



Overview

The Civic Engagement Workshop (CEW) is a one-week, intensive, cultural and intellectual exchange opportunity between high school teachers from the US and Jordan. It provides a forum for teachers to contribute to the creation of more inclusive schools and communities that value active participation by young people, encourage deliberative dialogue as a means for the resolution of conflicts, and acknowledge the critical impact of diversity on learning and on the wider goals of education. For more information on the University of the Middle East Project (UME) and on the 2006 CEW in Morocco, please see www.ume.org.

Workshop Objectives

- 1) To design a civic engagement after school activity for your school or community, in collaboration with selected Jordanian high school teachers. These activities should focus on the theme of greater inclusivity, within your community, as well as in relation with other communities, both local and global.
- 2) To increase your knowledge and understanding of the culture and educational system of Jordan.
- 3) To stimulate an enduring cultural and intellectual exchange between high schools in the US and Jordan.

Details and Expectations

- 1) Attend a UME/CEW briefing in mid-November
- 2) Collaborate with Academic Director and Jordanian teachers on CEW curriculum (pre-CEW)
- 3) Participate in all activities during the CEW including:
 - a) Welcoming lunch and closing dinner
 - b) Lectures and meetings
 - c) The collaborative design of civic engagement after-school activity
 - d) Cultural activities
- 4) Follow-up on projects with Jordanian educators (post-CEW)
- 5) Provide feedback for the Civic Education component of UME Programs – possible presentation to MENA participants at the July 2008 UME Teacher Education Institute
- 6) Keep a daily journal about your experiences during CEW.
- 7) Write short 3-5 page report (post-CEW), and attend a UME/CEW debrief meeting upon our return
- 8) Attend UME fundraising event associated with this workshop

Application Information

For Applications, email Robina Bhasin, Program Coordinator, at CEW2007@ume.org **DUE DATE: October 10, 2007** - Notification of Acceptance: Late October 2007

Participants

- 10-15 Jordanian High School Teachers (UME Alumni)
- 5-7 American High School Teachers
- 2 Professors/Facilitators from the US and Middle East

Tentative Schedule of Events

Day One, Tuesday, December 11th, 2007

Arrive in Amman, Jordan

Day Two, Wednesday, December 12th, 2007

Tour of Amman and Welcome Dinner with American Embassy Staff

Day Three, Thursday, December 13th, 2007

Cross Cultural Community Building Activities
Civic Engagement Class by UME Faculty
Presentation by American and Jordanian Educators

Day Four, Friday, December 14th, 2007

Civic Engagement Class by UME Faculty
Joint Design of Civic Engagement Activity

Day Five, Saturday, December 15th, 2007

Joint Design of Civic Engagement Activity

Day Six, Sunday, December 16th, 2007

Joint Design of Civic Engagement Activity

Day Seven, Monday, December 17th, 2007

Conference with presentation of CEW Activities
Closing Dinner

Day Eight, Tuesday, December 18th, 2007

Trip to Petra

Day Nine, Wednesday, December 19th, 2007

Free day

Day Ten, Thursday, December 20th, 2007

Return to Boston (optional)

Total Cost

A \$1000 flat fee includes all travel, accommodations, food, and events (fee may be significantly reduced depending upon results of fundraising by your school)

Current Sponsors

- United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Exchanges
- Foundation for International Relations and Dialogue (FRIDE)