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**COMMUNITY / NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM FOR A 10-MEMBER DELEGATION
FROM ODESA AND MYKOLAYIV OBLASTS, UKRAINE**

In Northwest Ohio, USA: September 20- October 11, 2006

USAID-World Learning Community Connection Program locally organized by the Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development

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10 professionals from Ukraine will participate in a three-week program to examine the system of non-governmental organizations and other forms of local democracies in the U.S. whose goals are to unite residents of communities (blocks, streets, neighborhoods) within municipalities and to represent their interests in local decision-making and community development. The group will study the U.S. experience of these organizations and the type of activities they engage in.



The community/neighborhood associations (self-organized bodies within a larger population) that represent

to the American experience in local democratic initiatives will improve the ability of neighborhood and community associations in Ukraine to interact with municipalities, to identify a spectrum of appropriate activities. It will enhance and strengthen their human resource potential and their capability to adequately respond to the needs of their communities.

The delegation will stay with NW Ohio area host families to experience the everyday life, culture and the diversity of

Members of the delegation are representatives from community/neighborhood associations (Bodies of Self-organization of the Population) including those who have prior experience in mobilizing residents, communicating with local governments, and establishing network connections among similar groups. The delegation also includes representatives of local government who are responsible for relations with neighborhood associations, and representatives of NGOs that provide support services to such associations. The guests have a successful past history in community decision-making and devote 50% to 100% of their work-time in the respective organization in two neighboring oblasts: Odesa and Mykolayiv. Guests do not speak English, but two interpreters will assist the delegation.

territorial communities have begun to play an important role in the system of Ukrainian local governance. In 2001, the Ukrainian Parliament passed legislation that allowed for the creation of non-governmental territorial associations (Bodies of Self-Organization of the Population) within municipalities. Odesa and Mykolayiv are two oblasts that took advantage of the new law and they set up community/neighborhood associations.

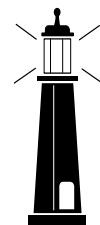
The role of community/neighborhood associations are expected to increase further as a result of a shift to proportional elections (by political party lists) to local councils beginning in March 2006. Thus, neighborhood associations will remain the key instrument through which territorial communities can represent their interests and play an active part in local community development. Exposure

America. The delegation will participate in several public events and will share their experience with our community.

We thank all professional partners, host families and volunteers for your support for this program.

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The overall objective of the program is to utilize the know-how of community/ neighborhood associations in the U.S. in order to increase the capacity of similar emerging Ukrainian associations in the following areas:

- Developing relations with municipal self-government bodies and local businesses

- Studying how the process of delegation of authority is managed

- Learning how associations are accountable to their communities

- Establishing public-private partnerships for community development in the selected regions: Odesa and Mykolayiv oblasts.

The guests will be exposed to diverse experience in three states of the U.S: in Toledo and Northwest Ohio as well as in the Cleveland area in Ohio, Detroit area in Michigan and Chicago area in Illinois. The program includes panel discussions, site visits and consultation with representatives of local government, leaders of various community/ neighborhood associations, training providers and experts in community organizing, as well as NGO's providing services to community associations.

The itinerary will provide opportunities for the visitors to

- Observe how communities in the U.S. work together to determine which formal responsibilities can be delegated from local governments to associations.

- Learn how U.S. local communities communicate their intentions to local governments; so they will be able to lobby their interests upon program completion;

- Learn how to involve local businesses and media in their activities;

- Learn how to organize community outreach, support their activities and needs from local sources;

- Learn how to educate and motivate community residents to actively participate in the organization of their neighborhoods;

- Learn how to organize coalitions and partnership-building events to voice their concerns and suggestions to local governments;

- Evaluate which community structure is best suited to carry out community projects and take on specific responsibilities.

The current law on forming territorial organizations in Ukraine lacks clear mechanisms for the transfer of authority from formal administrative structures to these types of organizations. Yet they are allowed to assume responsibility for things such as communal services. In some cases this can lead to an abuse of power on the part of governmental structures and corruption manifested in the demand for bribes, kickbacks, etc. Since many of the guests represent either local governments or housing associations (made up of one or several buildings), they need to study the importance of maintaining and assuring transparency in the processes in which they are engaged – contracts, tenders, all fiscal reporting. A special emphasis will be on the ethical standards and responsibilities of association heads, members, government officials, civil servants, as well as the mandatory and self-regulating practices that are effective in the U.S. Additionally, visitors will observe different models of resource mobilization, advocacy campaigning, building of public-private partnerships that they will apply at home.

By the end of the program visitors will create their individual Action Plans how to implement ideas they gained during the training and to introduce special projects, as well as a joint Action Plan for the delegation on how they can work together on certain programs and ideas after their return.

