



The Center for Civic Education and James Madison University invites you to attend the

# Project Citizen

## Virginia Workshop

April 9 2011  
9:30 am - 3 pm  
Tuckahoe Library  
Henrico, Virginia



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Project Citizen: The Citizen and the Constitution is a curricular program for middle, secondary, and post-secondary students, youth organizations, and adult groups that promotes competent and responsible participation in local and state government. The program helps participants learn how to monitor and influence public policy. In the process, they develop support for democratic values and principles, tolerance, and feelings of political efficacy.



**Project Citizen** training, provides a unique opportunity for middle-grade and high school teachers and community-youth-group leaders to take part in professional development featuring We the People: Project Citizen, one of the country's foremost civic education programs.

The session will use **Project Citizen** curricular materials as the primary base of instruction. The materials are designed to foster active participation in a process-oriented curriculum that teaches students how to monitor and influence public policy in their communities.

Each participant will receive a classroom set of **Project Citizen** texts sent to them at the completion of the two and a half day workshop.

Participation in the workshop, considered to be professional development worth more than \$500, obligates the recipient to implement **Project Citizen** in at least one class or with one youth group in 2011-2012 school year and to submit a portfolio to the state culminating event.



*As a judge and practicing attorney, I have been involved in many programs, but none that even approached the excitement in civil participation of this program. Project Citizen is practical experience in democracy and civil involvement.*

—Judge Gregory J. Donat





*Project Citizen helps bring state government, politics and the concept of representative democracy to life for the next generation of America's leaders. It may not be as dramatic as "reality TV" but it helps students gain a real life glimpse at how they can make a difference in helping their communities.*

— Sen. Richard T. Moore, Massachusetts Senate

State and congressional district coordinators for **Project Citizen** will assist with the showcase and other aspects of program implementation.

Thirty teachers from public and private middle and high schools throughout Virginia will be selected to attend. Participants will receive a certification documenting the twenty contact hours that the workshop will consist of.

*After spending the morning with some very engaging 8th graders at Twinfield Union School, my belief is reinforced that Project Citizen offers kids more than a course in civics education. It gives them a real-life opportunity to develop and sharpen their decision-making abilities. I hope, for our country's sake, that some of these Project Citizen students opt for a career in public service.*

— Sen. James M. Jeffords



*It's a wonderful way for them to learn what they're responsibilities are as citizens.*

— Teresa LaValle, Teacher

### Benefits of attending:

- Prepares teachers to use Project Citizen in their respective educational or organizational settings
- Offers participants opportunities to learn about public policy
- Facilitates information exchange about educational systems and public policy issues in the state
- Provides educators the opportunity to form partnerships and develop links within their educational or organizational settings

### Participants will receive:

- Continental Breakfast on Saturday
- Lunch on Saturday
- A set of textbooks for the classroom
- Six contact hours
- An opportunity to share ideas with teachers from across the region and state.



**To register for the  
Project Citizen Richmond Area Workshop:**

To learn more about Project Citizen in Virginia, visit our  
web site at: <http://www.jmu.edu/pcinva>

Register On-Line or, contact:  
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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Classes you currently teach \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Classes assigned to teach in 2011-2012 \_\_\_\_\_

School Name/District \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_