

# NWP Urban Sites Conference to Focus on Reform

The National Writing Project Urban Sites Conference in Philadelphia will bring together educators from across the nation working to improve the teaching of reading and writing in urban schools. The conference, hosted by the Philadelphia Writing



Project and sponsored by the NWP Urban Sites Network, will take place April 30–May 1, 2004.

A keynote address from Rochelle Nichols Solomon, senior program officer with the Association for Educational Development, will introduce the conference's theme "Urban Literacies and the Challenge of Reform." Her remarks will focus on her involvement in education reform over the last 30 years, both

locally in Philadelphia and nationally. In addition to four rounds of workshops presented by urban educators, the conference will also draw on the rich historical and cultural background of the host city through visits to local schools; a tour of Philadelphia's treasure trove of murals; a tour of the new National Constitution Center; a discussion of the book *Philadelphians* read this winter, *The Price of a Child* by Lorene Cary; dinner and a reception at the renowned University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology; as well as special guests and entertainment.

The conference registration deadline is April 4; the deadline for workshop proposals, which can be submitted online, is February 27. For registration information, the call for proposals, and conference updates, please visit [www.writingproject.org/cs/nwpp/print/nwp\\_e/43](http://www.writingproject.org/cs/nwpp/print/nwp_e/43).