

# *A travel revolution started here*

Celebrating 75 years of American youth hostels



Anniversary reception  
Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Old South Meeting House

*Though no shot* was heard 'round the world, Massachusetts was the birthplace of another great American Revolution. Seventy-five years ago, a pioneering young couple from western Massachusetts had a vision of America with its doors open to youth from all over the country and the world. The movement was called “hostelling” and started in Northfield, Massachusetts, where the couple built the first hostel in 1934. Before long, a vast network of hostels spread throughout New England and across the country.

Hostelling changed the nature of travel. Today, just as in 1934, hostels make exploring the United States and the world accessible to people who normally would not have the opportunity to travel. Despite the evolution of hostels over the past 75 years, the mission of Hostelling International USA has remained the same: *to help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling.*

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## Celebrating 75 years of American youth hostels

*Please join us for*

A revolutionary anniversary reception with honored guest speaker  
Tony Wheeler, co-founder of Lonely Planet Publications.

Friday, November 20, 2009

6:00 – 8:00 PM

At the historic landmark  
Old South Meeting House  
310 Washington Street  
Boston, MA  
Price: \$75 – \$100

RSVP by Wednesday, November 11, 2009  
Karin Turer 617-718-7990 ext. 23  
kturer@usahostels.org  
Or register online at: [www.hinewengland.org](http://www.hinewengland.org)

MBTA Orange or Blue line to State; short walk from Downtown Crossing (Red/Orange lines)  
Parking available at Pi Alley garage, 275 Washington Street

Funds from this celebration will support the relocation and expansion of the Boston Hostel. Since its opening in 1983, the hostel has provided affordable accommodations for over half a million young travelers from 85 countries. A new Boston Hostel will further expand capacity, community partnerships, and civic programs. Hostelling International USA is excited to create a “green design” and energy-efficient hostel poised to welcome more visitors to the world-class city of Boston.

*“The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion.”*

Thomas Paine, 1737–1809, revolutionary author and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States

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75 YEARS OF AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS

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and Eastern New England Council*

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our honored company for the evening

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