

WISDOM ADDO ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

"My Journey as a Rotary Peace Builder"

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Wisdom Addo is a Rotary Peace Fellow and the Executive Director at the West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation (WACPF), a non-governmental organization that serves the youth in schools and communities through education on human rights, leadership training, and peacebuilding in Ghana. Wisdom also serves as the Africa Director for the PeaceJam Foundation, USA. His work aimed at providing peace education to the youth and focus on acquiring and advancing capacities, skills, values, and knowledge, thus establishing a global and sustainable peace culture.

Wisdom has helped established PeaceJam Ghana affiliate, Nigeria chapter, PeaceJam Uganda chapter, PeaceJam Liberia affiliate through the Gbowee Peace Foundation for Africa and provides support for PeaceJam South Africa affiliate.

Wisdom has a background in peace and conflict studies, including conflict resolution, human rights, gender, mediation, negotiation, and peacebuilding. He has led local and international workshops in peace and conflict prevention/management and became involved in several international projects. He learned firsthand that other cultures also struggle with how best to resolve differences and conflict.

His background is in conflict analyses and peacebuilding from the Central European University - Budapest and The Network University - Netherlands. At the same time, his bachelor's degree in Computer Science was awarded by the Association of Computer Professionals (ACP) in the United Kingdom. Wisdom also holds a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies from the Rotary Peace Center, Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, and a certificate in International Civilian Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding from the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution - Austria. Wisdom currently holds Masters in Peace Studies from the Rotary Peace Center – International Christian University – Japan.

KIRSTEN ELLENBOGEN, PH.D.
PRESIDENT & CEO, GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER



Lakes Science Center (GLSC) in 2013 with a strategic initiative developed in collaboration with corporate leaders to change the community's narrative around advanced manufacturing for diverse middle-school youth and families. This work was recognized by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, who chose GLSC as the unveiling site for the National Week of Making with Mythbuster's host Adam Savage in 2016. Most recently, GLSC has launched *Cleveland Connections*: a new initiative integrating emerging technologies, such as blockchain and industrial internet of things, to educate and empower youth in developing personal and community solutions. She leads an innovative and committed team at GLSC that has used the best scientific research to develop safe operating models, allowing them to continue to serve families and schools during the public health and economic crises that have magnified persistent racial inequities in our community. GLSC has been honored for this work and named a 2021 National Medal for Museum and Library Service finalist, recognizing their pioneering approaches and deep community partnerships during this time. In 2022, GLSC was voted a top three science museum in the USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice travel awards.

Her research focus has included measuring the community impact of science centers and studies at the intersection of rhetoric, science communication, and informal science education. She was appointed to Section X of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and to the National Academy of Sciences' committee that produced *Learning Science in Informal Environments*. Dr. Ellenbogen's energetic leadership on field-advancing initiatives such as the Center for Informal Learning and Schools and the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network, has included serving as co-principal investigator of the Center for Advancement of Informal Science Education. She was elected President of the Visitor Studies Association in 2007. In 2010, she was awarded a Noyce Fellowship focused on using museum resources to help policy makers use scientific evidence to inform decision-making. She is honored to have received recognition as the 2015 Community Inspiration Award at STEMCON, 2017 Crain's Women of Note Award, 2019 Crain's Notable Women in STEM, 2019 Cleveland Magazine Women Living STEM, and 2021 & 2022 Cleveland 500 Leaders, Doers, Visionaries, & Idea Generators Who Shape the City.

In recent years, she has served as chair of the Downtown Cleveland Alliance Visioning Committee, as well as Secretary of the board and co-chair of the conference planning committee of the Association of Science and Technology Centers, serving more than 600 science centers in 48 countries. In 2018, Dr. Ellenbogen was selected to serve on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication Research and Practice, and in 2020 was appointed co-chair. In 2021, she was chosen for the pioneering, blue ribbon committee assembled by the Rita Allen Foundation on The Practice and Science of Civic Science.

Dr. Ellenbogen is passionate about Cleveland and has been honored to lead GLSC in playing important roles that help put the city in the spotlight for the 2016 Republican National Convention and the 2021 National Football League Draft. She served on the Cleveland Mayor's Sustainable City Committee, the Planning and Urban Design Committee of the Group Plan Commission and is a proud alumni of the 2014 class of Leadership Cleveland. She currently serves on the boards of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Cleveland's MC²STEM High School, and the Cleveland Water Alliance where her term as Chair started January 2023. She received her Ph.D. in Science Education from Vanderbilt University and her B.A. from the University of Chicago. She lives in Shaker Heights with her husband, a Cleveland Metropolitan School District teacher, and their two children.



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Kevin Kelly joined The Rotary Foundation in January of 2016 as a Regional Major Gifts Officer. He resides in Metro Detroit and a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Northville, serving as President of the club in 2023-24. Kevin is responsible for major gift cultivation and stewardship in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, and Southern Ontario, Canada. Prior to his role with The Rotary Foundation, Kevin served as the Director of Development for Easter Seals Michigan as well as a Major Gifts Officer for Starr Commonwealth.

Kevin is an avid cyclist. While attending Central Michigan University, he cycled from San Francisco, California to Washington, DC to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities. In 2019, Kevin cycled 100+ miles in the Tour de Tucson and raised over \$75,000 for polio eradication.