



WASHINGTON IRELAND PROGRAM
FOR SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

TODAY'S AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

WHO ARE WE?

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THE FAQs

YOUR QUESTIONS



WHO ARE WE?

Founded in 1994

Role in the
Northern Ireland
Peace Process

Leadership
Development &
Service

30 Third Level
Students



WIP'S VISION

is for a peaceful Northern Ireland and Ireland with mutually supportive and constructive relationships between and within all communities.



WIP'S MISSION

is to develop, support and engage generations of leaders who can build and sustain these relationships.



WIP 2026

NEW VOICES

NEW IDEAS

BIGGER POSSIBILITIES

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for people with

PASSION

DRIVE TO WRITE A BETTER FUTURE

NEW IDEAS

for Northern Ireland and Ireland.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Leadership
Potential

Commitment
to Service



Dealing with
Difference

Maturity

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

Work Placements



Masterclasses



Service Visits



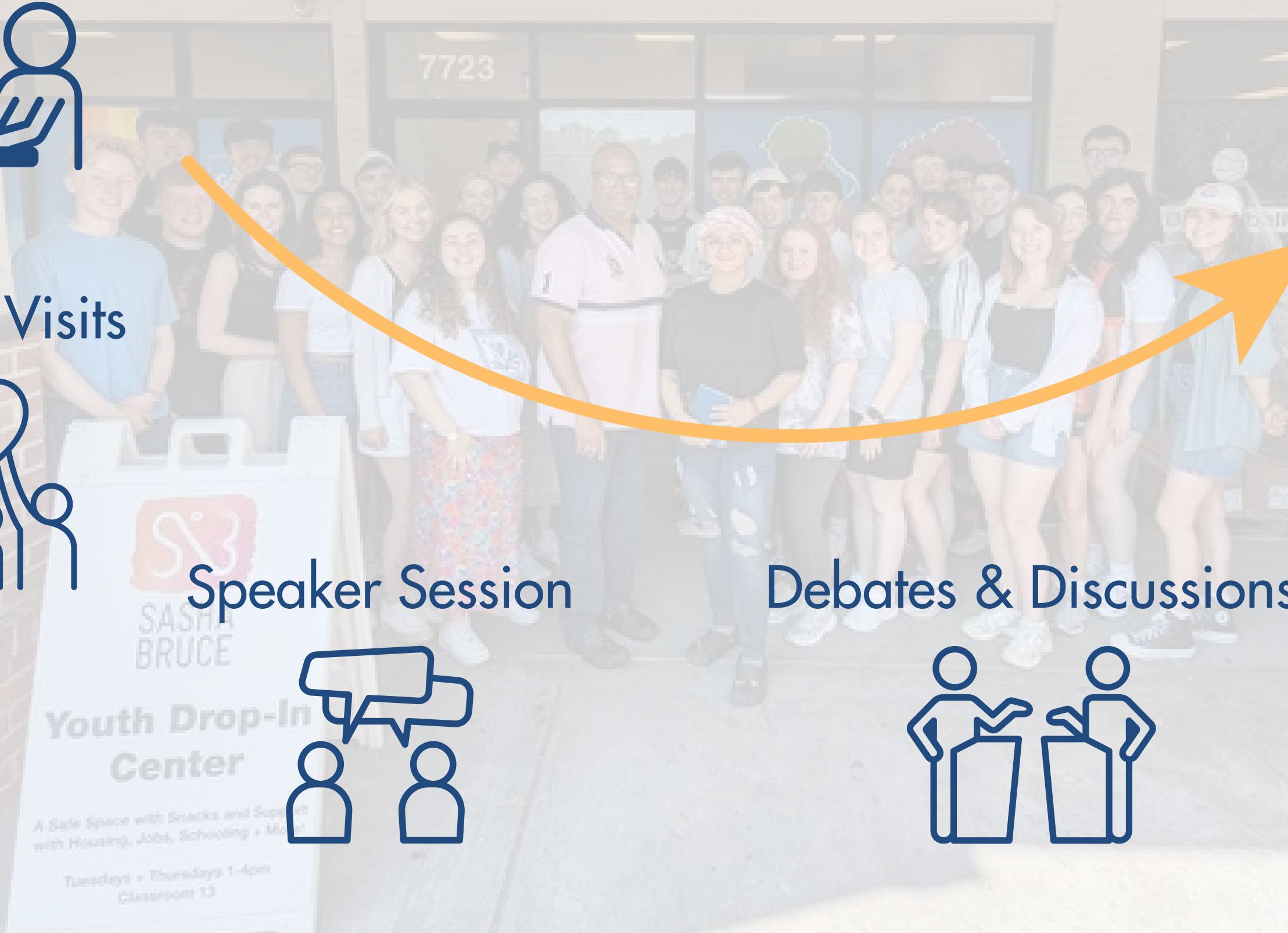
WIP Papers



Speaker Session



Debates & Discussions



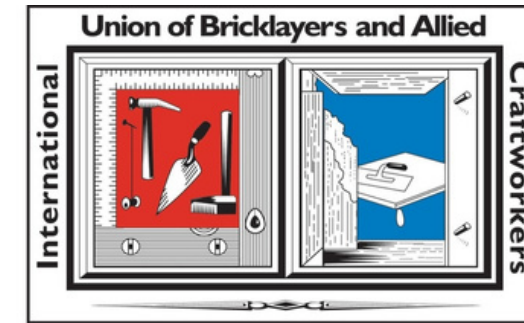

SASHA
BRUCE
Youth Drop-In
Center
A Safe Space with Snacks and Support
with Housing, Jobs, Schooling + More!
Tuesdays + Thursdays 1-4pm
Classroom 13

WORK PLACEMENT PARTNERS

LiUNA!

Ullico

UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
MUSEUM



FEDNET

ppi radically pragmatic



THE CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY
OF AMERICA



THE
VOGEL
GROUP

PLATINUM | ADVISORS

HEIGHT CAPITAL
MARKETS



Ambasáid na hÉireann
Embassy of Ireland

NI Bureau
Northern Ireland Executive
North America



BRITISH EMBASSY

MY WIP JOURNEY

My Expectations

My Typical Week:

- Host Family
- Work Placement
- Service Visits
- Evening Activities

Socialising, Trips
& Events

Reflections:

- My Biggest Highlight
- Most Important Lesson
- What I Didn't Expect



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

IN ADDITION TO OUR APPLICANT CHARACTERISTICS, APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Born in, citizen of or consider the island of Ireland home
(Minimum of 3 years residency)

Full time student IRE, NI, or UK as of March 2026

Over 18 as of 1st March 2026

8 weeks in D.C for June and July uninterrupted

Fit to travel & participate in the program

Available to attend all in-person application stages (Voices & Values Workshop and Interview) and in person pre-departure training

COST

It costs WIP approximately \$20,000 per student to deliver our program.

