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## DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

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2012 has certainly been an encouraging and rewarding year for Network for a Free Society, with publications in Iran and new colleagues in Kurdistan, as well as continuing our cooperation with existing partners in areas where freedom is constantly challenged.

We want to thank all of you who have worked with and helped us in so many ways and especially those extremely generous donors who have funded our efforts and without whom none of this would be possible.

With all our best wishes for Christmas and a successful New Year in which ever more people enjoy the benefits of freedom.

### **Sowing the seeds of freedom in Russian speaking countries**

A Russian version of the CD "Ideas for a Free Society" has been widely used for students by our partners in Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan where Russian is the second language, and of course in [Russia](#) itself. It was produced in Moscow by the publishing house Sotsium and contains about 70 texts that explore the principles and foundations of a free society.

Pavel Koktyshev founder of the Institute for Development and Economic Affairs in Kazakhstan ([idea.org.kz](http://idea.org.kz)), uses them for their camps and summer schools as well as the Almaty Job & Education Fair. [Read More ....](#)

The Ukrainian Mamay Institute's ([www.mamay.net](http://www.mamay.net)) essay contest was based on the CD's texts. The essays were so good the organizers gave extra prizes. The Central Asian Free Market Institute ([www.freemarket.kg](http://www.freemarket.kg)) in Bishkek gives hundreds of copies, in either Kyrgyz or Russian, to students each year during their events and freedom tours and in Tajikistan they were so popular that Konstantin Bonderenko of the Tajikistan Free Market Institute has just asked for more copies.

In Russia they have been used and distributed at events around the country and most recently at the 4<sup>th</sup> Adam Smith Forum organized in Moscow jointly by the Libertarian Party of Russia and the Friedrich Naumann. [Read More ....](#)

Participants queue to register in Moscow for the 4<sup>th</sup> Adam Smith Forum.



#### Our first publications in Iran

The *Morality of Capitalism*, ([www.atlasnetwork.org](http://www.atlasnetwork.org)) edited by Tom Palmer and 'Public Choice – a Primer' by Eamonn Butler ([www.iea.co.uk](http://www.iea.co.uk)) were published in Iran this summer. They had been ably translated by Bardia Garshasbi and enjoyed many reviews in the national media. [Read More ...](#)

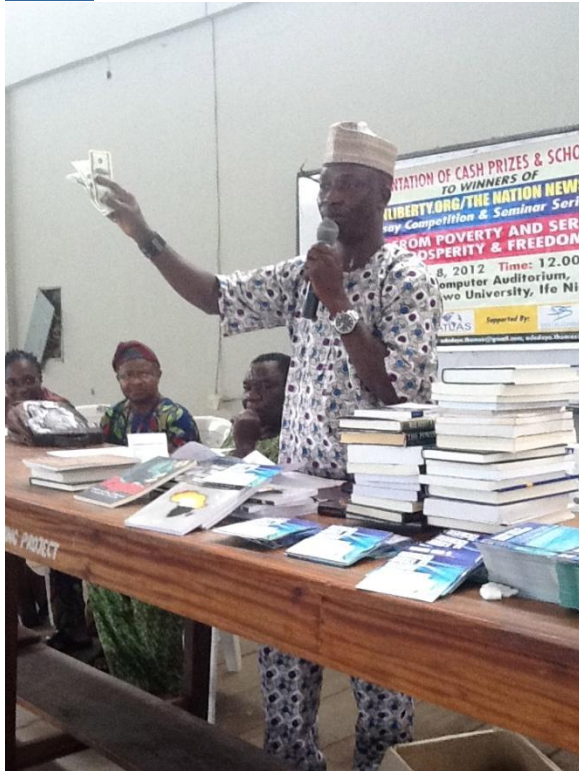


*The Morality of Capitalism* and *Public Choice – A Primer* in a book shop in Tehran.

#### A flourishing project in Africa

2012 is NFS's 3<sup>rd</sup> year of support for the essay competition run from Nigeria by Adedayo Thomas of [AfricanLiberty.org](http://AfricanLiberty.org) in conjunction with The Nation newspaper. Each year its credibility and popularity grow. In 2012, 198 essays were good enough to be judged. An encouraging result for a continent where few students are taught the principles of a free society, but of course there is plenty of room for expansion as well! The essays were based on texts from the CD's and came from 10 countries. For the second year running Moses Oluwanifise won the first prize of \$1,000 plus a return ticket to a freedom conference in Kabarak University in Kenya. [Read](#)

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**Adedayo giving out the cash prizes, books and CD's in the Computer Auditorium at Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria, Oct 2012 to the Nigerian prize winners. Others received their prizes in Kenya.**

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