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# NETWORK FOR A FREE SOCIETY

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Two years ago, International Policy Network launched the [Ideas for a Free Society Project](#). The project is flourishing, now under the auspices of [Network for a Free Society](#), a registered UK charity.

In the past two years, nearly 80,000 mini-libraries in a CD format have been distributed in over 50 countries — from [Afghanistan](#) to [Zimbabwe](#). The project has enabled our academic and think tank partners to spread understanding of the principles and practice of a free society — in some of the world's least free societies, and in languages where these ideas have never before been encountered. Beyond the distribution of CDs, the most promising scholars and students are given opportunities for further learning and studies –



through essay competitions, residential courses, and the formation of student groups. In this time we've made huge strides in reaching students who are hungry for new ideas about economic prosperity, political economy and the role of individual, economic and political freedom. Along the way, we've discovered that virtually none of the fundamental texts about these ideas are available in Arabic, Farsi and Urdu -- so it is no surprise that these ideas are poorly understood in regions where these languages are spoken.



Below, we've included just a few highlights of the extensive global activities involving the CD. Our [Summer 2011 Progress Report](#) (PDF) explains these activities in detail, and outlines many other exciting developments. Network for a Free Society needs likeminded people to [support the project](#) and spread the word. We have an opportunity to foster a climate of opinion in favour of freedom-based policies and governance -- and to achieve that, we must support our partners in ongoing

outreach efforts to thousands of students annually.

## Ideas Spreading Like Wildfire

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[Adedayo Thomas](#), Director of Outreach for AfricanLiberty.org, has arranged "[Pathways to Prosperity](#)" seminars and events for students at over 20 universities in Benin, Nigeria, Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda and Ethiopia. He also ran the AfricanLiberty.org essay project in conjunction with the seminars. Other partners have conducted inspirational seminars to equally enthusiastic young audiences in South Africa, Sudan, and Zambia. Similar activities are taking place in Mozambique and Brazil, utilizing a Portuguese DVD which contains texts from the original "Ideas for a Free Society" CD, as well as the Portuguese version of Milton Friedman's "Free to Choose" television series (produced in conjunction with [www.OrdemLivre.org](http://www.OrdemLivre.org)).



In Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan, a Freedom Bus made a three week tour to 30 towns, reaching thousands of students with their presentations about the ideas on the CD, while distributing CDs with Kyrgyz translations of the texts. [Wan Saiful](#) of Malaysia's Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs organized 26 seminars in Malaysia and Indonesia, reaching over 2,000 participants.

A [Turkish version of the CD](#) was recently produced and launched, as well as a [Russian version](#). CDs in Chinese and Arabic languages are in production, with eager audiences awaiting the finished products.

## How Can You Spread Ideas for a Free Society?

If you, like us, believe in the transformative power of individual freedom, free markets and limited government, we hope that you too will be inspired by the Ideas for a Free Society project. We'll be building our website and sending out periodic email updates about our progress with the CD around the world.

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