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**OER and Arts Education:
Fellowship Program for Professional Development**

Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education
(ISKME)

Teachers and teaching artists can support each other in forging new pathways for integrating the arts into K-12 classrooms by sharing teaching strategies, creative expression, and curricular resources. The sharing of **Open Educational Resources** (OER) and related practices involving digital and social learning is the cornerstone of ISKME's facilitation of teacher professional development and peer-based learning. Our approach leverages existing practices of teachers and builds on ISKME's OER Commons (www.oercommons.org) network for open teaching and learning resources.

ISKME's **OER and Arts Education** project, supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation, has the following goals: 1) to engage in-service and pre-service teachers and teaching artists in trainings around collaborative learning strategies and shared online resources and processes; 2) to develop and share a training model for others to use and adapt; 3) to create a pilot network that supports OER awareness and use in arts education; and 4) to convene a stakeholders meeting around OER and arts education in February 2010.

In summer 2009, ISKME (www.iskme.org) launched its first series of summer courses and seminars in teacher professional development focused on OER and teacher-led approaches. In addition to focusing on the use of Open Educational Resources (OER), our trainings support teachers in modeling investigative project-based learning and experiential arts and design approaches for the classroom that can be adapted to work across disciplines. Participants learn about the concepts of "open" and resources that intended to be free and non-proprietary, and by extension, adaptable and shareable.

A recent example of our professional development offerings, "Integrating and Sharing Teacher-Led Curriculum in the Arts using Social Collaboration" is at: http://wiki.oercommons.org/mediawiki/index.php/ISKME%27s_OER_Academy_on_Arts_Integration.

Call for Fellows

During fall 2009, ISKME is currently offering a limited number of OER and Arts Education Fellowships to highly qualified teachers and teaching artists located in two regions, the San Francisco-Bay Area and Los Angeles-Long Beach area. We will select 8-10 participants for the program, to run from November 2009 through February 2010. The purpose of these fellowships is to grow strong connections with teachers and teaching artists who will serve as leaders around OER and arts integration in their classrooms, school districts, and communities.

Visit www.iskme.org for more information about ISKME

Requirements:

An OER and Arts Education Fellow is required to complete the following:

- Participate in an OER training workshops in either the San Francisco-Bay Area or Los Angeles-Long Beach area (exact location TBD). Fellows must be located in one of these regions.
- Develop and document an OER and Arts Education curriculum project for a classroom setting, consisting of two or more new or adapted, open digital resources, such as arts-integrated inquiries, lessons, hands-on activities, etc.
- Use this arts-integrated project and resources in the classroom setting on at least two occasions, and reflect upon the experiences in discussion and written formats.
- Communicate and collaborate with other OER training participants and peers online and in-person during the fellowship period.
- Communicate with local colleagues in school district and community settings about OER processes and potential for art education in discussion and written formats.
- Attend ISKME's OER and Arts Education convening, February, 2009, in the San Francisco-Bay Area.
- Participate with ISKME in documenting and giving feedback on the impacts of the Fellowship and the project activities.

Upon completion of the above, a Fellow receives:

- A stipend of \$1,000
- A certificate of completion from ISKME
- Continued access and support in OER online networks

How to Apply:

Interested applicants for the OER and the Arts Education Fellowship must **email or fax** a resume and completed application by **October 21, 2009** to:

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A follow-up interview will be scheduled with prospective candidates.
Final Fellowship Awardees will be selected and contacted by November 4, 2009.

ISKME reserves the right to make any changes to the OER and Arts Education project and Fellowship program.