Overseas Professional and Intercultural Training (OPIT) Program

Possible Internship Placements

The list below outlines possible internships and does not guarantee placement with a specific organization. The availability of placements changes from year to year and depends on our partners' capacities for hosting an intern at any given time.

Placements are not limited to the internships listed here. We also strongly encourage applicants to notify us if they are interested in an organization or institution not listed below. American Councils will reach out to potential placement organizations and explore new placements based on applicants' preferences.

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**Institute of Comparative Studies at Daugavpils University** - [Education Programming]
The Institute of Comparative Studies was founded in 2003 and conducts systematic comparative synchronous and diachronous research in different fields of humanities, that either concern one culture or are intercultural. [link]

**Mark Rothko Art Center** - [Education Programming]
The Mark Rothko Art Centre is multifunctional international artistic and educational institution aimed at the promotion and preservation of artistic values and the education of the city inhabitants. Its goals are to establish a dialog between cultures, to contribute into the process of decentralization, and to develop a cultural environment in the region and in the country. The art center opened in 2013 and is named after Mark Rothko, an artist and founder of the abstract expressionism movement. [link]

**Drosa Maja/Safehouse** - [Social Services]
Society “Shelter “Safe House”” was established on August 6, 2007 with the aim to develop support services to victims of human trafficking, legal immigrants, including asylum seekers, refugees and persons granted subsidiary protection status by ensuring the individual's right to receive adequate assistance and protection; promoting rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of human trafficking into the society; creating interactive forms of training, and expanding cooperation with state and local government institutions, public and Christian organizations in Latvia and worldwide. [link]

**Transparency International** - [Democracy Building & Human Rights]
Transparency International Latvia/Delna is the Latvian chapter of the global organization Transparency International, which was launched in 1993, five years before Delna. Delna’s goal is to foster an open, just and democratic society, devoid of corruption in public administration, politics, the public and private sectors, as well as in people’s mutual relations. [link]
From July 1, 2014 Latvia’s united news portal lsm.lv has been providing content in the English language in addition to the existing Latvian and Russian language sites to reach an even wider audience. [link]