

## Multicultural Directory

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## Africa

### African Trade and Information Center

P.O. Box 320636

Hartford, CT 06112

Contact: Mohamoud David Ahmed

Phone: (860) 246-4945

Email: [mdahmed@ni.net](mailto:mdahmed@ni.net)

Function: Holds seminars regarding business in Africa. Exports/Imports to and from Africa. Advice on where to trade in Africa.

### Alumni African-American Chapter of University of Hartford

200 Bloomfield Avenue

West Hartford, CT 06117

Contact: Aaron Masthay, Associate Director of Alumni Relations

Phone: (860) 768-2426

Email: [alumni@hartford.edu](mailto:alumni@hartford.edu)

Function: Provides a representation of ethnic clubs at the University of Hartford.

### [Shona Gallery](#)

290 Pratt Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Meriden, CT 06450

Contact: Stephen Loitz

Phone: (860) 365-0050

Email: [shona@shonagallery.com](mailto:shona@shonagallery.com)

Function: Provides African art crafts

## Bosnia

### Selzas European Grocery

452 Franklin Avenue

Hartford, CT 06114

Owners: Fahrudin and Selva Custovic

Phone: (860) 296-5182

## Brazil

### [Aliança Brasileira](#)

1718 Park Street  
Hartford, CT 06106  
Phone: (860) 236-0788  
Email: [contact@aliancabrasileira.org](mailto:contact@aliancabrasileira.org)

Function: to establish collaborative teamwork with national and international community agencies, religious groups, legal and educational services at a micro/ macro level in order help improve the living conditions of the Brazilian population living in the U.S. and consequently overseas.

### [Brazilian Consulate General](#)

1 Constitution Plaza  
Hartford, CT 06103  
Phone: (860) 760-3100  
Email: [cghartford@itamaraty.gov.br](mailto:cghartford@itamaraty.gov.br)

## Cambodia

### [Asian Family Services](#)

1921 Park Street  
Hartford, CT 06106  
Contact: Mui Mui Hin-McCormick, Clinical Director  
Phone: (860) 951-8770 (ext. 221, 232, or 222)

Function: Assists Asian refugee and immigrant populations in their adjustment to life in the U.S.

### [Khmer Health Advocates](#)

1125 New Britain Ave. Suite 202  
West Hartford, CT 06110  
Contact: Theanvy Kuoch  
Phone: (860) 561-3345  
Fax: (860) 561-3538  
Email: [theanvy@aol.com](mailto:theanvy@aol.com) or [tkuoch@khmerhealthadvocates.org](mailto:tkuoch@khmerhealthadvocates.org)

Function: Provides treatment for Cambodian victims of torture.

## China

### [Chinese Cultural Center](#)

P.O. Box 1380825  
East Hartford, CT 06138  
Phone: (860) 656-0236  
Email: [eopwong888@gmail.com](mailto:eopwong888@gmail.com)

Function: Offers a wide variety of cultural events and social activities, as well as educational and cultural programs

### [Chinese Cultural Exchange](#)

22 E Andover Drive  
West Hartford, CT 06110

Contact: Mrs. Ming Hua He  
Phone: (860) 953-3322  
Email: [info@MingsChina.com](mailto:info@MingsChina.com)

Function: Conducts a wide range of activities dedicated to promoting cultural understanding. Also provides assistance with Chinese adoptions.

#### [Chinese Language School of Greater Hartford](#)

Mailbox 702540  
300 Summit St.  
Hartford, CT 06106  
Contact: Shyling Lee  
Phone: (860) 651-3624 or 860-461-4507  
Email: [cls-ct@yahoo.com](mailto:cls-ct@yahoo.com)

Function: A non-profit organization that aspires to extend the Chinese language and culture to the Connecticut and Massachusetts community.

## Estonia

CT Estonian Society  
5 Old Post Road  
Tolland, CT 06086  
Contact: Mr. Indrek Linask  
Phone: (860) 875-7997  
Email: [labajalg@att.net](mailto:labajalg@att.net)

Function: Organization that observes social, educational, cultural, and religious traditions

## France

[Alliance Française de Hartford](#)  
233 Pearl Street, 3rd floor  
Hartford, CT 06103  
Contact: Tracy Sigman  
Phone: (860) 278-9999  
Fax: (860) 293-1688  
Email: [afdehtfd@alliancefrancaisehtfd.org](mailto:afdehtfd@alliancefrancaisehtfd.org)

