



For Immediate Release

Delegation From Ukraine Visiting Dubuque

(Dubuque, Iowa) – An Open World delegation from Ukraine arrives in Dubuque on Friday, June 12th for a week long program to promote mutual understanding between young Ukrainian environment leaders and their Dubuque counterparts. Hosted by the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, the Open World delegates will explore the public/private partnerships that address the effects of industrial pollution and efforts to restore and protect the environment through responsible sustainability methods.

Managed by the independent Open World Leadership Center, Open World is designed to enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and the countries of Eurasia and the Baltic States by developing a network of leaders in the region who have gained significant, firsthand exposure to America’s democratic, accountable government and free-market system. Funded almost entirely by the U.S. Congress, Open World links Members of Congress to Eurasian leaders and is an instrument for Americans engaged in citizen diplomacy.

The Ukraine delegates provide regional and country leadership in addressing energy efficiency and pollution remediation throughout Ukraine. Delegates represent north and northwest regions of Ukraine. The Open World participants are especially interested in models of civic/ public / private partnerships in preserving and protecting the environment.

The delegation includes:

Iryna Bohdanivna Horodyska L'viv, L'vivs'ka Oblast'	Coordinator "Covenant of Mayors", Association "Energy Efficient Cities of Ukraine"
Mariia Andriivna Pazynich Kiev, Misto Kyiv	Project Manager, All-Ukrainian Children's Union "Ecological Guard"
Kateryna Anatoliivna Polyvach Kiev, Misto Kyiv	Senior Researcher, Institute of Geography of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
Viktoriiia Stanislavivna Ponomarova Vinnytsya, Vinnyts'ka	Head of Energy Management Department, Vinnytsia City Council
Iryna Mykolaivna Shebitchenko Poltava, Poltava Oblast	Energy Management Specialist at the Dept. of Economic Development, Poltava Oblast

The delegation is joined by an English speaking escort, Olga Tkachuk, who works as an assistant to a factory manager in Lutsk.

Agenda

Open World Delegation June 12 – June 20

June 12

4:14pm: Arrival Dubuque Regional Airport

6:00pm: Dinner (Barry's House for delegates and host families)

8:00 pm: Pick Up by Host Families at Barry Gentry's House

Located at 570 Arlington Street in Dubuque

June 13

8:30: Meet at Chamber

300 Main Street

9:00-10:30 am: Dubuque Farmers' Market

The summer Dubuque Farmers' Market has been located in the area surrounding City Hall since 1845. Now, the market sprawls over more than three city blocks on Iowa Street and extending down 12th and 13th Streets.

10:30 am-12:00 pm: 4th Street Elevator

The Fourth Street Elevator is claimed to be the shortest and steepest railroad in the world. Fourth street elevator began as a way to get from the bottom of the bluff to the top of the bluff in a shorter amount of time.

12:00-1:30 pm: Lunch (Crust)

Crust is an Italian Kitchen and Bar located close to the Chamber of Commerce. Crust offers authentic Italian pizza and pasta.

2:00-4:00 pm: Mines of Spain

The Mines of Spain Area was designated as one of Iowa's "Watchable Wildlife Areas." Rare species, including the bobcat, red-shouldered hawk, flying squirrel, and bald eagle have all been on the area. In addition, the area is home to a large variety of songbirds, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and numerous small mammals. With wetlands, creeks, forests, prairies, cropland, meadows, and the Mississippi River.

4:30pm: Pick up at Chamber

300 Main Street

June 14

11:30am: Meet at Chamber

300 Main Street

12:00-3:00 pm: Boat Trip-Rick Dickinson

Dinner on boat (sandwiches, etc.)

5:00pm: Pick Up at Chamber

300 Main Street

June 15

7:30am: Meet at Chamber

300 Main Street

8:00-9:00 am: Mayor Roy Buol in the Chamber Boardroom

Since Mayor Buol was elected mayor, Dubuque has been named:

- *a recipient of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2013 National Award for Smart Growth Achievement in corridor or neighborhood revitalization for efforts in the Historic Millwork District and Washington Neighborhood,*
- *an All-America City three times by the National Civic League (2007, 2012, 2013),*
- *5th in the U.S. in Site Selection magazine's 2013 "Top Metropolitan Areas" for metros under 200,000 pop.,*
- *one of Kiplinger Personal Finance's "10 Great Places to Live" for 2013,*
- *the 2010 "Best Small City to Raise a Family" by Forbes,*
- *one of the seven "Most-Connected Locales" in the U.S. in 2010 by Connected World,*
- *one of the "10 Smartest Cities on the Planet" by Fast Company in 2010,*
- *a 3rd place finalist and Gold-Standard Community at the 2010 International Awards for Livable Communities, and*
- *the "Most Livable Small City" by the U.S. Conference of Mayors for 2008.*

9:30-11:00 am: Water Treatment Plant

The Dubuque Water Treatment plant follows the twelve sustainable principles which include; smart energy use, smart resource use, community design, regional economy, clean water, healthy air, native plants and animals, reasonable mobility, green buildings, healthy local food, community knowledge, and community health and safety.