As a result of this program, visitors will have a very real opportunity to implement changes in Ukraine, as community/neighborhood associations become contact points for citizens to interact with local authorities. The experience, the training and new connections in the U.S. will help the guests to become educated representatives of community/neighborhood associations who can boost public participation in community decision making in Ukraine.

It is anticipated that cross-sector partnerships can be formed on a number of issues incl. between local government and neighborhood/community associations as well as partnerships with business and media. These cross-sector partnerships can provide support for program administration, and can attract more people to get involved in community development. Sharing best practices among similar neighborhood/community organizations and building cooperation with each other will contribute less expensive and cost effective program implementation.

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Mr. Andriy Krupnyk

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Andriy Krupnyk is the Principal of the Odesa Public Institute of Social Technologies. The purpose of the Institute is the formation and organization of new social policy on the local level, based on wide citizen involvement in management, moving parts of state social services to private enterprises and the cooperation of commercial, public and non-commercial institutions. His responsibilities include planning and organizing the execution of programs and projects, the estab-



lishing partnerships with NGOs, state and commercial structures, as well as, public relation matters. His professional goals are to establish a powerful local self-organization system in residential areas of Ukraine particularly through the educational institutions.

In the U.S., Mr. Krupnyk would like to learn more on how to have an effective collaboration between public organizations and community self organizations; and how to supply resources to the self organizing bodies. He speaks English.

Mr. Oleksiy Orlovsky

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Oleksiy Orlovsky is the Head of the Odesa municipal organization called "Face to Face". This organization was established to protect the constitutional rights of citizens and create conditions necessary for the establishment and effective functioning of public self-organizations. His responsibilities include duty division between the organization workers, the representatives to state authority bodies, as well as, local self-governing bodies.



His goal is to establish a network of public self-organization bodies (PSOB), NGOs, those authority and commercial structures interested in PSOB development as a powerful factor of influence aiming to democratize local and state policy. While in the U.S., he is interested in lobbying on a local level, cooperation between public organization and local authorities, NGO cooperation, and fundraising.

Oleksiy speaks English.

Mr. Denys Stoyanov

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Denys Stoyanov is a Senior Specialist in the Department of Work Organization of Odesa City Council. This organization is responsible for ensuring the cooperation of the executive city council bodies and the public self-organization bodies. His duties include ensuring the rights of inhabitants to create housing, street, block and other public self organization and providing resources, such as; information, property and funding.



His goals include: the elaboration of local normative acts aimed to improve the functioning of PSOB, and establish monthly trainings for bodies heads and public executives.

He would like to learn more in the U.S. about the history of the local self-government development, the organizational structure of the self-government bodies and local city government.

Denys speaks English.

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Mr. Valeriy Shtefanets

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Valeriy Shtefanets is the business manager of the association of joint apartment owners. The purpose of this organization is to provide assistance to association members with quality communal services for reasonable prices, and guaranteeing the needs and rights of its members.

His responsibilities are to make



administration decisions on behalf of the association, contracts and handling the budget. He hopes to establish an extension of the association that will provide citizens with higher quality services by means of lesser expense.

He would like to learn more in the U.S. about housing management, competitive selection of communal service providers, and energy and water storage.

Valeriy does not speak English.

Mr. Olexandr Listaforov

Odesa

Olexandr Listaforov is the head of the union of apartment house joint owners board. The purpose of his organization is repairing, reconstruction and maintenance of premises for committee members and to supply the rights to the joint owners for property possession and usage.

His duties include administration decisions, contracts and budgeting.



His goals are to continue with reconstruction and to build sport facilities and playgrounds for children.

While in the U.S. he hopes to learn how the government has an influence on social building protection and state and local programs on buildings for welfare.

Olexandr does not speak English.

Ms. Galyna Prokopenko

Ilichivsk, Odesa Oblast

Ms. Galyna Prokopenko is the head of a local self-organization body community. The committee is engaged in creating conditions for participating district inhabitants in solving important local problems within the Ukrainian constitution limits.

Her responsibilities include the execution of all social, cultural and other consumer demands, taking an active part in solving problems and equipping the district with modern services and utilities.



Her goal is to create an institution to collect funds to be used in the alleviation of local problems.

While in the U.S., she hopes to learn more on cooperation between self-organizations and administration.

Galyna does not speak English.

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Mr. Yuriy Zvelindovsky

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Mr. Yuriy Zvelindovsky is the head of the Balkovskiy union of apartment joint owners board. He is in charge of making the financial decisions that best suit the needs of the owners of the apartment complex and the adjoining premises, as well as, making, controlling and fulfilling contracts by both sides.

He has many goals for his community in the next five years,



such as: economic usage of energy and natural resources, registration of the community, improvement of water supply, playground creation, exterior illumination and wall heat-retention.

He would like to learn more about regulations in the U.S. as well as, energy saving technologies.

