

## **“World Learning” for Cuba: a new CIA program?**

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*Translator’s Note:* Delphi International Group’s transition to World Learning, noted below and occurring in 2001, is detailed [in an article](#) which explains that World Learning operates “in more than 130 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East [and has] managed more than \$650 million in programs funded by United States government agencies.” At some point, the Experiment in International Living, founded in 1932 in Brattleboro, VT, [became World Learning](#). As a youth, Peace Corps founding director Sargent Shriver joined a project of the Experiment. Thus began, says the World Learning website, a “deep, decades-long [partnership between the](#) Peace Corps, The Experiment in International Living, and World Learning.”

In the new context of relations between the United States and Cuba, no one is surprised that suspicious programs are beginning to appear that are directed toward searching out young Cubans suitable for creating a repository of potential new leaders “for change” — but change is defined according to standards of a war of subversion. These projects end up looking attractive and innocent, but there is an undertone of unhealthy purpose, that of orienting such young people around the values of capitalist and counter-revolutionary political discourse. Thus a notification has just appeared from the non-governmental organization (NGO) World Learning, based in Washington, which has opened up enrollment for its “Summer Program for Young Cubans,” which will run for 30 days, in July and August 2016, in the United States.

The World Learning website (<http://www.worldlearning.org/what-we-do/programa-de-verano-para-jovenes-cubanos/>) explains that this notification goes out on March 1, 2016, and is aimed, specifically, at young Cubans between 16 and 18 years of age who have been studying at the secondary or pre-university level. As explained on the website, the basis, really the purpose, for reaching out is to “develop skills in such areas as speaking in public, working as a team, negotiating, promoting consensus, resolution of conflicts, defending one’s own rights, and problem-solving.”

The website goes on: “Our programs assist the next generation of world leaders in obtaining a better sense of citizen responsibility, establishing relations along ethnic, religious, and national lines, and developing skills and information for transforming their communities and countries.” It specifies further that, “These programs center on specific themes and move from citizen participation and voluntary work toward the development of leadership through sports and activism.”

Those in charge of the website reserve the right of selection after meticulous assessment of the applicants. That’s clear from what appears at the web address (URL) specified by the website in question for applicants’ use, which is: <https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1789287>. Apparently they want to know about the applicant’s academic performance and skills at developing projects beneficial to the school and/or community. They are also looking for an aptitude for working cooperatively within different groups and understanding — but not necessarily accepting — the opinions of others. Nevertheless, two letters of recommendation written by two adults in Cuba are requested. Who they would be or what their political orientation might be is unspecified. That presupposes an explicit trap.

The NGO World Learning is located at 1015 15th St NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC, 20005, USA. According to Wikipedia’s article on World Learning, the main campus of World Learning is situated north of Brattleboro [Vermont].

Nevertheless, behind the [ostensibly] “innocent intentions,” very serious suspicions come to the fore regarding the subversive nature of the program, specifically that it could be part of long-term project of a CIA cover-up organization. This NGO was originally connected with the Peace Corps and is a new version of the Delphi International Group. That organization was involved with plans for de-stabilization [all over] undertaken by the CIA and its facades like USAID [United States Agency for International Development] and

NED [National Endowment for Democracy]. It's known that more than 40 World Learning programs are financed by USAID.

The website [www.topsecretwriters.com](http://www.topsecretwriters.com) denounces this NGO, "formerly known as the Delphi International Group." The claim is that, "It's nothing more than a propaganda machine for the CIA and is used so that the Federal government can achieve its general political objectives on foreign soil." One example of this political implication, emphasized on the site, played out during the decades of the 1980s when the U. S. government used the Delphi International Group for "promoting democracy" in Nicaragua.

In an article appearing June 11, 2003, on Voltaire Net (Red Voltaire) (<http://www.voltairenet.org/article125754.html>), the late Philip Agree, a former CIA agent, revealed how teachers for World Learning, really USAID, NED, and the CIA itself, participated in subversive schemes against Bolivarian Venezuela.

In any case, this proposal for Cuba requires that we proceed with a watchful eye, and not merely because of this NGO's predecessors. There is also the fact of its direct ties with the USAID and NED. Those are disguises for subversive CIA operations.

