Bringing inspiring leaders from across the world to engage with all of Kalamazoo

2018 VISITOR COUNTRIES

WE ARE GROWING

1 Outbound exchanges
0 International visitors
72 Countries

985 Hotel nights
619 Volunteers and professional hosts
30 Number of programs

618
505
25

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Colleagues International works with grassroots citizen diplomats throughout West Michigan, enriching local community with global diversity, one relationship at a time

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EXCHANGES CREATE CHANGE IN
WEST MICHIGAN

A FEW THEMES EXPLORED IN 2018

Women in Entrepreneurship
Dynamic, creative women from across the world came to Kalamazoo to inspire and be inspired by local entrepreneurs and civic leaders.

Disinformation in Journalism
Journalists, bloggers and digital media managers from South and Central America shared best practices and challenges with their peers in West Michigan.

Government Accountability & Transparency
Leaders from both government and nonprofit sectors met with elected officials and watchdogs to examine ethics and civic engagement.

Youth Empowerment and Leadership
Teens, youth workers and policy makers engaged with amazing people in Kalamazoo working to lift up local youth, and with young people who are leading the way.

“Exchanges create change in West Michigan.”

“"The best place we visited. True American hospitality.”

“The people were more welcoming in Kalamazoo than in any other American city.”