



Hostelling International Boston

The Boston Hostel

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Mission

To help all people, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling.

The Boston Hostel Brings the World to Boston

- Providing affordable accommodations for up to 208 guests per day, the Hostel welcomes more than 32,000 visitors to Boston each year.
- 60% of guests are international visitors from 85 different countries.
- In 2007, the top ten countries of origin of Hostel guests were South Korea, England, Germany, Australia, France, Japan, Taiwan, Canada, Ireland and China.
- The Hostel continually ranks among the top national and international hostels in customer satisfaction and service.
- Guests to the Boston Hostel are mostly between the ages of 18-25 (80%). 58% are female and 20% are members of organized groups, such as Habitat for Humanity and Girl Scouts of the USA.
- Boston is a popular destination for youth from all over the world, making the Boston Hostel an ideal entry point for young travelers.

Hostelling Promotes Sustainable Tourism

- Hostels provide clean, safe and affordable travel to millions of people from all walks of life.
- Hostelling facilitates youth travel and civic engagement nationally and internationally.
- As a member of Boston Green Hotels, the Hostel employs sound environmental practices.

The Boston Hostel Connects Visitors to the City Through Service and Cultural Exchange

- The Boston Hostel provides daily programming and activities to bring people together and promote intercultural awareness.
- Each year, thousands of hours of volunteer service are provided by hostel guests to organizations such as the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, Rosie's Place and the Greater Boston Food Bank.
- Hostel staff provides the unique service of itinerary planning for individuals and groups, incorporating cultural and educational activities to demonstrate the region's rich history, the value of travel and hostellers' own cultural identity within the global community.

The Need for a New Boston Hostel

- Already at full capacity, the Hostel cannot meet demand, especially during the peak summer season.
- Dorm space is leased from Boston University to accommodate more visitors.
- A larger facility is necessary to reach the need for 375 beds to serve 45,000 guests annually.
- As expansion or retrofitting of the present building is impossible, the Hostel cannot house additional beds, provide handicap-accessibility, greater energy efficiency, or additional privacy, community living areas and program space.
- The expected cost of a capital project to build or renovate a new hostel is \$26 - \$30 million.

Hostelling International-USA (HI-USA): More than a Good Night's Sleep at a Great Price

- HI-USA (formerly known as American Youth Hostels) is a non-profit organization founded in 1934 to promote international understanding of the world and its people through hostelling.
- HI-USA operates a network of nearly 80 quality hostels throughout the United States and is an affiliate of the International Youth Hostel Federation, a network of about 4,000 hostels in over 60 countries.
- The Eastern New England Council [ENEC], the regional affiliate of HI-USA, manages 6 hostels in Boston, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Truro and Eastham.

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