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No resulta una sorpresa para nadie que en el nuevo contexto de las relaciones entre Cuba y EEUU comiencen a aparecer sospechosos programas encaminados a rebuscar entre los jóvenes cubanos para crear una cantera de potenciales nuevos líderes "para el cambio" según los estándares de la guerra subversiva. En apariencia estos proyectos resultan atractivos e inocentes, pero en su trasfondo existe la malsana intencionalidad de adiestrar a dichos jóvenes en torno a los valores del discurso político capitalista y contrarrevolucionario. De esta forma acaba de aparecer una convocatoria de la organización no gubernamental World Learning, con sede en Washington, la cual ha abierto la matrícula de su "Programa de verano para jóvenes cubanos", el cual se llevará a cabo durante treinta días, entre julio y agosto de 2016, en los EEUU.

El sitio World Learning (<http://www.worldlearning.org/what-we-do/programa-de-verano-para-jovenes-cubanos/>) da a conocer esta convocatoria que se iniciará el 1 de marzo del presente año y está dirigida, específicamente, a jóvenes cubanos entre los 16 y los 18 años de edad, los cuales deben estar estudiando en el nivel secundario o preuniversitario. Las bases para la captación aparecen en este sitio mencionado y, particularmente, la intencionalidad del mismo: "el desarrollo de habilidades en áreas que incluyan hablar en público, trabajar en equipo, negociar, fomentar consenso, resolución de conflictos, defender los derechos propios, y solución de problemas."

El citado sitio refiere lo siguiente: "Nuestros programas ayudan a la próxima generación de líderes mundiales para obtener un mayor sentido de responsabilidad ciudadana, establecer relaciones a través de líneas étnicas, religiosas y nacionales, y desarrollar las habilidades y conocimientos para transformar sus comunidades y países." Y puntualiza, además: "Los programas se centran en temas específicos, que van desde la participación ciudadana y el voluntariado para el desarrollo de liderazgo a través del deporte y el **activismo**."

Obviamente, según puede verse en la dirección web de la mencionada ONG en cuestión: <https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=1789287>, la directiva de esta ONG se reserva el derecho de selección luego de un meticuloso análisis de los solicitantes. A saber, aparentemente, el rendimiento académico, la habilidad para desarrollar proyectos que beneficien a la escuela y/o comunidad del solicitante y la de trabajar en cooperación en diferentes grupos, y entender -pero no necesariamente aceptar- las opiniones de otros. Sin embargo, se piden dos cartas de recomendación escritas por dos adultos en Cuba, sin especificar quiénes sean los mismos o su orientación política, lo que presupone una explícita trampa.

La ONG World Learning tiene su sede en el 1015 15th St NW, Suite 700, 20005, en Washington, Distrito de Columbia, EEUU. El campus principal de World Learning está situado en el norte de Brattleboro, según se destaca en la página [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World\\_Learning](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Learning)

Sin embargo, detrás de las "inocentes intenciones" existen las sospechas muy serias sobre el carácter subversivo del mismo y cómo resulta parte de la acción a largo plazo de una tapadera de la CIA. Esta ONG está conectada en sus orígenes con los Cuerpos de Paz y es una nueva versión del Grupo Internacional de Delphi, involucrado en planes desestabilizadores por parte de la CIA y de sus tapaderas como la USAID y la NED. Se sabe que más de 40 programas de World Learning son financiados por la USAID.

El sitio [www.topsecretwriters.com](http://www.topsecretwriters.com) denuncia que esta ONG, antecesora del grupo Internacional Delphi, “no es nada más que una fábrica de propaganda de la CIA que se utiliza para que el gobierno federal puede lograr sus objetivos políticos generales en suelo extranjero.” Un ejemplo de esta implicación política, acentúa este sitio, fue durante la década de 1980, cuando el gobierno de Estados Unidos utilizó a Delphi International Group para “promover la democracia” en Nicaragua.

El 11 de junio de 2003 Philip Agee, ex agente de la CIA ya fallecido, desnudó cómo las tutoras de World Learning –entiéndase USAID, NED y la propia CIA– participaron en planes subversivos contra la Venezuela Bolivariana, en un artículo aparecido en Red Voltaire (<http://www.voltairenet.org/article125754.html>)

Sea como fuere, se ha de andar con ojo avizor ante esta propuesta para Cuba, no solo por los antecedentes de esta ONG y por el hecho de sus vínculos directos con la USAID y la NED, máscaras de la operaciones subversivas de la CIA