Function: French language school and cultural organization

## Germany

Austrian Donau Club  
545 Arch Street  
New Britain, CT 06051  
Contact: Bob Wolf  
Phone: (860) 223-9401  
Web: [www.austriandonauclub.com](http://www.austriandonauclub.com)

Function: Promote food, music, culture of Germany

#### **The Hartford Saengerbund**

719 North Mountain Road

Newington, CT 06111

Contact: Alfred Meier, President

Phone: (860) 953-8967

Web: [www.hartfordsaengerbund.org](http://www.hartfordsaengerbund.org)

Function: A German Cultural and heritage society

## Greece

#### **St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral**

433 Fairfield Avenue

Hartford, CT 06114

Contact: Elaine Melonopoulos

Phone: (860) 956-7586

Email: [elaine@stgeorgecathedral.org](mailto:elaine@stgeorgecathedral.org)

Web: [www.stgeorgecathedral.org](http://www.stgeorgecathedral.org)

## Haiti

#### **Haitian-American Catholic Center**

93 Hope Street

Stamford, CT 06906

Phone: (203) 406-0343

Contact: Father Jean-Aony Philip

Function: Haitian American Youth Group, Summer camp, etc.

#### **The United Haitian American Society**

304 Main Avenue PMB #414

Norwalk, CT 06851

Phone: 1 (866) 413-8427

Email: [uhasociety@aol.com](mailto:uhasociety@aol.com)

Web: [www.uhasociety.org](http://www.uhasociety.org)

## India

#### **Geetanjali Radio Show**

University of Hartford

200 Bloomfield Ave

West Hartford, CT 06117

Phone: (860) 768-4701 or (860) 768-4703

Email: [wwuh@hartford.edu](mailto:wwuh@hartford.edu)

Web: [www.wwuh.org](http://www.wwuh.org)

Function: Radio show playing Indian music. Cultural discussions relating to India; some discussions are political, others are social. (WWUH 91.3 FM; Friday 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm)

#### **India Association of Greater Hartford**

PO Box 370128

West Hartford, CT 06137

Contact: Harish Pandya, President

Phone: (860) 665-7228 or (860) 944-1479  
Email: [hp99@aol.com](mailto:hp99@aol.com)  
Web: [www.iaoghct.org](http://www.iaoghct.org)

### **Milan Cultural Association**

75 Ruff Circle  
Glastonbury, CT 06033  
Contact: Mr. Suresh Sharma  
Phone: (860) 657- 4271  
Email: [milanusa3@aol.com](mailto:milanusa3@aol.com)  
Web: [www.milanusa.org](http://www.milanusa.org)

Function: As association of people from India in the USA. Promotes education about India and Indians in the U.S.

### **Volunteers in Service to Education in India, Inc. (VSEI)**

P.O. Box 713  
Hartford, CT 06142  
Contact: Dr. K. Raman  
Phone: (860) 233-5684  
Email: [vsei@ntplx.org](mailto:vsei@ntplx.org)  
Web: [www.vsei.org](http://www.vsei.org)

## **Ireland**

### **Irish American Home Society**

132 Commerce Street  
Glastonbury, CT 06033  
Contact: Dan O'Connell  
Phone: (860) 633-9691  
Fax: (860) 633-6672  
Web: [www.irishamericanhome.com](http://www.irishamericanhome.com)

Function: Cultural and social. Friday night entertainment, cultural, dances, and festivals.

### **Sister City with New Ross**

Hartford/New Ross Sister Cities Committee  
550 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103  
Contact: John Bazzano  
Phone: (860) 757-9755  
Email: [bazzi001@hartford.gov](mailto:bazzi001@hartford.gov)

Function: Promotes cultural awareness and understanding. Also involved in business relations.

## **Islamic**

### **Hartford Seminary Macdonald Center for Islamic Studies**

77 Sherman Street  
Hartford, CT 06105  
Contact: Mary Veman  
Phone: (860) 509-9534  
Email: [mveman@hartsem.edu](mailto:mveman@hartsem.edu)  
Web: <http://macdonald.hartsem.edu>

Function: Center for the study of Islam and Christian-Muslim relations; graduate level classes that can but do not necessarily have to lead to a degree.

# Italy

**Italian American Club**  
64 South Center St.  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096  
Contact: Michael Roche  
Phone: (860) 627-9682  
Function: Community service, scholarships, and fundraisers.

