See the group details below and get in touch with their leaders via email or through their Facebook group to get involved!

OISS encourages international spouses and partners to get involved and make your stay at Yale a positive and enriching experience. See the many ISPY events listed below and feel free to contact the group organizers for more details. If you would like to start a group of your own, please contact Molly Hampton, Associate Director for Engagement. [1]

Babies @ Yale

Occasional in-person meetings (see Facebook group for details)

This playgroup is an ideal opportunity for little ones to begin socializing and learning about group play. This is also a great meeting place for parents and caregivers looking for opportunities to practice speaking English, and for everyone to share experiences, tips and ideas. As the International Center does not offer a child-proof setting, Babies @ Yale is recommended for babies and toddlers that will be content playing together behind the glass partition (up to approximately one year). The OISS has a limited number of toys and books available to the group. Families are invited to bring their own activities to share with the group. If you are interested in joining the group, and for details regarding summer meeting locations, please join the Babies @ Yale Facebook group [2].

African Cultures & Languages Group

Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30pm - OISS, 421 Temple Street

This group is for anyone interested in learning more about African Culture and learning some African languages. There will be a different topic every week and all are welcome to attend. Please join the ISPY African Cultural Group on Facebook for details and updates, and email africanculturalgroup.isp.yale@gmail.com [3] with any questions.

Job Hunters

Occasionally meeting virtually (see Facebook group for details)

Are you looking for a job? (Or will you be looking for one in the future?) Join our group and learn from others about creating effective resumes in the American way and writing superb cover letters, networking like a pro, nailing job interviews, and in general just to get support through the (sometimes stressful) process of job hunting. You don't have to go through it alone! For more information please find us on the Job Hunters Facebook page [4]!
Spanish Conversation Groups

Spanish Conversation Group - meeting virtually starting October 7, Fridays, 10-11:30am (see Facebook group for details)

Whether you're learning Spanish and looking to practice and get fluent in your conversation skills or you're a native speaker, this is the group for you. This group will engage in lively discussion and allows you to meet fellow speakers from around the world! The Spanish Conversation Group is not a language class, but rather a weekly opportunity to practice your language skills in a pleasant, low-key setting. For more information, please find them on the Spanish Conversation Group Facebook page [5]!

Chinese Conversation Group

Fridays, 3-4 PM - OISS, 421 Temple Street (starting Friday, September 30th)

The Chinese Conversation Group provides a relaxing environment that offers opportunities for conversing in Mandarin Chinese. People of all skill levels are welcome, including beginners, experts, native speakers, and everyone in-between. Please join us! You can improve your Chinese and learn more about China and Chinese culture by discussing a variety of topics. Please contact oiss.chinese@gmail.com [6], find us on the Chinese Conversation Group Facebook [7], or on Wechat with ID: Yale OISS Chinese Conversation!

Toddlers at Yale

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm - parks in New Haven (see Facebook group for details)

Meet fellow parents, bring your toddlers, and bond over shared experiences as international families in New Haven! This is best for toddlers ages 1-4. Please join the Toddlers at Yale Facebook group [8] to get updated information.

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