

A Guide to Organizations, Programs, and Resources

Agenda for Education in a Democracy. Seeks to support young people's participation in a social and political democracy through research and programs that promote democratic citizenship. Includes Institute for Educational Inquiry and the Center for Educational Renewal. <http://depts.washington.edu/cedren/AED.htm>

American Political Science Association – Civic Education Organizations. Extensive online list of civic education organizations. www.apsanet.org/cennet/organizations/index.cfm

America's Promise. National coalition of organizations committed to five "promises" for young people: caring adults, safe places, healthy start, marketable skills, and opportunities to serve. Founded by Colin Powell. www.americaspromise.org

Campus Compact. Organization representing 900 college and university presidents committed to the civic purposes of higher education. www.compact.org

Center for Civic Education. Specializes in civic/citizenship education, law-related education, and international educational exchange programs for developing democracies. www.civiced.org

Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE). Funds and disseminates research on the civic and political engagement of Americans between the ages of 15 and 25. www.civicyouth.org

Citizenship Education and Research Network. Researchers, policy makers, and practitioners interested in citizenship education and research in Canada. www.canada.metropolis.net/research-policy/cern-pub/overview.html

CIVNET. Online resource and service that promotes civic education all over the world. www.civnet.org

Close-Up Foundation. Works to promote responsible and informed participation in the democratic process through a variety of educational programs for middle and high school students, teachers, and adults. The website describes programs and provides a range of links to resources and organizations. www.closeup.org

Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) and the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (CRFC). Both offer civic education curricula, activities for students, and professional development for teachers. www.crf-usa.org and www.crfc.org

Corporation for National and Community Service. Provides opportunities for community service through three programs: Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. Part of USA Freedom Corps, a White House initiative to foster a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility. www.nationalservice.org

Democratic Dialogue at the University of Ottawa. International, collaborative inquiry into democracy, education, and society. For educators, political scientists, sociologists, philosophers, teachers, policy makers, artists, critics, and the broader public concerned with ideals, tensions, policies, and practices of education for democracy. www.democraticdialogue.com

Educators for Social Responsibility. Helps educators create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments that foster democratic participation and change. www.esnational.org

e.thePeople. Digital town hall that "promotes intelligent and diverse discussion and political action." www.e-thepeople.org

Gay-Straight Alliances - Safe Schools Coalition. Gay-Straight Alliances or GSAs are high school clubs devoted to human rights and human dignity, including the rights and dignity of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-

gender people. These clubs usually have a social justice and education focus. www.safeschoolscoalition.org/RG-gaystraightalliances.html

Highlander Research and Education Center. Highlander sponsors educational programs and research into community problems, as well as a residential Workshop Center for social change organizations and workers active in the South and internationally. Over the course of its history, Highlander has played important roles in many major political movements, including the Southern labor movements of the 1930s, the civil rights movement of the 1940s-60s, and the Appalachian people's movements of the 1970s-80s. www.highlandercenter.org

IEA Civic Education Study. Survey research report of nearly 90,000 14-year-old students in 28 countries on democracy, national identity, social cohesion, and diversity. www.wam.umd.edu/~iea

Institute for Civic Leadership. A semesterlong program in civic leadership for democratic change open to undergraduate women from colleges and universities across the country. The Institute also undertakes research into strategies for increasing civic engagement among students in K-12 and higher education. www.mills.edu/ICL

Institute for Democracy and Education at Ohio University. Provides teachers, administrators, parents, and students committed to democratic education with a forum for sharing ideas, with a support network of people holding similar values, and with opportunities for professional development. www.ohiou.edu/ide

Kids Can Make A Difference. School program and detailed curriculum to inspire young people to realize that it is within their power to help eliminate hunger and poverty in their communities, their country, and their world. www.kidscanmakeadifference.org

National Alliance for Civic Education. Selected resources and guidelines for civic education. www.cived.net

The Political Engagement Project – Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. A collaborative study of 21 college- and university-based programs that strengthen students' political understanding and engagement. The website includes curriculum resources. www.carnegiefoundation.org/PEP

Project 540. Gives students nationwide the opportunity to talk about issues that matter to them and to turn these conversations into real school and community change. www.project540.org

Project Vote Smart. Project Vote Smart (PVS) is dedicated to providing all Americans with accurate and unbiased information for electoral decision making. www.vote-smart.org/index.htm

Public Achievement. People of all ages work with others, meet challenges, and solve problems, learning from one another the meaning of citizenship and democracy. <http://publicachievement.org>

Rethinking Schools. Writing, resources, and advocacy for public education reform in the pursuit of equity and social justice. www.rethinkingschools.org

Rouge Forum. Meetings and resources for educators, students, and parents interested in teaching and learning for a democratic society. www.pipeline.com/~rgibson/rouge_forum

Street Law Inc. Practical, participatory education about law, democracy and human rights. Street Law features the curriculum Street Law and many other curricular resources for teachers and students. www.streetlaw.org

Teaching Tolerance. Founded by the Southern Poverty Law Center, Teaching Tolerance supports the efforts of K-12 teachers and other educators to promote respect for differences and appreciation of diversity. www.tolerance.org

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