# Jamaica

[Jamaica Progressive League of Hartford, Inc.](#)  
1120 Albany Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06112  
Contact: Mr. Collin Edwards (can be reached after 5:00 p.m.)  
Phone (860) 293-0827  
Email: [jamaicaprogressive@snet.net](mailto:jamaicaprogressive@snet.net)

# Jewish

**The Hadassah office**  
740 North Main Street  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
Phone: (860) 231-9364

Function: Sponsors a hospital in Israel. Donations can be made to the Hadassah Office for the hospital or by purchasing items from their thrift shop.

[Jewish Community Center of Greater Hartford](#)  
335 Bloomfield Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
Contact: David Jacobs  
Phone: (860) 236-4571  
Email: [djaco@ghjcc.org](mailto:djaco@ghjcc.org)

Function: Collects, organizes, preserves, and exhibits historical, political, economic, social and religious documents.

[Jewish Family Service Center of Greater Hartford](#)  
333 Bloomfield Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
Phone: (860) 236-1927  
Email: [info@jfshartford.org](mailto:info@jfshartford.org)

Function: Provides psychotherapeutic services

[Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford](#)  
333 Bloomfield Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06117

Contact: Laura Zimmerman  
Phone: (860) 232-4483  
E-mail: [info@jewishhartford.org](mailto:info@jewishhartford.org)

Function: The "public affairs arm of the Jewish community". Represents the Jewish and non-Jewish community. Goal: to bring consensus and awareness to the Jewish community. Sponsors social and educational programs.

## Korea

### [Korean-American Society of Connecticut](#)

2781 Dixwell Avenue, Suite 212  
Hamden, CT 06518  
Phone: (203) 257-2424

## Laos

Laos Association of CT  
P.O. Box 330513  
West Hartford, CT 06133  
Contact: Howard Phengsomphone  
Phone: (860) 523-8340  
Email: [laoact@comcast.net](mailto:laoact@comcast.net)

Lao Saturday School  
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School  
140 Horseplain Road  
New Britain, CT 06053  
Contact: Manola Sidara  
Phone: (860) 223-8007

Function: Laotian school teaching culture and discipline. Counseling and performing arts are also available.

## Latvia

American Latvian Lutheran Church of Manchester  
21 Garden Street  
Manchester, CT 06040  
Contact: Dace Jansone  
Phone: (860) 643-2051

## Lithuania

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church  
53 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Contact: Sister Mary Louise Rouleau  
Phone: (860) 246-4162

Function: Lithuanian food and clubs.

**St. Casimir's Lithuanian Society**  
28 West Street  
Windsor, CT 06095  
Contact: Mike Plunge  
Phone: (860) 688-9759

Function: Rents hall for festivities.

## Peru

**Peruvian Consulate**  
250D Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06106  
Contact: Jose Luis Garaycochea-Bustamante, Consul General de Peru  
Phone: (860) 548-0337  
Fax: (860) 548-0094  
E-mail: [Conperhartford@aol.com](mailto:Conperhartford@aol.com)

### BUSINESSES

**Club Peru**  
152 Francis Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: (860) 232-5645

## Poland

[Polish American Congress](#)  
42 Broad Street  
New Britain, CT 06053  
Contact: Wieslaw Nowak, President  
Phone: (860) 224-3127  
E-mail: [w.nowak@snet.net](mailto:w.nowak@snet.net)

Function: Political lobbying and community action events.

[Polish American Foundation](#)  
27 Grove Street

New Britain, CT 06062  
Phone: (860) 225-2346

Function: Sponsors cultural and educational programs and activities. Focus is on promoting Polish cultural heritage and assisting new immigrants, however PAF serves all ethnic groups and communities.



### [CT Polish American Archives](#)

Elihi Burritt Library at CCSU  
1650 Stanley Street  
New Britain, CT 06050  
Contact: Ewa Wolynska  
Phone: (860) 832-2085 or 832-2086  
E-mail: [vickreyr@ccsu.edu](mailto:vickreyr@ccsu.edu)

Function: Collects and preserves documents related to the history of the Polish American in Connecticut and New England.

### **Polish National Home**

60 Charter Oak Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106  
Contact: John  
Phone: (860) 247-1784

Function: Cultural displays, banquet facilities, members are shareholders.

### **Polish Veterans Association Post Number 119**

202 Wethersfield Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06114  
Phone: (860) 246-2108

Function: Fraternal organization, mainly polish speaking.

## Portugal

### [The Portuguese Club of Hartford, Inc.](#)

730 North Mountain Road  
Newington, CT 06111  
Contact: Manuel Pedroso  
Phone: (860) 953-3971

Function: Cultural activities, folk dance groups and scholarships.

