#### **Global Immersion Program**

FFI started an exciting journey this year with our inaugural Global Immersion Program! This transformative experience brought together remarkable youth from India, Canada, Brazil, Mongolia, Austria, Turkey, New Zealand, and Pakistan. They had the unique opportunity to travel to our center in Northern Ireland to immerse themselves in a rich cultural exchange while honing essential leadership skills. This is one of the only programs like this in the world! We're looking forward to another incredible Global Program in 2024 as we continue to empower the next generation of global change-makers.

28 Countries Served since 1986





# Northern Ireland/Republic of Ireland Immersion Program

As we develop our campus in NI, an island-wide collection of motivated alumni is essential. Therefore, we continued our Northern Ireland/Republic of Ireland program to stay true to our roots from nearly 40 years ago. This year's teams came to New Hampshire in July from new counties like Donegal and Wexford. They are currently working on social action projects like offering free academic resources for students across Dublin, creating activities for people with disabilities, and making a documentary addressing the mental health crisis. In 2024, we anticipate recruiting youth from new counties as well as old.

# World Peace...Grown Locally

We live in a global and connected world where we need to understand our common humanity. FFI continues to grow and innovate to meet the challenges of the day and find the hope and joy in tomorrow.

#### **New Hampshire Credit-Bearing Program**

This year, we successfully executed Credit-Bearing Programs benefiting a total of 43 participants from New Hampshire. Through our efforts, we were able to grant a total of 140 credits toward their high school graduation requirements. Courses included: NH Coastal Biome, Climbing & Bouldering, Yoga, Mindfulness, Sailing, Empathetic Debate, Art of Storytelling, and more. Participants not only received credit but also leadership skills and a global perspective. This achievement not only reflects our commitment to providing educational opportunities but also highlights the remarkable dedication and hard work of our participants. We look forward to continuing to support and empower New Hampshire students in their educational journeys as they go on to be global citizens.



64 Youth Served from NH since 2017



24 States Served since 2021

## U.S. Nationwide Immersion Program

This year, we were excited to gather a diverse group of young women together, creating a space where they could collectively push their boundaries and explore viewpoints different from their own. Our aim was to foster personal growth and empathy within a supportive environment. By encouraging open dialogue and providing opportunities for shared experiences, we empowered these young women to broaden their perspectives,

empathize with people different from themselves, and develop the skills they need to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. We plan to continue to grow our United States program to counter the growing polarization of our society.

87% of 2023 participants agree that after their FFI program, they are more able to accept opinions different from their own.

Visit www.ff.international/report for more statistics &

"FFI creates an environment that is far better than the world outside of it. But it shows how the world could be better and how you could change the world and your community to be better." - Khaliun, Mongolia

# 2023 Credit-Bearing Programs Highlights



## **Empathetic Debate**



**Adventure Education** 



**Art of Storytelling** 



**Holistic & Mindful Living** 



## **NH Coastal Biome**



Sailing





#### www.ff.international/annalong

#### **Our Global Alumni** This year, our alumni represented Israel, Palestine, Northern Ireland, Uganda, Cyprus, the United States, and more. Whether it was receiving advanced training in New Orleans or as volunteer counselors for our programs, FFI continues to work with our alumni well into their 30s to develop their skills and help them give back. They are a crucial part of the development and execution of our programs!

## FFI Global Hubs



#### volunteers. www.ff.international/belize

Diane M. Seagren

Rainforest Academy

After many renovations

and updates, we are

thrilled to begin hosting

programs at our Belize

campus in 2024. This

will be a hub for youth,

university students, and

# Support FFI

Support the most underutilized natural resource on the planet today...youth.

When you donate to FFI, you are not only investing in the mental and physical well-being of our participants, you are also making a positive impact through these youth both in the short and long term. You are helping to build the next generation of empathetic leaders who are focused on the environment, human rights, animal welfare, education and so much more. Youth are also less likely to engage in harmful behaviors, including substance abuse, self-harm, and other negative outcomes associated with depression when involved with out-of-school programs.



Your support and investment allows FFI to be the best version of itself so that we can make all the communities we work with, both locally and globally, the best possible

versions of themselves.

All our programs are **100% tuition-free**. Your gift ensures that we can be as equitable as possible with selection to our program and that we remove barriers that would prohibit many from even applying for this life-changing opportunity.

Donate online at www.ff.international/donate. Interested in donating stocks, land, or making a legacy gift? Contact Steve at steve@ff.international or 603.397.5301.



We are currently the largest out-of-school in-person provider of high school credit in the nation, and 2024 guarantees to be even more exciting as we continue to develop our New Hampshire Credit-Bearing Programs. Learn more and apply at

www.ff.international/creditbearingprograms!

NH Winter Activities\* December 27th, 2023 - January 3rd, 2024

**Local Government Engagement for** Youth & Bill of Rights for Teens\* February 24th - March 2nd, 2024 Art of Storytelling & Photography\* February 17th - 23rd, 2024

> NH Coastal Biome\* April 20th - 27th, 2024

\* All programs include a course in Public Speaking where participants will be required to give a speech to community members.





## Our Home in New Castle

New Castle is home to the nation and the world! In 2023, we hosted a team of young women from 8 different states at the Leonard Seagren Home in New Castle. Because of this home, they were able to experience the rigorous FFI program and gain invaluable leadership skills. This is the 20th year that the town has embraced teams of young leaders from around the world. Whether it is speaking at the church, attending community fairs, or just bringing their joy and enthusiasm for life to the community, they continued the tradition that means so much to all.

We also hosted a team of Mongolian District Attorneys and Georgian Higher Education Professionals in New Castle through our partnership with the Open World program out of DC. They were enraptured by staying at the traditional home and the warm smiles that greeted them each day from our neighbors.

We look forward to more teams coming to New Castle in 2024, and if you are excited too, please let us (and your town officials) know how much it means to you.

