



WASHINGTON
IRELAND
PROGRAM
FOR SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Who Are We?

- Founded in 1995
- Roots in Northern Peace Process
- Leadership Development and Service
- 30 Third-Level Students (25 in DC & 5 in NYC)



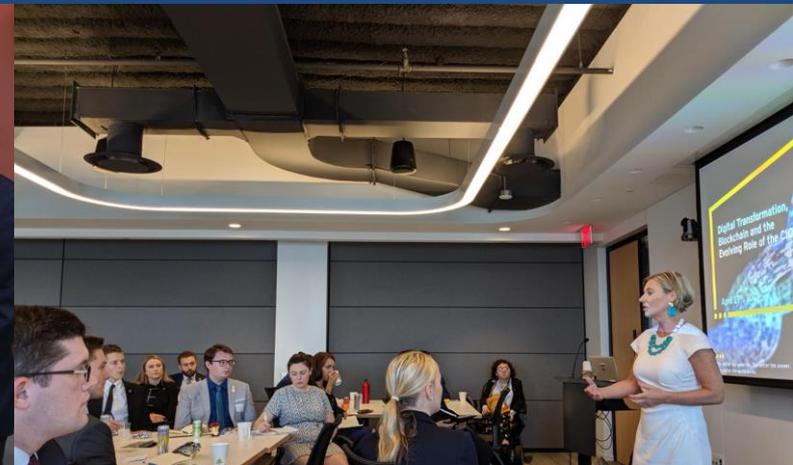
Key Elements

- 3 phases:
 - Pre-Departure & Preparation
 - DC/NYC Summer Program
 - Community Service & Advocacy
- Leadership **Curriculum**
- **Leadership** through **Service** – throughout entire program.
- Professional **Work Placements** – eight-weeks in DC/NYC.
- New Opportunities – both at home and in the U.S.
- Host Families (D.C.)



Leadership Curriculum

- **Friday Training Days**
 - Workshops on leadership frameworks and challenges, supplemented by guest speakers in leadership positions
- **Addressing the Issues of Ireland & Northern Ireland**
 - Students debate policy issues and propose solutions to the current issues facing Ireland & Northern Ireland
- **Professional and Personal Development**
 - Students have hands-on experience in various work placements while working on personal development plans with their Management Team Mentor



Work Placements

- *Business – Bank of America, American Chemistry Council*
- *Education and Advocacy: Brady Centre to Prevent Gun Violence*
- *Arts – Washington Centre for Performing Arts, Irish Arts Centre New York*
- *Government departments –Northern Ireland Bureau, Irish Embassy*
- *Law - Library of Congress, White & Williams New York*
- *Politics and Government - Senate and Congressional offices on Capitol Hill, Department of Education, Environmental Protection Agency.*
- *Unions – AFL-CIO, Bricklayers, LiUNA*
- *Finance - World Bank*
- *Media – CNN, FedNet*

Key Elements

Service Partners

- *Lifepieces to Masterpieces*
- *DC Metropolitan Police*
- *N Street Village Women's Shelter*
- *Manna Foods*
- *Carlos Rosario Charter School*
- *Youth Services*
- *Community Services*
- *Long standing relationships*



