

Hungarian Ambassador visits Asylum Hill

The World Affairs Council of Connecticut joined CERC (Connecticut Economic Resource Center), and the MetroHartford Alliance in hosting His Excellency Dr. László Szabó, Ambassador of Hungary to the United States for a Global Connections Reception Thursday Afternoon in the lobby of CPBN at 1049 Asylum Ave. Dr. Szabo came to this reception as the first part of his visit to Connecticut to promote increased trade between Hungary and Connecticut. Even though the last of the Nor'easters left the DC area without a flight to Hartford, Dr. Szabo drove the distance rather than cancel the reception. He was introduced by Dr. Christopher Ball, the Honorary Consul of Hungary for the state of Connecticut, and director of the Central European Institute and István Széchenyi Chair in International Economics at Quinnipiac University.



Dr. Szabo had many good things to say about the synergy between Connecticut and Hungary including their economies, their workforces and their opportunities for collaboration. After his prepared remarks, he took questions from the more than twenty gathered for the event. The questions touched on topics as varied as relations with Russia, wage disparity for women and renewable sources of energy. His answers were honest, insightful and encouraging.

The World Affairs Council has had their offices in the CPBN building for several years and in the neighborhood for much longer. They are an active and supporting part of the Asylum Hill Community and their presence and mission fits well with Asylum Hill's diverse and welcoming spirit. For photos of the event, go to

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/S6gfWn3bRGQLgowy1> and for more information on World Affairs Council of CT and their events go to <http://www.ctwac.org/event/>