Did you know...

Immigrants accounted for **25%** of all venture-backed firms that had public offerings between 1990 and 2005.
National Models

Upwardly Global provides customized training and support for recent immigrants to give them an equal opportunity to find and secure skill appropriate opportunities and achieve their full economic potential in the U.S.
Did you know...

40% of 2010 Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants or their children, employing more than 10 million people worldwide.
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Global Detroit has raised over $5 million in funding to launch a half-dozen initiatives.
Did you know...

Fortune 500 companies founded by immigrants or their children boast revenues of $4.2 trillion - a figure greater than the GDP of every country in the world except the U.S., China, and Japan.
Vibrant Pittsburgh's New Arrivals Bridge is a welcome initiative that introduces newcomers to the region's unique history and culture and fosters networks among the new arrival cohort.
Did you know...

47% of all scientists and engineers with doctorate degrees are foreign-born.
About the Global Great Lakes Network...

Global Lansing’s Protocol Network is a community of individuals that welcomes any foreign delegation that visits the region, bringing consistency to the process.
Did you know...

25% of American high-tech startups created between 1995 and 2005 were started by immigrants
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Did you know...

There are nearly 4 high-skilled immigrants for every low-skilled immigrant in Pittsburgh
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Did you know...

Over 38% of Ohio's foreign born adults have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to only 24% of native-born residents.
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Did you know...

More than 34% of Indiana's immigrants who were naturalized citizens in 2011 had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 24% of native born residents.
Did you know...

The purchasing power of Ohio’s Latino and Asian communities combined is $15 billion
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Did you know...

Immigrants account for 7% of the economic output in the Cleveland area
Did you know...
The combined purchasing power of Pennsylvania's Latinos and Asians in 2010 was $26.4 billion
The Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians connects newly arrived individuals from around the world with the economic opportunities in the region. Since opening our doors in 2003, they have assisted more than 8,000 people from over 140 countries.
Did you know...

International students spent $712 million in Ohio in 2012
Did you know...

International students contributed a net $758.7 million to Michigan's economy in the 2011-2012 school year.
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Did you know...

Ohio's 18,198 Asian-owned businesses had sales and receipts of $6.8 billion and employed 51,478 people in 2007.
About the Global Great Lakes Network...

**Global Detroit's** ProsperUS Detroit program provides entrepreneur training and small business lending to immigrant entrepreneurs in Detroit neighborhoods
Did you know...

Immigrants to Michigan are 3 times more likely to start a business than the average Michigan resident.
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Did you know... 

There are more than 2 high-skilled immigrants for every low-skilled immigrant in Columbus.
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The **Global Lansing “Getting Started” Fellowship Program** is an innovative, first-of-its-kind initiative that matches international students in Greater Lansing to internships and mentorships with area businesses and entrepreneurs.
Did you know...

76% of Pittsburgh's immigrants from 2000-2009 had a college education, and 93% had at least a GED
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The Immigrant Welcome Center of Indianapolis' Natural Helpers program volunteers represent almost 40 different countries of origin who assist new immigrants integrating into the community.
Did you know...

There are more than 3 high-skilled immigrants for every low-skilled immigrant in St. Louis.
Global Cleveland offers international newcomers connections to a variety of services to help them acclimate and grow roots in the community including ESL classes, language services and immigration attorneys in Northeast Ohio.
Did you know...

There are more than 22,000 foreign university students in Ohio.
About the Global Great Lakes Network...

**Global Pittsburgh** hosts First Thursdays International Happy Hours as a regular monthly night of networking and socializing with an international flavor.
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Welcome Dayton has hosted the annual Dayton World Soccer Games as a fun way to celebrate the diversity in their community.
Did you know...

Michigan immigrants are 6 times as likely to start a high-tech business than the average Michigan resident.
Did you know...

Foreign students and their families contributed more than $1 billion to the Pennsylvanian economy during 2011-12.
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In 2012, St. Louis University completed a study entitled “How Can We Create Growth in St. Louis? The Economic Impact of Immigration on our Region.” A 20-member Regional Immigration & Innovation Steering Committee was formed to attract, support and retain new citizens to spur growth and secure the economic future of St. Louis.
Did you know...

Immigrants are almost **2 times** as likely to start a business than non-immigrants.
Did you know... 

32.8% of High Tech startups in Michigan launched between 1995 and 2005 had an immigrant founder. Only California and New Jersey have a greater percentage than Michigan.
Event Materials Online

Power Point presentations, speaker bios and more information about the Global Great Lakes Initial Convening are available on our website globalGL.org under the "Convening Materials" tab.
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Did you know...

Michigan international students are 3 times more like to be majoring in a STEM field than average U.S. undergraduate student.
The **Global Talent Bridge** joins with institutional partners and community-based organizations to help skilled immigrants leverage their training and experience to achieve their career and professional goals, and contribute their talents to their full potential.