Yuriy speaks a little English.

Mr. Vasyl Shysh

Nadbyz'ke, Mykolayiv Oblast

Vasyl Shysh is the head of the Nadbyz'ke village council, which is self-governing body. The challenges he faces with his organization are financial, social, communal and the self-organization of citizens.

His goal is to work with the council to solve some of these issues.

He hopes to learn more on how to



solve the current issues facing his village by organizing the citizens to work together as one organized body. He also has an interest in developing farmland and cattle breeding.

Vasyl does not speak English.

Ms. Iryna Martynova

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Iryna Martynova is the head of the informational methodological center of public self-organization. This foundation is aimed to promote development of city community in cooperation with businesses, city authorities, and public organizations to solve city problems. Her responsibilities are to lobby support for, help establish, register and re-register public self-organizations through work organization and document



preparation.

She hopes to establish a council for self-organization groups and to assist in delegating the power, finance and property transmission to the PSO bodies.

While in the U.S. she hopes to gain more insight on the workings of decision making on a local, state and national level for local self-governing organizations.

Iryna speaks a little English.

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Ms. Tetyana Vasylenko

Mykolayiv

Tetyana Vasylenko is the head of the Yalta dormitory self-organization committee. The organization represents citizens' interests and establishes conditions for their participation in local problem solving aiming to improve Yalta district welfare.

Her duties include conducting meetings, committee decision fulfillment and fulfilling legal requirements for the organization.



Her goal is to assist in the planning of building roads in the Yalta district.

While in the U.S. she would like to learn more about working with the local governments and local problem solving methods.

Tetyana does not speak English.

About Odessa and Mykolayiv Oblasts, Ukraine



These two neighboring oblasts are located in southwestern Ukraine at the shore of the Black Sea.

Odessa Oblast has a population of 2,4 million, nearly 40% of whom live in the City of Odessa. Significant branches of the oblast's economy are oil refining & chemicals processing, transportation (important sea and river ports, oil pipelines and railway), viticulture and other forms of agriculture, notably the growing of wheat, maize, barley, sunflowers and sugar beets. The region's industrial capability is principally concentrated in and around Odessa. Odessa Oblast includes 26 raions and 19 cities.

City of Odessa - known as the "Pearl of the Black Sea"- is the 5th largest city in Ukraine, the largest city along the Black Sea, and the most important city of Ukraine for trade. The 212-year-old city has its ethnically diverse population of more than one million, wide range of industries, naval base, fishing



fleets, and large port, and it is Ukraine's most important city for external trade. Odessa is also a popular tourist destination.

But living standards plummeted after the onset of transition and, by the mid-1990s Odessa was in the midst of a severe social crisis. The city lacked basic affordable housing and its water supply was contaminated. The Odessa Participatory Initiative in 1995 was the first step to involve citizens to tell their governments what services they need or how well these services are being delivered. In fact, one of the major problems threatening the sustainability of development efforts in the countries of the former Soviet Union has been the lack of public voice in decision-making.

Mykolayiv Oblast has a population of 1,2 million. Almost 60% of urban population resides in the City of Mykolayiv (pop. 512,000), the industrial, cultural and administrative center of Mykolayiv Oblast. The City of Mykolayiv is a major ship building center of Ukraine and an important riverport.

The city has 3 major shipyards some of which capable of building large navy ships. Other important industries are mechanical engineering, power engineering, metallurgy and cosmetics.

Mykolayiv Oblast is subdivided into: 19 raions, and 5 of its cities are designated as separate raions within the oblast.

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Wednesday, September 20

8:44PM Arrival at Detroit Airport
Drive to host families

Thursday, September 21 Toledo

9:00AM Orientation meeting at the University of Toledo Urban Affairs Center (UAC)
11:00AM Briefing and World Learning orientation on speaker phone
12:00PM Working luncheon at the University of Toledo Urban Affairs Center (UAC)
3:30PM Tour of The University of Toledo Bancroft Campus – Visit the Library, Recreation Center etc.

Friday, September 22 Toledo

9:00AM Need Assessment and discussion on Action Plan development, individual and joint follow on activities after return to Ukraine and team building
10:30AM Meeting with Lindsay Potts and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur
1:00PM Meetings with Hugh Grefe, Director Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and Kathleen Kovacs (Uptown Neighborhood Development)
5:30PM Visit the Toledo Museum of Art (“Its Friday”) program
Joint dinner

Saturday, September 23 Toledo

10:00AM Program at the Hungarian Club of Toledo
Meet with the leaders of the Birmingham Neighborhood Coalition
11:00AM VIP Reception with Ohio State Representative Peter Ujvagi for the guests and host families at the Hungarian Club activities.
12:30PM Welcome Lunch/ Reception with host families and program partners—Open to the Public