### **Portuguese Community Center**

50 Kane St  
Fatima Square  
Hartford, CT 06106  
Phone: (860) 236-1443  
Contact: Maria Costa, Secretary for the Church Our Lady of Fatima  
Reverend Antonio Jeorge Tchingui

## Puerto Rico

### [Connecticut Puerto Rican Forum](#)

95 Park Street, 2nd floor  
Hartford, CT 06106  
Contact: Calixto Torres  
(860) 247-3227  
E-mail: [ctforum@ctpuertoricanforum.org](mailto:ctforum@ctpuertoricanforum.org)

Function: G.E.D. for adults, job training, and ESL courses.

### [Guakia Inc.](#)

235 Wethersfield Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06114

Contact: Barbara Fernandez, Executive Director

Phone: (860) 548-9555

E-mail: [Barbara.Fernandez@Guakia.org](mailto:Barbara.Fernandez@Guakia.org)

Function: Puerto Rican cultural center and activities for youth.

### **La Casa de Puerto Rico**

48 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06106

Contact: Rosaida Rosario, Executive Director

Phone: (860) 522-7296

E-mail: [mrosario@comcast.net](mailto:mrosario@comcast.net)

Function: Social activities for Hispanic community.

## Serbia

### [North American Society for Serbian Studies](#)

Contact: Dr. Julian Schuster (University of New Haven)

Phone: (203) 932-7494

E-mail: [zsuster@newhaven.edu](mailto:zsuster@newhaven.edu)

Function: Nurtures and fosters interest in historical, cultural, political, and economic aspects of Serbia and Serbian people.

## Taiwan

### Taiwan Association of Connecticut (TAC)

62 Blue Ridge Lane

West Hartford, CT 06117

Contact: Mayyun Chyi

Phone: (860) 232-9006

Function: To share their heritage with the community here, and to provide the general public with information about Taiwan; its culture, history, and people. TAC is a non-profit organization.

## Tibet

### [Hartford KTC \(Karma Thegsum Choling\)](#)

157 Elizabeth Street

Hartford, CT 06105

Contact: Malou Dusyn

Phone: (860) 232-8366

E-mail: [HartfordKTC@aol.com](mailto:HartfordKTC@aol.com)

Function: Tibetan Buddhist meditation and study center

# Ukraine

## [Ukrainian National Home/Youth Association](#)

961 Wethersfield Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06114  
Phone: (860) 296-4661

Function: To maintain and promote the Ukrainian culture for the next generation.

## **BUSINESSES**

### **Ukrainian Gift Shop**

961 Wethersfield Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06114  
Phone: (860) 296-6955

Function: Owned by the Ukrainian National Home/Youth Association. All profits go to the Youth Association.

# Vietnamese

## **Vietnamese Mutual Assistance Association of Connecticut/ CT Coalition of Mutual Assistance Association**

143 Madison Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106  
Contact: Nghi Le  
Phone: (860) 236-6452  
Fax: (860) 236-6456  
E-mail: [ccmaa@hartnet.org](mailto:ccmaa@hartnet.org)

Function: Social services and referrals

# West Indian

## [Barbados American Society of Hartford, Inc.](#)

126 Homestead Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06112  
Phone: (860) 241-0558  
Email: [bashinc126@yahoo.com](mailto:bashinc126@yahoo.com)

## **Guyanese American Cultural Association of Hartford**

P.O. Box 1554  
Hartford, CT 06143  
Contact: Walter Benjamin, President  
Phone: (860) 242-0378  
Email: [wlbctfs@snet.net](mailto:wlbctfs@snet.net)

Function: Promotes Guyanese culture. Youth group activities, dance troupe, Miss Guyana CT and scholarships. Educational trips to United Nations and Washington D.C. Health programs for elderly. Outreach to other Guyanese who are new arrivals to America.

[West Indian Foundation](#)

PO Box 320394  
1229 Albany Ave.  
Hartford, CT 06112  
Contact: Keith L. Carr, Sr.  
Phone: (860) 243-8812  
Fax: 860-243-8812

Function: Cultural, social, and educational activities

**West Indian Social Club of Hartford, Inc.**

3340 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06120  
Phone: (860) 247-5659 or (860) 560-7740  
Fax: (860) 278-7943  
Email: [WestIndianSocialClub@yahoo.com](mailto:WestIndianSocialClub@yahoo.com)

Function: Social organization for West Indian nationals