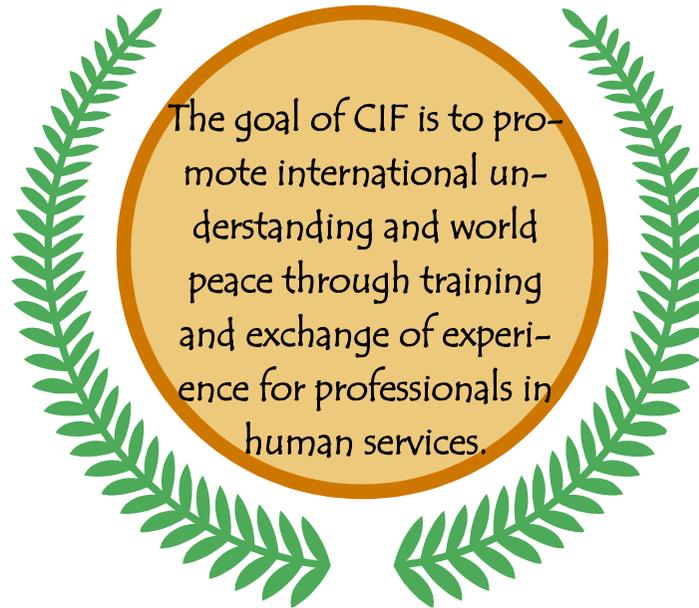


CIF Professional Exchange Programs
by the following National branches:

Aotearoa/New Zealand
Argentina
Australia
Baltic countries: Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia
Austria+ Czech Republic
Finland + Russia
France
Germany
Greece
India
Israel
Italy + Slovenia
Kenya
Nepal
The Netherlands
Norway
Scotland
Sweden
Switzerland
Tanzania
Turkey
The programs length is from two to five weeks. Times of the programs are subject to change from year to year
CIPUSA from 3 weeks up to 18 months



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Programs with specific websites:

- www.cif.org.nz
- www.cifaustralia.org
- www.cifaustria.at
- www.cifestonia.ee
- www.cifinland.org
- www.cif-france.org
- www.cif-germany.de
- www.cifhellas.org
- www.cifitalia.it
- www.cif.org.il
- www.cif-japan.papnet.jp
- www.cifnetherlands.org
- www.cifnorway.org
- www.cifscotland.org.uk
- www.cif-sweden.org
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**COUNCIL OF
INTERNATIONAL
FELLOWSHIP**



CIF provides professional human services development and training through intercultural exchange

How it all began

The Council of International Fellowship (CIF) is a private, voluntary, non-profit, politically and religiously independent organization founded in 1960 following the Cleveland International Program in the USA, later on Council of International Programs (CIP) and CIPUSA.

The founder of CIP was Dr. Henry B. Ollendorff (1907-1979), who obtained his PhD in Law and practised as a labour lawyer in Germany. In 1938 he escaped Nazi Germany with his wife Martha to begin a new life in the United States. Not being able to practise his profession in his new home land, he attended the New York School of Social Work earning a Master's degree and worked in a number of children and youth programs, his special interest.

Dr. Ollendorff had a vision to create an international program where youth leaders and social workers from many countries could get together with the goal that the horrors of the Second World War would never happen again.

The aims of the first CIP program in 1956 in Cleveland, Ohio were:

- Bridging and appreciating racial and religious differences;
- person to person respect and
- international understanding for peace.

In 1960, alumni of CIP, keen to share this spirit of fellowship, founded CIF. Since then 31 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North and South America and Oceania have established National Branches. More than twenty of them also run programs with similar aims to those initial experiences.

The aims of CIF

To develop cultural relations, provide learning opportunities and exchange work experiences among its members, host families and others actively involved in the individual exchange programs.

To stimulate and/or facilitate participation in exchange programs, conferences, seminars, reunions, and all other activities organized by CIF.

To support recruitment and selection of new participants in CIF exchange programs, CIPUSA and International Study Program for those who are social workers and other professionals in closely related fields.

To facilitate communication among members by the publication of a newsletter or by other means.

To support and promote the establishment of new national branches and, when this is not possible to enhance the establishment of contact persons.

To introduce new generations to the spirit and objectives of the organization, encouraging their participation and involvement in the activities of CIF.

Organization

CIF is governed by an elected Executive Committee of six members, a Board of Directors that is constituted of representatives of each CIF national branch and CIPUSA and the General Assembly of all members held biannually at the CIF International Conference. The organization is registered in Bonn, Germany.

Components of a typical CIF Professional Exchange Program

Orientation aims at providing a theoretical framework to understand the social, economic and cultural trends prevalent in the country with a historical perspective, building group cohesiveness, tolerance and understanding.

Experience in a multicultural group. Every participant presents work methods and intervention strategies, as well as the socioeconomic situation and cultural trends of her/his own country. This facilitates cultural exchange, cross-cultural training, and sharing of ideas and skills.

Agency Placements: Participants are placed to train in agencies related to their own specialized field, to observe and experience professional social work in the host country.

Host Family Living provides participants with a unique cultural experience that enriches the understanding and tolerance of diversities and develops lasting cross-cultural friendships.

Evaluation offers participants another opportunity to clarify newly gained impressions, knowledge and experience, in order to assess their overall participation and the effectiveness of the program.

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