

## **SPEAKERS BUREAU Program**



### **LINKS TO THE WORLD**

The Speakers Bureau, organized by the Program Office at International House, UC Berkeley, assists students and scholars from all over the world to share their knowledge, experience, and interests with Bay Area residents. An invaluable resource for local civic and educational organizations, the Bureau provides discussion leaders and speakers representing a broad spectrum of national, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.

Volunteers are either International House residents who come from many nations (including the US) or visiting international scholars at UC Berkeley. Working with the Speakers Bureau gives them firsthand experience of US institutions while making new friends outside the university community.

Local residents who use the service of the Bureau enhance their knowledge of countries and cultures, moving one step closer to becoming “global citizens” of today’s globalized world.

### **THE EDUCATIONAL MISSION FOR K-12 STUDENTS**

- Promote cross cultural awareness and exploration among students from kindergarten through high school.
- Provide classroom assistance at different levels responding to requests from teachers and organizations depending on their specific needs or share personal experiences and interests.
- Bureau volunteers receive training in how to guide a classroom discussion and present their topic using Powerpoint in a clear and interesting manner.
- Bureau volunteers occasionally work one-on-one with local students. Their service may involve participation in social and recreational as well as learning activities.
- Mentoring provides students with valuable tutorial assistance in specific subject areas while encouraging their study efforts and offering positive role models in the quest for personal integrity and self-definition.



### **THE I-HOUSE CONNECTION**

Local schools, churches, and community organizations can arrange with the Program Office to have volunteers come to their locations. The service is free of charge. In-kind donations, such as drinks, lunch and/or transportation for the volunteers, are much appreciated, but not required.

Trips for school and community organizations to visit I-House and experience its unique blend of nationalities and cultures is also possible through the Bureau. Visitors can participate in guided tours, special Ethnic Heritage Dinners, multicultural festivals, Globalization Programs featuring speakers and films and many other events.

### **HOW TO SIGN UP**

If your school or organization would like to participate in the Speakers Bureau Program, please e-mail [ihprograms@berkeley.edu](mailto:ihprograms@berkeley.edu), call (510) 642-9460, or fill out the request form on the back of this brochure and mail it to International House Program Office. Every effort will be made to find a speaker that fits your needs as closely as possible. In order to fulfill your request, your complete information must be received at least two/three weeks in advance of your proposed speaking date.



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## International House Program Office



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## Program Office Mission

The Program Office provides educational, cultural, social and recreational services for residents and members of International House that contribute to building a sense of intercultural community. In addition, ongoing programs and activities open to International House members strengthen relationships with the campus and the community, including interracial and intercultural activities and fora broadening and enriching social and cultural interaction.

## International House Mission

International House's mission is to foster intercultural respect and understanding, lifelong friendships and leadership skills for the promotion of a more tolerant and peaceful world. The House achieves its mission by providing students and scholars from the United States and around the world with an opportunity to live and learn together in a challenging and supportive residential, community-oriented program center. Its resources and activities are designed to stimulate diversity of thought and experience among residents, alumni worldwide and members of the campus and Bay Area communities.

I-House is an independent, self-supporting, non-profit organization with close ties to the University of California at Berkeley. Its approximately 600 resident students and scholars represent over 75 countries and close to 30 US states.

Non-residents are welcome to become members of International House and to participate in its broad program of recreational, cultural and educational activities.

### Experience the World "Under the Dome"

- IMMERSE into a multicultural community and participate in cross-cultural lectures, festivals, films, trips & programs
- NETWORK with Nobel Peace Prize winners, diplomats, academics, heads of state, civic leaders
- IMPACT locally and globally

Learn more at  
<http://ihouse.berkeley.edu>

## Request Form

Organization/School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Audience/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Number/Age/Grade of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Position /Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Country or Topic of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Date(s) of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Audio/Visual Equipment Available for Use \_\_\_\_\_

School Grade (if relevant) \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

This completed request must be received by the International House Program Office at least one month in advance of the planned presentation date.  
Mail to: Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Program Office, International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, CA 94720-2320.