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1:00-2:30 pm: City Manager Mike Van Milligan Boardroom

Michael C. Van Milligen has served as City Manager for the City of Dubuque since January of 1993.

3:00 pm – 5:00pm: Kirstin Hill

Meeting in Chamber Boardroom and touring the City's Bee Branch Project

5:30pm: Pick up at Chamber

300 Main Street

June 16

8:00: Meet at Chamber
300 Main Street

8:30-10:00 am: Landfill-Bev Wagner
The Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency was formed in 1973. The landfill studies and identifies alternative solid waste management practices to provide services that help fill identifiable voids.

10:30 am-12:00 pm: Dittmer Recycling-Shelly Atchison
Dittmer Recycling provides opportunities to protect the environment through recycling and disposal services. Dittmer Recycling takes metal, cardboard, paper, plastic, and will even haul food waste to a compost facility. Dittmer Recycling is part of the U.S. Green Building Council, this council focuses on buildings that complement the environment and enhance communities.

12:30-2:00 pm: Lunch
Eagle Point Park, Tator Tot Casserole, you cannot visit Dubuque without eating Tator Tot Casserole.

2:30-4:00 pm: ECIA – Public Transportation – The Jule
The Jule strives to provide a safe, timely, and comfortable mode of public transportation for citizens to and from their destinations on [fixed routes](#).

5:00-7:00 pm: Chamber Biz Bee

7:30pm: Pick up at the Chamber
300 Main Street

June 17

9:00am: Meet at Chamber
300 Main Street

9:30-11:00 am: Straka Johnson Architects
Straka Johnson is an architectural firm that works in the Tri-state area. Their goal is to meet customer needs by developing successful business projects.

11:45 am-1:00 pm: Young Professionals Presentation
The Ukrainian Delegation will be presenting on their culture, current events and customs to the Dubuque Area Young Professionals. There will be approximately 120 people in attendance for this presentation.

2:00-5:30 pm: Kennedy Mall
Kennedy Mall offers a variety of stores all in one location for quick shopping and convenience.

6:00-8:00 pm: Dinner at Vinny Vanucci's hosted by the Sister City Commission
Made-from-scratch Italian cuisine featuring many recipes handed down five generations and an outstanding wine selection

8:00pm: Pick up at Vinny Vanucci's
180 Main Street

June 18

8:00am: Meet at Chamber

300 Main Street

8:30-10:00 am: Loras College

In 2011, Loras College became one of the first Petal certified organizations in Dubuque. The Petal Project is divided into five categories: pollution prevention, water conservation, waste reduction, energy conservation, staff education. Within each category, a business must complete all of the mandatory and a specified number of optional criteria to earn that petal. Once a business has earned all five petals, it is "Petal Certified".

11:00am-1:30 pm: Culture Club – Holiday Inn Dubuque/Galena

Cultural presentation on Ukraine

2:00-3:30 pm: CARADCO-Mary Gronen

CARADCO specializes in historic rehabilitation of properties in the greater Dubuque Area.

4:00-5:30 pm: Complete Streets Project

City of Dubuque's strategic plan for sustainable streets in the renovated Millwork District

(Laura Carstens, Dan Lobianco, John Dienst)

6:00pm: Pick up at Chamber

300 Main Street

June 19

7:30am: Meet at Chamber

300 Main Street

8:00-10:00 am: FarmTek

FarmTek offers agricultural and horticultural products for local farmers.

10:30 am-12:00 pm: Unison Solutions

Unison Solutions creates biogas conditioning fuel systems and distributed generation. Unison Solutions offers a green source of energy production.

12:30-1:30 pm: Lunch (Unison Solutions)

2:00-3:00 pm: Eagle Point Solar

Eagle Point Solar installs solar panels for commercial businesses. Eagle Point Solar focuses on reducing greenhouse gases by using solar power.

3:30pm-7:00pm Going away party at Laura Chandlee's house

301 West Bonnet Drive East Dubuque, IL

June 20

9:00am: Meet at Chamber

300 Main Street

11:30 am: Departure Flight from the Dubuque Regional Airport

For more information about the Open World delegation's visit to Dubuque contact Damian Waid PH: (563) 557-9200 or dwaid@dubuquechamber.com.

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