This August, connect with community leaders, citizen diplomats, and like-minded volunteers to learn how cities are taking center stage on global issues.

This year’s Sister Cities International Annual Conference, Cities Leading the Way, will showcase how, in an era of unrest, cities across the globe are leading efforts to create smarter, healthier, more inclusive, and more innovative communities.

The conference consists of three full days of sessions on SMART cities, program management, sister city best practices, and more. The conference will also feature an exhibit hall; networking activities; a city of Aurora Mayor’s Welcome Reception; pre- and post-conference tours; and Sister Cities International’s signature Opening Ceremony and flag parade featuring flags from over 160 partner cities around the world!

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To ensure that peaceful and mutually beneficial global relationships continue to grow and thrive, it’s up to us to engage the next generation of citizen diplomats. The 2018 Youth Leadership Summit will bring together over 100 globally-minded youth to empower them with effective problem-solving strategies, leadership skills, and insights into the field of international affairs.

Through a specialized diplomatic simulation, as well as community volunteering, speaker sessions, and peer collaboration, participants will learn how different national interests drive international cooperation on critical issues while staying in the dorms at the University of Denver.

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AGENDA

(subject to change)

Wednesday, August 1st
Pre-Conference Tours

Thursday, August 2nd
9:00am - 4:30pm Pre-conference Workshops
9:00am - 4:45pm Leadership Meetings
5:30pm - 7:30pm VIP Reception

Friday, August 3rd
7:00am - 8:00am New Member Orientation
8:00am - 5:00pm Registration
9:00am - 10:15am Parade of Flags and Opening Ceremony
11:30am - 1:00pm Lunch Plenary
1:15pm - 4:00pm Conference Sessions
5:30pm - 7:30pm Mayor’s Welcome Reception

Saturday, August 4th
8:00am - 5:00pm Registration/ Check-in
8:00am - 9:00am Diplomatic Corps Panel
9:15am - 10:15am Conference Sessions
10:30am - 11:45am Conference Sessions
12:00pm - 1:30pm Lunch Plenary
2:00pm - 4:45pm Conference Sessions
6:00pm - 7:00pm Lou Wozar Annual Awards Ceremony Reception
7:00pm - 9:00pm Lou Wozar Awards Dinner

REGISTRATION FEES

FULL CONFERENCE (THURS, FRI, SAT)
Member ............................................ $650*
Nonmember ....................................... $750*
Young Professional .......................... $450

PARTIAL CONFERENCE OR PRE-CONFERENCE $325

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
Member ............................................ $600
Nonmember ....................................... $650
Local (no dorm) ................................. $350

For full pricing details and information on our pre-conference tracks, please visit our website at sistercities.org/annual-conference.

* Register by April 30, 2018 to receive $100 off your registration price!

VENUES

HYATT REGENCY AURORA-DENVER CONFERENCE CENTER
Conference sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center. A block of rooms is being held at this hotel. Please call the reservations local phone at 720-859-8000 to reserve your room or book online. For more information, please visit sistercities.org/annual-conference

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER
Students participating in the Youth Leadership Summit will get a taste of college life at the University of Denver, which boasts a beautiful campus situated near the Rocky Mountains.

AURORA CITY HALL
See Aurora’s beautiful city hall during the Opening Ceremony and Parade of Flags. Before or after the ceremony, pop into the free-of-charge Aurora History Museum and check out the exhibit, A Mosaic of Cultures: Aurora’s Salvadoran Communities, a collaboration between the Aurora History Museum, Aurora Sister Cities International and the city of Aurora Office of International and Immigrant Affairs.

STANLEY MARKETPLACE
Remodeled from an aircraft hangar, Stanley Marketplace is Aurora’s premiere event venue and community-focused marketplace featuring more than 50 independently-owned Colorado businesses and restaurants.