



THE HUB OF BOSTON



Fostering new "Citizens of the World"

A New Hostel for Boston

Hostelling International has a new location for its Boston Hostel, which it has operated for the past 25 years. The historic 6-story building at 25 Stuart Street, at an intersection of the midtown cultural district, theatre district, and Chinatown, is close to the Boston Public Garden and adjacent to public transportation. The location could not be better! The additional capacity will enable us to welcome more than 46,000 visitors annually! Currently, 60% of visitors are from outside the US, and many are visiting Boston for the first time.

Our new neighbors are anxiously anticipating our arrival in 2012 and we are looking forward to participating in Mayor Menino's broad revitalization plans for the city. A key part of those plans call for a greener, more sustainable city, and the hospitality and tourism industry in Boston has embraced this vision. The new Boston hostel will play a role as the first LEED certified hostel in the U.S., with designs emerging from our architects that incorporate many "green" technologies.

The new hostel will also provide vibrant public areas for Bostonians to enjoy with hostellers including a large, welcoming lobby, a community room, and a group kitchen for educational programming.



"Hostelling International is far more than a provider of safe, clean and low-cost accommodation for international (and domestic) travelers. They are cultural ambassadors, bringing people together to establish meaningful, enduring connections between international travelers and the citizens of their host communities."

Mike Davis
Bergmeyer Associates

The new Boston hostel will be a place to experience culture, community, and Boston, in a state-of-the-art green-designed facility



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Proposed roof deck and garden at the new Boston Hostel.

In the United States, hostelling has not yet been explicitly linked to sustainable world travel. Part of Hostelling International's goal for the new Boston facility is to make this connection evident. Through the virtue of room sharing and self-serve group kitchens and dining areas, a guest in a hostel uses less building energy and produces less of an impact on the environment. In addition to a landmark building that would embody the mission of Hostelling International and welcome guests to a gateway city with significant history, the building itself is being designed to be both factually and recognizably green. Examples of the many sustainable design features will be a green roof, "green" elevators, and solar hot water heating.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Meets the increased demand of safe, affordable youth and group travel to Boston
- Replaces outdated, undersized facility
- Provides full accessibility
- Increases current economic impact of \$12.5M in direct spending by hostel guests
- Incorporates sustainable "green" design
- Allows adaptive reuse of an historic structure
- Infuses energy and project funds into Boston's midtown cultural district
- Brings community programs like *Cultural Kitchen* and *Alternative Spring Break* to neighborhood schools and nonprofits
- Opens in 2012



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HI-USA mission:
to help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling.

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www.hinewengland.org

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