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From: mvolpe@jjay.cuny.edu

Subject: Re: ADR Responses to 9/11

To: stacie@workablepeace.org

Dear Stacie: Many thanks for sending information on Post 9/11. We appreciate you time and assistance. Best, Maria Volpe

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Date: Tue, 25 Jun 2002 12:24:55 -0400

From: Stacie Nicole Smith <stacie@workablepeace.org>

To: mvolpe@jjay.cuny.edu

Subject: ADR Responses to 9/11

Dear Professor Volpe,

I am writing in response to the request for information on dispute resolution responses to the events and aftermath of 9/11.

Workable Peace is a high school humanities curriculum and professional development project for teachers and students. Using new teaching materials and strategies, Workable Peace integrates the study of intergroup conflict and the development of critical thinking, problem solving, and perspective-taking skills into history and current events content. It gives teachers academically rigorous tools for teaching the major themes and key events of social studies in ways that enliven the imagination, awaken moral reasoning, and impart social and civic skills that students can use throughout their lives.

In the immediate aftermath of September 11, Workable Peace created a set of materials on the question, What should the US do now? These materials were posted on our website, and sent out in hardcopy to all our partner teachers. These materials were designed to help facilitate understanding and effective civic engagement on issues around the initial US response, by promoting student learning and discussion about their own and others' perspectives, exploring behaviors that escalate conflict, and promoting practice in ways that help de-escalate conflict and move toward resolutions that consider the needs and concerns of different viewpoints.

On the site, we provided an overview of the situation, examples of some of the primary points of view, and a summary of the main issues to be resolved. We also offered suggested activities for teachers to use in their classrooms, to apply the Workable Peace Framework to conversations about a conflict in which we all hold a stake.

We updated these materials in January, to reflect the actions the US had already taken in Afghanistan, and to focus on the outstanding questions, including those about Iraq. These materials are still available on our website at www.workablepeace.org/now.html. You can access the earlier materials, as well, through links on that page.

Website

We have used both sets of materials in workshops and institutes with teachers in classrooms and pre-service programs across the greater Boston

area, New York, and Chicago.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information about our work.

Sincerely,
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