

**Agenda**  
**The English-Speaking Union Annual Conference**  
**with the International Council Meeting**  
***Hands Across the Seas: Leadership for Global Action***  
**Cleveland, Ohio**  
**October 18-20, 2024**  
*(subject to change)*

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**

3:00PM - 6:00PM      [ICM Conference Registration.](#) Main Coat Check Area

1:30PM or 7:30PM    ***Optional - Playhouse Square: A Beautiful Noise***

Thursday, October 17 @ 1:30PM

Thursday, October 17 @ 7:30PM

(Ticket prices \$62.50-\$97.50 - call Andy Selesnick at 216-640-8603 or email [andy.selesnick@playhousesquare.org](mailto:andy.selesnick@playhousesquare.org) to purchase your tickets; refer to The English-Speaking Union to get the group rate and choose your seats.)  
(10 minute walk)

Dinner on your own (restaurant list to be provided)

Attendees are welcome to arrive on Thursday before the Conference to visit some of Cleveland's attractions on their own.

**Friday, October 18, 2024**

8:00AM - 9:00AM      [ICM Conference Registration.](#) Ambassador Foyer

9:00AM - 10:00AM      [Continental Breakfast.](#) Van Aken Room

10:00AM - 4:00PM      [ICM Meeting.](#) Van Aken Room

10:00AM - 1:00PM

11:00AM -11:30AM      [Coffee Break](#)

1:00PM - 2:00PM      [ICM Lunch.](#) Van Aken Room  
[Buffet Lunch](#)

2:45PM - 3:15PM      [Coffee Break](#)

2:00PM - 4:00PM      [ICM Meeting.](#)

12:00PM - 6:00PM      [ESU US AGM Conference Registration.](#) Ambassador Foyer

12:30PM - 1:30PM	<b>ESU US and ICM Guests.</b> Ambassador Foyer Welcome Reception Meet & Greet
12:30PM - 2:30PM	Lunch on your own (restaurant list to be provided)
1:00PM - 2:00PM	<b>ESU US and ICM Guests</b> <b>Tour</b> - Cleveland Museum of Art ( <i>transportation provided</i> ) <i>Meet at Superior Side Entrance at Hotel Cleveland at 12:30PM</i>
2:30PM - 3:30PM	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> - <i>Navigating Leadership Hurdles.</i> Severance Room
4:00PM - 5:00PM	<b>ESU US and ICM</b> <b>Happy Hour Committee Happy Hour</b> <i>Flannery's Pub</i> <i>323 Prospect Avenue</i>
6:00PM - 8:00PM	<b>ESU US and ICM.</b> Ambassador Ballroom Welcome Dinner (Sponsored by the ICM)

## Saturday, October 19, 2024

8:30AM - 9:30AM	Continental Breakfast (ESU Board Members). Carnegie Boardroom
9:00AM - 10:30AM	ESU US National Board Meeting. Carnegie Boardroom
8:30AM - 9:30AM	ICM Continental Breakfast. Van Aken Room
9:30AM - 11:30AM	<b>ESU US and ICM Guests</b> <b>Tour</b> - Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (minimum of 15) <b>or</b> Westside Market
10:00AM - 11:00AM	<b>Breakout Session</b> - <i>Driving Membership Engagement.</i> Severance Room
11:30AM - 1:30PM	Lunch on your own (restaurant list to be provided)
10:30AM - 12:30PM	ICM Meeting. Van Aken Room
12:30PM - 1:00PM	Buffet Lunch

1:00PM - 3:00PM	<a href="#">ESU US Branch Leadership Meeting</a> - <i>Practical Solutions for Branch Success.</i> Ambassador Ballroom
3:30PM - 4:30PM	<b>Breakout Session</b> - <i>Maximizing Member Engagement Through the ESU Programs.</i> <a href="#">Severance Room</a>
3:30PM - 5:30PM	<b>Explore Cleveland on your own</b>
5:30PM - 7:30PM	<b>ESU US and ICM invites</b> Patron Reception at Tinkham Veale University Center <i>Speaker:</i> Susan Ford, Jane Austen Society <i>"Her Reading Was Very Extensive": Austen and Her Community of Great Readers</i> <i>Sponsored by: Donald Best and Aziz Memon</i> <i>(limited transportation provided to event)</i>
8:00PM	<b>Group tickets to Symphony (Mahler Symphony No. 3)</b> (group rate \$48-\$101. Please call 216-307-6662 or 216-231-7493 to purchase your tickets; refer to The English-Speaking Union to get the group rate and choose your seats.)

### Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:30AM - 9:30AM	<a href="#">Continental Breakfast</a>
9:30AM - 11:30AM	<a href="#">ESU US Annual General Meeting.</a> Ambassador Ballroom <i>ICM members are invited to attend</i>
9:30AM - 11:30AM	<b>Tour</b> - Walking Tour of Downtown Cleveland Meet in the lobby at 9:00AM
12:00PM - 2:00PM	<b>ESU US and ICM</b> Closing Luncheon. <a href="#">Ambassador Ballroom</a> <i>Speaker:</i> Matt Weinkam, Executive Director of LiteraryCleveland <a href="#">(Sponsored by the Cleveland Branch)</a> Presentation of Member Recognition Awards
2:30PM - 3:30PM	<b>Breakout Session</b> - <i>Website Enhancement.</i> <a href="#">Severance Room</a>

6:30PM

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