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**Mission:** The ICCR helps the Capital Region engage with the world and promote international understanding.

**Vision:** The ICCR is recognized as the New York Capital Region's leader in developing international friendship and cooperation.

We do this by:

- Serving as citizen diplomats, by hosting international visitors and delegations, and promoting professional and cultural exchanges;
- Fostering education, awareness and advocacy about cultural diversity and global issues;
- Promoting the assets of the New York Capital Region to the global community;
- Offering shared services for international groups in the Capital Region.

### ICCR OPERATIONS:

The International Center of the Capital Region, Inc. (ICCR) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, serving Northeastern New York State, supported by the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV), charitable contributions, government grants and modest fees for some programs. In addition to NCIV, ICCR works closely with the Foreign Policy Association for world affairs programs, and NAFSA: Association of International Educators for international exchanges of students and scholars.



*“Welcoming the World  
to the  
Capital Region”*



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## Our History

The International Center of the Capital Region (ICCR), begun in 1956 as an informal dinner club providing hospitality and friendship to international visitors, evolved through the Vietnam era and into the 21st century into an agency meeting the resettlement and adjustment needs of refugees and immigrants. In 2005, the ICCR Board successfully transitioned the agency's direct services role to the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, allowing the ICCR to reinvent its community mission.

## Our Present and Future Path

The ICCR focuses on "Welcoming the World to the Capital Region," advancing greater local-global community understanding and appreciation. As the region's affiliate of the National Council for International Visitors, the ICCR hosts official delegations of international visitors, promoting citizen diplomacy, while increasing global awareness of the Tech Valley region's unique attributes. The ICCR also fosters education exchanges, including the Foreign Policy Association's "Great Decisions" discussion groups on crucial global issues. The ICCR Board continuously works with community leaders and our region's international organizations to creatively address the local-global needs of international newcomers, students and professionals.



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## New York's Capital Region Worth Discovering for 400 Years

The Capital Region is at the crossroads of the northeast, linking New York City, Boston, Montreal and Central New York State. Located midway along the eastern border of NYS, the region includes Albany, founded by the Dutch as a trading post in 1609 and now the seat of State government; Schenectady, where Edison began General Electric; and Saratoga Springs, home to world-class thoroughbred racing. The Capital Region enjoys a captivating mix of attractions and a variety of cultural and recreational offerings, with a quality of life further enhanced by the scenic Hudson and Mohawk river valleys, and the Adirondack and Catskills mountain ranges.

Our Governor presides over New York State from Albany's historic State Capitol, where government professionals lead the nation's public sector expertise in such areas as financial management, public health, education, economic development, workforce training, technological innovation, criminal justice, and environmental conservation. Albany also has a deep-water, year-round Port, welcoming thousands of international visitors each year, while providing a vital economic engine to power the region's trade networks and global import/export activity.

A hub for global research and education, Tech Valley boasts numerous colleges and universities, including the University at Albany's #1-ranked College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Albany Medical Center's nationally renowned teaching hospital. GE Global Research and Knolls Atomic Power Lab lead world-class scientific exploration.

Examples of dynamic high-tech economic development in this region include International SEMATECH, a global computer chip manufacturers' consortium; AMD's pioneering investments; Plug Power's innovative fuel cells; software development; power generation equipment, and medical products firms. Transportation networks linking the Northeast and Canada define the Capital Region as a critical crossroads and attract distribution and warehousing centers.

New York's Capital Region is an American gem, showcasing historic landmarks and cutting-edge technology, beautiful vistas and public policy experts, all a short distance up the Hudson River from New York City, a gateway to the world.

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*"How wonderful it is that no one need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."*  
- Anne Frank

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