

**U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF CITIZEN EXCHANGES  
EURASIA EXCHANGES AND TRAINING GRANT AWARD TO:**

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR WAR, PEACE AND THE NEWS  
MEDIA FOR PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS PROGRAM FOR  
ARMENIA**

The Office of Citizen Exchanges has awarded a grant of U.S. 150,000 to New York University (NYU) for an anti-trafficking in persons program for Armenia. NYU will work with its partner, Cimera, in Armenia to implement this program.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Eurasia Professional Exchanges and Training Program is designed to encourage the growth of democratic institutions by enhancing institutional partnerships and offering practical information to individuals and groups. This project will train government officials and journalists on collaborative approaches to combat trafficking in persons in Armenia. The project includes a four-day in-country workshop for approximately 15 journalists and 15 government officials that will include breakout sessions, role-playing and information sharing. American trainers will also conduct follow-up site visits and interviews at participants, workplaces to design action plans. Team reporting projects with the journalism participants will also be designed, published and broadcast in Armenia to increase public awareness on the issue. This program is funded through a Freedom Support Act transfer.

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Trainers include: Dennis Fitzgerald, Tanya Domi, Drew Sullivan, Bill Dowell and Sasa Lekovic (from Croatia).

**PROJECT TIMELINE**

**AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 2003--** Program start-up. NYU staff and project trainers contact U.S. Embassy staff in Yerevan to review project content and discuss participant selection. Applications will be revised per embassy guidance. Reservations for facilities and travel arrangements for workshops will be coordinated with the in-country partner, Cimera. Feedback from interagency group members will be gathered for the workshop agenda, criteria for evaluation and for participation in a desktop networking/information sharing collaboration tool entitled "Groove." Cimera will translate and distribute applications. Although the primary target audiences for this program are government officials and media representatives, outreach will be extended to NGO representatives as well. Cimera will translate workshop materials.

**OCTOBER 2003--** NYU and Cimera, in consultation with ECA and U.S. Embassy Yerevan will finalize participant selection for the workshop, team reporting projects and groove membership.

**NOVEMBER 2003--** Two NYU staff and five trainers arrive in Yerevan for one week of on-site consultations and pre-workshop planning. Trainers will meet with participants selected for the upcoming workshop and will assist in developing action plans. Trainers will also visit NGOs for their input.

**NOVEMBER 10-13--** NYU trainers will train at least 15 government officials and 15 media representatives on strategies to prevent trafficking in persons. Tanya Domi and Dennis Fitzgerald will be responsible for training the interagency group members and government officials. Drew Sullivan, Bill Dowell and Sasa Lekovic will work with journalists. NGO representatives will be invited to attend various sessions to monitor the workshop and will also sit on panels. Examples of workshop topics include: Government of Armenia steps to prevent trafficking; effective reporting on the issue; the security and economic impact of trafficking in Armenia; witness protection programs; the role of OSCE and ODIHR in addressing trafficking; successful public awareness campaigns to combat trafficking; interviewing trafficking victims; protecting sources, and managing and responding to danger when reporting on trafficking.

**NOVEMBER 14-DECEMBER 12--** One NYU trainer and a local co-trainer will conduct team-reporting projects with eight Armenian journalists at Cimera's facilities. NYU trainer Bill Dowell will be responsible for this project component.

**DECEMBER 2003-JANUARY 2004--** team reporting project will be published/broadcast. Cimera staff follows up with participants from the workshop and the team reporting components. Groove network is fully operational and participants are sharing information on the issue of trafficking through this software.

**FEBRUARY 2004--** NYU sends interim report to ECA on February 1, 2004. Dennis Fitzgerald returns to Armenia for one week of on-site consultations with participants.

**MARCH-MAY 2004--** Cimera staff will monitor media and follow up with participants for analysis and evaluation. Sasa Lekovic continues to manage the groove network and will follow up with participants.

**JUNE 2004--** Evaluations due from all program participants--interagency working group members, journalists, NGOs, trainers.

**JULY 2004--** Program concludes.