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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2013

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 20 13

B Check if applicable

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization

Common Language Project dba The Seattle Globalist

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

PO Box 22806

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Seattle, WA 98122-0806

D Employer identification number

20-5999325

E Telephone number

206-403-3932

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method

- Cash
- Accrual
- Other (specify) ▶

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ www.seattleglobalist.com

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

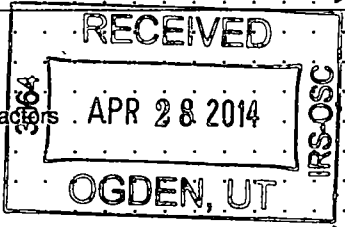
K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **93,003.73**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	63,848.05	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	50.00
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	29,150.00	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
3	Membership dues and assessments	3		12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
4	Investment income	4	5.68	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	4,890.00
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b		15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,579.15
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	69,784.40
6	Gaming and fundraising events			17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	78,806.13
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a		18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	14,197.60
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	8,636.95
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	1.31
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	22,835.86
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a					
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b					
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0				
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	0				
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	93,003.73				



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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)		Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	8744.13	22 10,732.00
23	Land and buildings		23
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	4,057.56	24 1,343.01
25	Total assets	25,801.69	25 25,075.01
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	17,164.74	26 2,239.15
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	8,636.95	27 22,835.86

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)		Expenses	
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III <input type="checkbox"/>		(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <u>Independent journalism & media education</u>			
Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.			
28	<u>Produced reporting for The Seattle Globalist and other outlets, maintained independent media website and provided media education</u>		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	66,691.97
29			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	66,691.97

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)				
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV <input type="checkbox"/>				
(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Jessica Partnow PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	President, 30			
Alexander Stonehill PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	Treasurer, 30			
Sarah Stuteville PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	Secretary, 30			
Anita Verna Crofts PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	Director, 1			
Jonathan Cunningham PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	Director, 1			
Joel Dodge PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	Director, 1			
Ron Feemster PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	Director, 1			
Eroyn Franklin PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	Director, 1			
Roxana Norouzi PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	Director, 1			
Sabrina Roach PO Box 22806, Seattle WA 98122-0806	Director, 1			

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Form 990-EZ (2013) Part V Other Information. Questions 33-45b regarding significant activities, changes, income, and tax shelter transactions. Includes fields for amounts, dates, and Yes/No responses.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."		

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
N/A				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 **0**

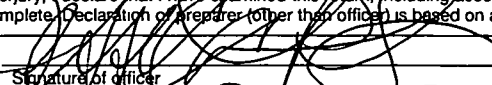
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
N/A		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 **0**

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A **Yes** **No**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	 Signature of officer	Date 4/21/14
	Type or print name and title Jessica Partnow, Executive Director	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name D Lavin	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶ A Necessary Evil Ltd	Firm's EIN ▶ 20-8721731		Phone no. 510-337-4900	
	Firm's address ▶ 2657 NW 86th Street, Seattle, WA 98117				

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions **Yes** **No**

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2013

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Common Language Project dba The Seattle Globalist

20-5999325

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III—Functionally integrated d Type III—Non-functionally integrated
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12**

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) **14** %

15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 **15** %

16a **33 1/3% support test—2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

b **33 1/3% support test—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ►

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	92,556	11,846	21,003	48,105	63,848	237,358
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	21,749	5,264	19,684	28,930	29,150	104,777
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	114,305	17,110	40,687	77,035	92,998	342,135
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	29,000	0	0	0	26,448	55,448
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						286,687

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	114,305	17,110	40,687	77,035	92,998	342,135
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	86	176	10	9	6	287
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	86	176	10	9	6	287
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	114,391	17,286	40,697	77,044	93,004	342,422
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	83.72 %
16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	89.75 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	.08 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	.09 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2013. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

Common Language Project dba The Seattle Globalist

Employer identification number

20-5999325

Part 1 - Line 10 - Grants \$50 to Crosscut

Part 1 - Line 16- Other Expenses

Payroll Taxes 2,502.58

Seattle Globalist Program \$49,149.10

Youth Program \$1,662.05

Globies Program \$8,869.05

Website \$2,227.23

Professional Development \$549.44

Advertising \$200.00

Bank Service Fees \$182.40

CC Payment \$65.40

Depreciation \$2,714.55

Dues and Subscriptions \$569.50

Interest Exp \$1,577.57

Meals \$1,268.06

Office Supplies \$541.80

Taxes and Licenses \$205.00

Travel \$3.25

Total Part 1 - Line 16 Other Expenses \$69,784.40

Part 1 - Net Assets - Line 20

Rounding Error \$1.31

Part II - Line 24 - Other Assets 2012

2013

Cost Basis of Fixed Assets \$12,255.22

\$12,255.22

Acc Depreciation \$(8,197.66)

\$(10,912.21)

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2013)

Name of the organization The Common Language Project dba Seattle Globalist	Employer identification number 20-5999325
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Part II Line 24 Cont. **2012** **2013**

Net Fixed Assets **\$4,057.56** **\$1,343.01**

Part II - Line 26 - Other Liabilities **2012** **2013**

Accounts Payable **\$82.95** **\$169.97**

Credit Cards **\$16,700.94** **\$1,595.54**

Payroll Taxes Payable **\$380.85** **\$473.64**

Total Part II - Line 26 Other Liabilites **\$17,164.74** **\$2,239.15**