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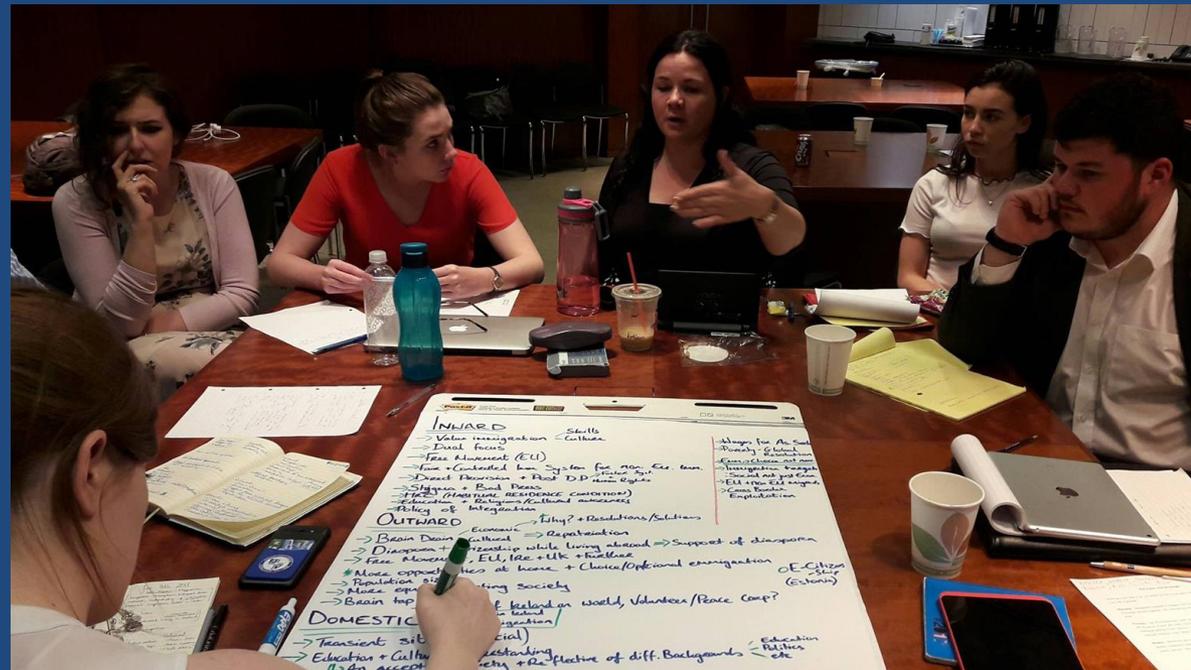
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Key Elements

WIP Papers & Forum

- *Ireland 2040: Migration, Economy, Cultural Identity*
- *Policy Papers/Visions*
- *Team work*
- *Compromise*
- *Dealing with Difference*



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WIP Papers



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Capitol Hill



The White House



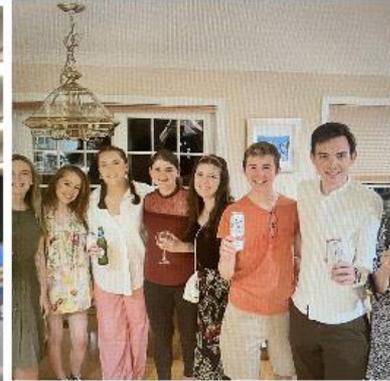
The Irish Ambassador's Residence



New York



And we have fun!







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Investing in New Voices and Big Ideas

How Our Story

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Who Are We Looking For?

- Leadership potential
- Long standing commitment to service
- Interested in dealing with difference
- Resilient
 - *Able to care for self in foreign country away from home, family and other support structures. Thoughtful and respectful of others, and positive ambassadors of WIP*



Eligibility

- **Born in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland, or a citizen of Ireland or Northern Ireland, or regard Ireland or Northern Ireland as your home**
- **Full-time university student or other full-time student of higher education in Ireland, Northern Ireland or Great Britain as of 1st June 2023**
- **Aged over 18 as of 1st June 2023**
- **Have a valid passport or can obtain a valid passport by 3 March 2023**
- **Available to participate fully, including all preparatory and re-entry weekends, and for a full eight weeks in DC or NYC**



Program Dates & Details

- **Orientation:** Early April 2023
- **Pre-Departure Training:** End of May 2023
- **Depart for US:** Early June, 2023
- **Orientation Week in US:** June 8th – 12th, 2023
- **Program Dates: DC/NYC** June 8th – Aug 1st, 2023
- **Depart US:** August 1st, 2023
- **Return Program:** Aug 29th, 2023
- **WIP Papers Launch:** September 2023

Program Dates & Details

- **Costs involved : (€1350/£1200)**
Includes:
 - Weekly Stipend
 - Flights, Accommodation, Leadership Program
 - WIP Team (WIP Team mentorship & organisation)
 - Travel insurance
- **Financial need scholarships are available.**
 - Finance should not be a barrier to participation.
 - 40% of participants receive a scholarship each year.

Application Process

- www.wiprogram.org
- **Application Opening:** **October 21st, 2022**
- **Application Early Bird Deadline*:** **November 6th, 2022**
- **Application Final Deadline:** **November 27th, 2022**
- **Interview Notification:** **Early January 2023**
- **Interview (Dublin & Belfast):** **Late January 2023**
- **Placement Offers:** **February 2023**

Questions

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