

For Immediate Consideration:  
The Interdependence Day 2008 Hexagon  
Project:

For High School/Middle School Visual Art and Writing  
Students

Interdependence Day was launched in Philadelphia on September 12 2003 as a post 9/11 symbol of regeneration, as a time to reflect on the tragedy of the incidents of terror, not only in the United States, but also all over the world, and to ask ourselves, 'What next?' It seemed critically important to acknowledge the inevitability and significance of interdependence in our time, and set out to build constructively, and civilly, and culturally, a global civic society.

What is The Hexagon Project?

- Junior and senior high school students throughout the world are invited to think through, and respond creatively to any of the themes of Global Interdependence: Diversity and Commonality, Democracy, Human and Civil Rights, Environmental Issues, Children's Rights
- Students will create their responses collaboratively or individually using the hexagon-shaped template.
- The products will be publicly installed as an interlinking tessellation at the MAC Gallery in Scranton, PA, USA through the month of September, 2008
- The Hexagon Project will be the kick-off for the sixth annual Interdependence Day Celebration. Read more about Interdependence Day and its history on the website link below.
- In Scranton 2007, we received over 100 pieces which were exhibited at an exciting, participatory event/reception/exhibit. For 2008, we plan to do the same - and more - with your help!

New timeline:

- New for this year is the deadline: June 30, 2008.
- Teachers will have second semester to develop the project with students
- Exhibit opens at the Melberger Arts Center on Friday, September 5, 2008 and runs through the month of September, 2008

Where to find additional materials updated now for the 2008 Project:

- Go to: <http://www.scrantontomorrow.org>. Go to "Projects" and click on "Interdependence Day."
- Download the Interdependence Day Handbook for excellent readings and suggestions for working with the themes and also working with integrated curriculum.
- Download hexagon template, web, entry forms and examples

If you have questions, please e-mail me or Co-Chair George Barbolish [<mailto:gbarbolish@hotmail.com>]. We will be happy to answer your questions or concerns. See Project Description on the website for additional contact information.

Please get involved! I look forward to hearing from you all!

Peace and good wishes for a successful semester!  
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