neighbors abroad

fostering connections and friendships around the world

who we are

join us!

neighbors abroad is a non-profit, civic organization affiliated with sister cities international and the city of palo alto. since the 1960s, neighbors abroad has embodied the idea that citizen diplomats can change the world, one cross-border relationship at a time. we leverage palo alto’s rich diversity to cultivate partnerships with eight international sister cities and a first-of-its-kind domestic sibling city relationship with bloomington, indiana.

we invite residents of palo alto and surrounding communities to join us in our mission to promote connections and celebrate differences through our robust offering of year-round programs.

we focus on exchange programs, cultural enrichment, service projects, sustainability initiatives and the promotion of commerce.

neighbors abroad’s members are globally minded go-getters from the silicon valley community who have fun collaborating to manifest the goals of our organization. we are always looking for new energy and ideas, motivated members and candidates to serve on our board and committees.

if you’re interested in getting involved, please email info@neighborsabroad.org.
to become a member, visit www.neighborsabroad/membership.

what we do

organize student and adult exchange programs

spearhead environmental initiatives

fundraise and provide life-changing donations to vulnerable communities within our sister and sibling cities

organize cross-border exhibits, essay contests, concerts, and other cultural offerings

facilitate delegation visits from our sister and sibling cities

catalyze and engage palo alto and the broader community vis-à-vis our sister and sibling cities

promote commerce and idea-sharing among our sister and sibling city network

promote innovative educational programs

partner with the city of palo alto on numerous other sister and sibling projects!
Neighbors Abroad
By the Numbers

60
Number of Years Neighbors Abroad Has Been Cultivating Palo Alto’s Sister (and Now Sibling) City Relationships

8 CURRENT NUMBER OF SISTER CITIES
- Albi, France
- Enschede, the Netherlands
- Heidelberg, Germany
- Linköping, Sweden
- Oaxaca, Mexico
- Palo, Leyte, the Philippines
- Tsuchiura, Japan
- Yangpu District, Shanghai, China

1 CURRENT NUMBER OF SIBLING CITIES
- Bloomington, Indiana

$100,000+
Amount we’ve raised for vulnerable children in Ukraine since the start of the Russian invasion. (Learn more and donate on the home page of neighborsabroad.org!)

$5,000
The amount up to which an anonymous donor has pledged to match donations to our Oaxaca Children’s Fund. (Learn more and donate at neighborsabroad.org/campaigns!)

1956
The year our umbrella organization, Sister Cities International, was founded

4,000
Number of people who have benefited from services offered by Vidas y Sueños, one of Neighbors Abroad’s partner organizations in Mexico.

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