

The Urban Site Network: Sites and Coordinators Participating in the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund Inquiry Project

In 1991 the Urban Sites Network secured a grant from the DeWitt Wallace – Reader’s Digest Fund to support the Urban Sites Inquiry Project. Managed through the New York City Writing Project, the grant supported local teacher research groups in eleven writing project sites in efforts to study and improve urban education.

Teams of teachers affiliated with these sites, with the leadership and support of local site coordinators, conducted local action research projects over a four-year period and met as a national community to share results and explore implications for teaching and learning in urban schools.

Ultimately, three cohorts of teacher teams from these writing project sites participated, supported by local site coordinators. A national planning team led by two coordinators planned for national network meetings.

Cohort 1:

Coordinated nationally by Richard Sterling and Joseph Check
Bay Area Writing Project
Boston Writing Project
New York City Writing Project
Maryland Writing Project
Philadelphia Writing Project

Cohort 2:

Coordinated nationally by Steve Gordon and Deborah Jumps
Greater Houston Writing Project
Gateway Writing Project

Cohort 3:

Coordinated nationally by Elyse Eidman-Aadahl and Patsy Lockhart
Bay Area Writing Project
Boston Writing Project
Chicago Area Writing Project
Greater New Orleans Writing Project
Maryland Writing Project
New York City Writing Project
Philadelphia Writing Project
UCLA Writing Project
Western Pennsylvania Writing Project

Below is a list of eleven participating sites as well as the directors and teacher-consultants, listed by writing project site, who served as site coordinators for the local inquiry groups and/or for the national network activities.

National Project Coordination:

Richard Sterling
Joseph Check

Bay Area Writing Project (Oakland/Richmond, CA)

Carole Chin
Patsy Lockhart
Grace Morizawa
Susan Reed
Carol Tateishi

Boston Writing Project

Peter Golden
Steve Gordon
Polly Ulichny

Chicago Area Writing Project

Susan Ansai
Barbara Kato

Gateway Writing Project (St. Louis)

Michael Lowenstein
Rosalynde Scott

Greater Houston Area Writing Project

Lillie Lockhart
Doris Prater

Greater New Orleans Writing Project

Doris Smith

Maryland Writing Project (Baltimore)

Joan Cobb
Lisa Delpit
Elyse Eidman-Aadahl

New York City Writing Project

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Carmen Mercado
Linette Moorman
Cecelia Traugh

Philadelphia Writing Project

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Judy Buchanan

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Western Pennsylvania Writing Project (Pittsburgh)

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