



Safety & Social Media Guidelines for Iraq

As noted in the Conditions of Participation that all IYLEP participants and their parents/guardians (if participants are under 18 yrs of age) signed, The IYLEP programs have additional program specific online and social media guidance that we ask all participants, alumni, and staff to follow.

Participant and alumni safety are the highest priority of World Learning, the U.S. Embassy Baghdad, and the U.S. Department of State. Through this message we intend to clarify our guidance regarding how to portray your participation in the program to an external audience. Although many parts of Iraq are very safe, we must standardize our approach throughout the provinces. We want to acknowledge that several of these points were allowable in recent years (and you may have seen your IYLEP peers doing them), but we are tightening our security guidelines to keep participants, alumni, staff, and colleagues safe due to heightened unrest in recent months. The following guidelines are strongly recommended to prioritize the health and safety of all Iraqi individuals associated with the program. By ignoring any of the guidelines below, you could be inadvertently jeopardizing your peers and colleagues.

- *Social Media (Instagram, Telegram, etc.):*
 - *Do not mention IYLEP, World Learning, or the U.S. Embassy/Dept of State in your social profiles.*
 - *Do not post images of your certificate(s) to your social profiles.*
 - *Do not share any screenshots of IYLEP activities or communication to your social profiles.*
- *Project Activities or Material:*
 - *Do not mention the IYLEP program as it relates to your project in any speeches or written material.*
 - *Do not use the IYLEP, World Learning, or U.S. Embassy/Dept of State logos on any material related to your project.*
- *Letters of Recommendation:*
 - *For Iraqi-based institutions: Letters of recommendation can be provided for those who are 18-years or older and give explicit permission to referrers to make reference to IYLEP.*
 - *For international institutions: Letters of recommendation can be provided for alumni of any age who give explicit permission to referrers to make reference to IYLEP.*
- *Applications (to jobs, scholarships, academic institutions, etc.):*
 - *While allowed, please use discretion when mentioning IYLEP, World Learning, or the U.S. Embassy/Dept of State in any applications.*
 - *If you earned a certificate, use discretion when choosing to include it in your applications.*

U.S. participants and alumni should be aware of using discretion regarding their alumni status, particularly in virtual spaces. Thank you for understanding and for exercising these guidelines so that everyone associated with the program can feel safe!

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