

Something is Wrong:

Exploring the Roots of Youth Violence – *A Brand New Curriculum Guide*

Join **Project NIA**, the **Chicago Freedom School**, and **Teachers for Social Justice** as we unveil a new curriculum guide edited by *Mariame Kaba, J. Cyriac Mathew, and Nate Haines*. During this session, curriculum editors and contributors will discuss the content of the guide and offer specific suggestions about how best to make use of it.

DATE: Saturday, February 20th 2010
TIME: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave
Room 320

In the words of historian and activist Barbara Ransby, our goal is to help young people to constructively “channel their righteous rage” towards the actual sources of their oppression.

About Something is Wrong...

Project NIA, the Chicago Freedom School and Teachers for Social Justice have partnered along with other volunteers to **develop a curriculum guide** in order to contribute to the ongoing efforts by young people and their adult allies to analyze the root causes of youth violence and to create local solutions.

At a time when frustration is running high and many are expressing a sense of powerlessness in the face of pervasive violence, this curriculum guide is an offering intended to make a positive contribution to the dialogue about violence in the lives of young people.

What to Expect from the Workshop:

- ★ Have hands-on experience with leading workshops about the roots of violence.
- ★ Learn strategies that help youth to read, discuss, and write about issues that are important to them.
- ★ Share ideas with peers who facilitate political education workshops with young people.
- ★ Receive sample materials from the curriculum guide to get your own workshops started.

“Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where one class is made to feel that society is organized in a conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe.”

Frederick Douglass

Urgent Action Fund Grants Are Available!

The **Chicago Freedom School** (CFS) is offering mini-grants from its urgent action fund to support projects that will integrate the curriculum in their work. In particular, CFS is making grants of up to \$1,000 available to youth-adult partnerships which use the curriculum to foster community dialogue about violence and/or to develop local solutions to violence. **Urgent Action Fund Applications will be available at the Chicago Freedom School website.** CFS will start accepting applications on February 22nd and the deadline for applying is rolling. The application process will close once funds are exhausted.

The curriculum guide will be released on February 1st 2010. It can be downloaded at no cost from the websites of the sponsoring organizations: www.project-nia.org, www.chicagofreeschool.org, www.teachersforjustice.org. Please complete this short survey before downloading the guide: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QW9N8R7>

Space is limited so participants must **RSVP by FEBRUARY 12th** in order to attend this workshop. Register by e-mailing projectniaevents@hotmail.com.