While the program is heavily subsidized by our generous supporters, WIP asks that our students make a \$2,050 contribution towards their costs in 2026.
(Paid in May 2026)



FLIGHTS



5-DAY TRIP
TO NYC



FIELD TRIP TO
PHILADELPHIA



BASIC HEALTH
INSURANCE COVER



\$500 TOWARDS
J1 VISA PROCESS

WIP's health insurance does not cover pre-existing medical conditions.
If you have pre-existing medical conditions, you will need to take out additional coverage.

There is also an additional visa interview fee of \$160 to be paid when booking your visa interview with the US Consulate.

COST

FINANCE SHOULD NOT BE A BARRIER TOWARDS PARTICIPATING

ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE:



\$175 per week for travel/groceries



\$40 monthly phone stipend

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

- NI students in receipt of a Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant.
- NI students who received EMA in their final two years of secondary school.
- RoI students in receipt of a SUSI grant and qualifying under the HEAR scheme.
- Students in receipt of an All-Ireland Scholarship.

Over the past three years, over one-half of students who participated in our Emerging Leaders Program received a scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Self Selection

Putting yourself forward can be the most difficult part. Don't let self-doubt hold you back. Start your application and give yourself time to reflect and review.

Application

- Four written questions (250 words limit)
- Two CVs: Service CV & Leadership CV
- Earlybird Deadline: 2nd November 23:59 UTC
- Final Deadline: 23rd November 23:59 UTC

Voices & Values Workshop

Successful applicants will be invited to the scheduled workshop by 31st December

- Dublin & Belfast 7th & 8th January 2026
- Learn more about WIP, engage in group challenges & meet other potential class mates

Interview

Successful applicants will be notified that they have been invited to interview on the week commencing 12th January 2026

- Dublin & Belfast from 26th-30th January
- One individual interview with a small panel
- One small group-based interview



KEY DATES

Application Opening: 8th October 2025

Application Early Bird Deadline: 2nd November 2025 at 11:59 pm UTC

Application Regular Deadline: 23rd November 2025 at 11:59 pm UTC

Outcome Notification: Before Christmas

Assessment Day (Dublin & Belfast): 7th & 8th January 2026

Interview (Dublin & Belfast): Week of 26th – 30th January 2026

Results Notification: Early February 2026

Orientation: 20th - 22nd of March 2026

Pre-Departure Training: 16th May 2026

Depart for US: 30th May 2026

Depart US: 26th July 2026

Graduation: September 2026

APPLY FOR OUR CLASS OF 2025 TODAY



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