

The New Freedom Schools
Literacy and Social Change

August 7-9. 2009

At

Highlander Research and Education Center
New Market, Tennessee

This gathering will bring together people working in literacy, ESL and popular education from around the U.S. (and maybe from other countries) to share experiences from many geographic areas in teaching civic literacy for social change. This would include reports from regions of the United States, as well as international work in literacy campaigns and popular education. We want to also learn from campaigns in Brazil, Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Bolivia and other countries that have symbolically and politically served to increase democratic participation and social change.

U.S. history, including the citizenship and freedom schools, offers rich history of educational experience in voting rights connected to literacy. Local efforts with immigrants in ESL/Civic Literacy classes and workshops, as well as many examples of adult student leadership development and basic rights education can provide the basis for a growing dialogue on literacy and social change.

This workshop could help to stir up a national discussion for a U.S. campaign to end illiteracy and to develop massive civic literacy programs. Many people have already expressed an interest in such a workshop and Highlander's history could greatly aid this process.

The workshop will be held August 7-9 of 2009 at the Highlander Center in New Market, TN. We will start Friday Night to music and welcomes and the workshop will continue until Sunday at lunch. We want to have time to learn, time to analyze, share ideas and strategies and time to think about next steps.

The cost for this 2 ½ day workshop is \$350, which includes room and board. We will have limited scholarships available for people with limited means who are actively engaged in literacy for social change. Childcare can be provided.

For more information, contact: David Green, eagle3372@msn.com, 718-964-8099 or Susan Williams swilliams@highlandercenter.org; 865-933-3443 ext. 229

Application Form- Literacy and Social Change

Name(s):

Organization:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Race/Ethnicity:

Age:

Please tell us about work in civic literacy for social change. (who you work with, what your goals are, what is most exciting?)

What would you hope to learn or talk about at this event?

What can you share?

In what language would you like to participate?

English Spanish Both

We prefer applications to come in by regular mail, with payment enclosed. Please return form to:

David Greene, 209 North Granger Street, Granville, OH 43023. If you need to email the form, send it to: Eagle3372@msn.com

Scholarship Request

(Please attach with your application and send in by June 30 in order to be considered for scholarship– thanks!)

Name(s):

Organization:

Our scholarships are limited and so we are prioritizing low-income people who are engaged in popular education and/or organizing. Please describe yourself in light of this – who are you working or volunteering with and what is this group working to do? If you want to send a newsletter or information from this effort to explain it, that is fine!

Please let us know how much you can afford to pay.