Mark is the Representative for Wisconsin's 2nd District that includes Madison and surrounding counties.
- 10:00 am -  
12:00 pm              Meeting with the County Executive, Joe Parisi and staff  
City County Building, Room 421  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Madison, WI 53703  
**Contact: Mickey Beil & Danielle Williams**  
Phone: (608) 266-4114  
They will discuss the Dane County Planning process, the county's commitment to addressing energy and climate change
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm      Lunch at the Great Dane Restaurant
- 1:00 - 1:45 pm      Travel to Epic systems, Verona Wisconsin
- 1:45 - 4:00 pm      Arrive at EPIC systems  
1979 Milky Way  
Verona, WI 53593  
(608) 271-9000  
Contact Stephanie Drahozal, Community Tour Coordinator  
Steve Dickmann, Chief Administrative Officer

There will be a tour of the EPIC campus followed by a presentation and discussion with Steve Dickmann. Steve will describe the Epic campus and its environmental features and design.

Epic is a healthcare software company founded in 1979 with 1.5 employees. Today the company employs more than 8,000 people. The primary goal of the campus design was to help employees be as productive as possible, while being cost conscious and environmentally sensitive.

4:00 pm	Depart for Madison
4:30 pm	Arrive Madison
4:30 -9:00 pm	Dinner and down time hosted by several Peace Corps Volunteers that served in Georgia.
9:00 pm	Meet Hosts at Sandi Wysock's house 102 Acadia Drive

**Wednesday September 12 (10.5 hours)**

<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>Meet van at Hilldale</b>
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<b>9-10:45 am</b>	Meeting with the Capital Area Planning Commission Contact: Mike Rupiper, Director of Environmental Resources Planning City County Building 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Room 321 Madison, WI 53703 Email: miker@capitalarearpc.org (608)-266-4593
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CARPC is one of nine planning commissions in Wisconsin charged with coordinating planning and development among area municipalities. They focus on issues of regional concern. In the Dane County area the commission prepares and updates regional land use and water plans.

11:00 am -	Arrive at 701 E. Washington Ave, the Brink Lounge Curt Brink
3:00 pm	Curt Vaughn Brink, LLC 701 East Washington, Madison, WI <a href="mailto:curtbrink@hotmail.com">curtbrink@hotmail.com</a> 608-575-4845

Curt Brink is a well-known Madison developer and owner of Curt Vaughn Brink LLC. Mr. Brink is involved in several development projects in the City of Madison and also serves on the City of Madison Planning Commission. Curt has arranged for the delegates to meet with developers, architects and contractors who are working on re-developing Madison's East Washington corridor, part of Madison's long range urban plan. They will address the development time line and the approval and planning process. This session will include presentations and discussion over lunch.

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| 3:00 - 5:00 pm | Tours of various projects   |
| 5:00 - 6:30 pm | Social hour and opportunity to mingle with developers, architects, contractors and bankers. |
| 6:30 pm        | Depart for dinner at La Mestiza- Mexican restaurant on Odana Road                           |
| 8:00 pm        | Return to Hilldale to meet hosts  |

**Thursday, September 13 (6.25 hours)**

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| 7:45 am       | Meet van at Hilldale   |
| 8:30-10:00 am | Meeting with Keith Reopelle<br>Director Office of Energy and Climate Change<br>210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd<br>Madison, WI 53703<br>Room 421<br>Reopelle.keith@countyofdane.org<br>608-283-1476 |

County Executive Joe Parisi created the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC) in May of 2017. The primary mission of the OECC is to develop and implement a strong economy-wide Climate Action Plan (CAP) that makes Dane County a regional and national leader in its local fight to mitigate climate change. The OECC is also responsible for coordinating carbon reduction efforts of all county departments, overseeing public relations and promotional activities of all Dane County climate initiatives, and providing technical assistance to departments, individuals, and organizations.

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| 10:00-10:30 am | Travel to Edgewood College |
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10:30 am -12:00 pm	<p>Edgewood College  Madison, WI 53711  Contact: Stephan Hiroshi Gilchrist Director Social Innovation,  Sustainability, Leadership Graduate Program  SGilchrist@edgewood.edu  608-663-6991</p> <p>Carrie Vanderford Sanders, MCP  Edgewood College Faculty with expertise in urban planning and financing  csanders@edgewood.edu  608-663-692</p> <p>Edgewood College is a private college that offers a graduate program in Social Innovation &amp; Sustainability Leadership. One aspect of the program is considering how we create organizational, social and economic systems that are in harmony with natural systems. Faculty will discuss higher education and their work in the area of sustainability, including some innovative cross-sector initiatives. Ben Austin, a former student, will discuss applications at Findorff Construction.</p>
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch discussion at an Edgewood Cafeteria meeting room
1:00-2:00 pm	Visit a sustainably designed building on the Edgewood Campus
2:00-2:15 pm	Travel to Hilldale to meet hosts
6:00 pm	Possible activity: Attend panel discussion on water quality sponsored by the Wisconsin State Journal
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 14 (5.25 program hours)</b>
8:15 am	Meet at Hilldale
9:00 – 10:00 am	<p>Meet with Jessie Lerner, Executive Director and Board Member, Karen Crossley  Sustain Dane  131 West Wilson Street, Suite 502, Madison  jessie@sustaindane.org  kargusto@sbcglobal.net  608-819-0689</p>



Sustain Dane is an organization that leads programs within businesses and in the community that promote sustainability for the planet, people and the bottom line. They focus on engaging individuals to take action on local sustainability issues through their inspirational programs, as well as networking and partnering with sustainability champions who want to transform Dane County into a healthy, thriving place for everyone.

10:30 am Visit the office of US Senator Tammy Baldwin  
30 West Mifflin Street, Madison  
Contact Staff Member Flora Csontos  
(608) 264-5338

11:00 am-1:00 Debrief: Program Evaluation and lunch-  
Location **Room 201 SE, Capitol Bldg**

**1:30 pm Meet Hosts at Hillsdale**

6:00-9:00 pm Farewell Dinner  
Nakoma Country Club  
4145 Country Club Rd  
Madison, WI 53711

\*Business Casual Attire required:  
For men casual slacks and shirt are acceptable.  
For women, casual dress or slacks with a shirt  
No shorts, tennis shoes or jeans.

**Saturday, September 15 Free time Saturday**

**3:00 pm Meet at Airport**

**5:30 pm** Delegates depart via Madison Airport