

THE CAMBRIDGE-YEREVAN SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

AND

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES AND RESEARCH
(NAASR)/ CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION LECTURE SERIES ON
CONTEMPORARY ARMENIAN ISSUES

Present a Panel Discussion

ADVANCING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ARMENIA

*With the participation of five young women working in
city and town government in Armenia*

Thursday, October 19, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

**At the NAASR Vartan Gregorian Building
395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, MA**

Five young women from Armenia will be in Greater Boston October 13-21, 2023, to participate in an Open World grant program focused on advancing women's leadership at the local government level. The delegates are hosted by the Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association (CYSCA) with funding from the Congressional Office for International Leadership (formerly known as the Open World Leadership Center), a legislative branch agency that supports the U.S. Congress. The Open World program brings emerging leaders from participating countries to the United States in order to give them firsthand exposure to the American system of participatory democracy and accountable governance.

CYSCA has designed a program of visits/meetings with government officials at the local, county, state, and federal levels as well as with individuals at local universities and non-profit organizations in areas of interest including leadership building, local development, women's issues, disabilities, and environment.

The participants will discuss their work experience in Armenia and reflect on their visit to the U.S. The program will include **Arusyak Avetisyan**, Member of Vardenis Local Council; **Shushanik Danielyan**, Member of Yeghegis City Council; **Lilit Hajatyan**, Member of Artik Local Council; **Lilit Haroyan**, Member of Charentsavan City Council; **Meri Harutyunyan**, Deputy Head of Development and Investment Programs Department for Yerevan Municipality; and **Lilit Antonyan** (Facilitator for the program), Political Assistant, US Embassy in Armenia. **Svetlana Hovhannisyan** will provide translation for the program. **Jonathan Hecht**, Cambridge-Yerevan Sister City Association Board Member and former State Representative and Watertown City Councilor, will serve as moderator.

