

APPLICATION

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION CHICAGO **PROJECT DEEP** (Democracy Education Exchange Program)

Project DEEP (Democracy Education Exchange Program) is an International Educational Exchange Program, funded through a grant from the United States Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement and administered by a consortium of six US non-profit organizations of which CRFC is a member. The goal of DEEP is for educators and policy makers from the United States to work with their counterparts from Central and Eastern European countries and Newly Independent States of the former Republics of the Soviet Union (CEE/NIS) to promote civics and government education. Additionally, US educators have a unique opportunity to learn and to teach about these emerging democracies.

Who should apply: (1) elementary and secondary classroom teachers of civics and citizenship education; and teachers of courses that can incorporate education about participating European countries into their curriculum such as, world history, world cultures, European history; (2) administrators (curriculum directors, principals, etc.) with capacity to support civics/citizenship education and curriculum to incorporate education about CEE/NIS.

Priority: Preference will be given to teams of 3 to 5 educators with a majority being classroom teachers. The configuration of the team should depend on your capacity to jointly improve teaching in your school/district. For example teams may be, but are not limited to, the following: teams of teachers from one school; teams composed of elementary, middle, and high school teachers; teams of teachers and administrators.

Note: While preference will be given to teams, applications from especially strong individuals are also encouraged.

Guidelines: Successful applicants are expected to:

Participate in:

- ?? Orientation/planning meeting March/April
- ?? Welcoming events for European guests
- ?? 2 days of the Site Visit Program, April or May 2002
- ?? 3-day curriculum development institute, Summer 2002
- ?? 2 days of workshops, Fall 2002
- ?? Develop and implement civic education lessons/unit and conduct student assessment
- ?? Review civic education in your school/district, generate strategies for improvement
- ?? Open school/classroom for observations by colleagues & CRFC staff
- ?? Maintain Internet Link communication with European partners
- ?? Participate in on-going communication/exchange with European partners

Receive Opportunities/Benefits

- ?? Release time paid for participating in Spring Institute & Fall workshops
- ?? Summer Institute Stipend (\$450, 3 days)
- ?? Resource materials
- ?? Internet Link support/coaching
- ?? Support/coaching from CRFC staff
- ?? Opportunities to showcase your school/classroom
- ?? Eligibility to travel to Europe to work with partners
- ?? Develop professional/personal relationships with European and area colleagues

TEAM FORM
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DISTRICT/SCHOOL/S

Your District _____

Your School/s _____

School Mailing Address (for Team)

Street _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____

FAX (_____) _____

E-mail _____

NOTE: Your application must consist of a completed TEAM FORM and a completed INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER form for each team member. (One copy of the Individual form is provided. Please make copies as needed.)

Names of team members (whose Individual applications accompany this form!):

CURRICULUM

CURRENT

I. Where is civics and citizenship education taught in your school/district?

What do you consider to be the strengths of this curriculum?

What do you consider to be some of the weaknesses or challenges not yet met by this curriculum?

II. In what courses/curriculum does teaching about the Central and Eastern European countries and Newly Independent States (CEE/NIS) occur?

What do you consider to be the strengths of this curriculum?

What do you consider to be some of the weaknesses or challenges not yet met by this curriculum?

FUTURE

I. Civics and citizenship education focuses on issues of democracy. Please draw a circle around the three (3) topics which you consider to be of particular importance for attention in the curriculum of your school/district.

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|------------------------|-------------|
| The rule of law | Diversity |
| Civil discourse | Justice |
| Civic engagement | Liberty |
| Equality under the law | Safety |
| Volunteerism | Other _____ |
| | Other _____ |

In order to advance civic education, my school/district needs to provide: (Circle; 1=low priority; 10=high priority)

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|---|----------------------|
| more time in school to learn about democracy | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| alternative opportunities for students to practice democratic skills | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| more training for teachers who are currently teaching | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| more opportunities for community resource people to work with schools | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

Describe any additional improvements you are seeking for civics and citizenship education in your school/district as a result of participating in Project DEEP.

I. Describe the improvements you want to make in teaching about the CEE/NIS in your school/district as a result of participating in Project DEEP.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CURRENT

Describe the professional development opportunities in your school/district as it relates to Project DEEP (civics and citizenship education; teaching about CEE/NIS).

FUTURE

What improvements in professional development in your school/district would you hope be able to implement as a result of participating in Project DEEP?

We team members agree to participate as stated in the guideline (see cover page):

Team Members' Signatures:

Date:

I agree to support the participation of this team in Project DEEP as stated in the guidelines (see cover page):

Superintendent/Principal

Date

*Applications must be signed by all team members and superintendent/principal to be considered for Project DEEP.

INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER FORM

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Name _____

Current Position _____

Grade level/s _____ Course(s) _____

District _____

School _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ FAX (_____) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone (_____) _____ Home FAX (_____) _____

E-mail _____

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND (Please attach 2-3 page resume and respond to the following:)

CRFC Activities or Programs in which you have participated:

Other Professional Development Activities (especially those relevant to Project DEEP--civic education and teaching about Central and Eastern European countries and the Newly Independent States--CEE/NIS):

TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY

Project DEEP provides opportunities for Internet link up among US and European educators and classrooms. Participants' capacities to utilize this technology will be enhanced and supported throughout the project. The following information will help us plan these services.

How proficient are you in the use of the Internet?

Do you use it in your teaching? _____ If so, how? _____

Is your classroom /school linked up to the Internet? _____ If so, describe: _____