Sunday, September 24

PM (Optional) Joint sightseeing/ shopping

Monday, September 25 Detroit

10:00AM Meeting with the City of Detroit Dep. of Neighborhoods
12:30PM Lunch meeting followed up with panel discussion with community organizations at City Connect Detroit
4:00PM Visit the Ukrainian Cultural Center

Tuesday, September 26 Bowling Green, Ohio

9:00AM Meet with Mike Carroll, Director BGSU Center for Regional Development
11:30AM Dr. William Balzer, Dean of International Programs, and Vice President of BGSU will welcome the delegation to BGSU
12:30PM Lunch at the Hunan Buffet
1:30PM Meet with Sue Clark, Executive Director and Sue Clayton, Assistant Director Bowling Green Economic Development Foundation

Wednesday, September 27 Toledo

9:00AM Meet with Terry Glazer, Executive Director Lagrange Development Corporation
12:30PM Lunch meeting followed up with presentations at Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) Conference room with Theresa Smith Board President (and VP of Key Bank) and William Farnsel, Executive Director
3:30PM Monitoring phone call by World Learning
4:00PM Program Assessment and Review of Week 1 activities with GLC Project Manager

Thursday, September 28 Fremont and Cleveland, Ohio

9:00AM Welcome by Neal Mc Cabe, President and CEO of WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. and Ben Kenny
10:00AM Panel discussion and luncheon with WSOS and neighborhood/ community organizations’ leaders from small urban and rural

communities

1:00PM Departure to Cleveland
3:00PM Check-in to hotel
4:00PM Meet with Andrew Fedynsky, Director of Ukrainian Museum and Archive
Tour of the museum
6PM Reception with members and supporters of the Ukrainian Museum Archives of Cleveland
8:00PM Return to hotel

Friday, September 29 Cleveland

9:00AM Meeting with Mike-lann Ward Rensel, Executive Director and staff/Board members Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition (CNDC)
1:00PM Meet with Larry Bresler, Executive Director Organize! Ohio
5:00PM Depart from Cleveland back to NW Ohio host families

Saturday, September 30

Free time to rest

Sunday, October 1

Free time to rest

Monday, October 2 Toledo

9:00AM Meeting with Dave Beckwith, Executive Director The Needmor Fund
12:00 noon Lunch meeting followed by presentations and panel discussions at the Collingwood Presbyterian Church organized by NIP
GLC Program Assessment / Review of Week 2 activities
USAID-World Learning monitoring phone call through speaker phone

Tuesday, October 3 Toledo

9:00AM Visit River East Revitalization Corporation Don Monroe, Director

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10:30AM Volunteer at Toledo Seagate Food Bank

12:00 noon Lunch at Bowling Green Zonta International (for women)

1:30PM Visit the City of Toledo – Department of Neighborhood

Thomas Kroma, Director

3:30pm Meeting with Mayor Carleton Finkbeiner and learn about his neighborhood bus tour program and assistance to neighborhood organizations

4:00PM (Optional) Attend Toledo City Council meeting – Possible recognition of the guests and the program at the beginning of the meeting (Live TV)

Wednesday, October 4 Toledo

9:00AM Discussion on ideas gained with Dave Beckwith

11:00AM Small group planning activities among collaborating partners

1:00AM Lunch meeting with Kathleen Steingraber, Executive Director Toledo Warehouse District Association

2:00PM Planning of the Joint Action Plan – led by Elizabeth Balint

Thursday, October 5 Chicago, Illinois

Early morning travel to Chicago
Check-in to hotel

2:00PM Visit and meeting at Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA)

Meet with Nancy Aardema, Executive Director

5:00PM Sightseeing in Chicago

Friday, October 6 Chicago

10:00AM Meeting with Ms. Terry Pastika, Executive Director/ Community

Lawyer at Citizen Advocacy Center

3:00PM Sightseeing in Chicago

Back to hotel

Saturday, October 7 Chicago

Sightseeing in Chicago

2:00PM Drive back from Chicago to NW Ohio host families

Sunday, October 8

Free time for shopping and rest, and start individual preparation for program evaluation

Monday, October 9, 2006

9:00AM Time for preparation of the evaluations/action plans

2:00PM Joint discussion on ideas

learned and follow on activities

6:00PM Lourdes College/Franciscan

Center—Open to the Public:
Farewell Reception & Ceremony – Presentation of the Certificates and gifts to the participants

Report to the community
Recognition of host families, volunteers, program partners etc.

Media is invited for the event

Tuesday, October 10 Toledo

9:00AM University of Toledo – Evaluation of the program – GLC Welcome Committee members and WSOS representatives are invited

2:00PM Evaluation phone call from World Learning through speakerphone

Wednesday, October 11

9:00AM Pick up at host families and travel to Detroit

1:30PM Departure from Detroit Airport

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