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2013 has started in overdrive for Network for a Free Society with new investment from some of our wonderful supporters to whom we are so very grateful. We hope that they, and you, are as excited as we are when you see how they are enabling our partners to increase understanding of the creative power of freedom in countries where it is in such short supply.

It is now 4 years since we first produced the 2nd edition of the CD "Ideas for a Free Society" in English, thinking that 100,000 copies would last us a lifetime but such is the demand for texts that explore the principles and practice of a free society that we now only have 1000 left in the UK.

These mini-libraries on a CD have been distributed to over 70 countries, and since the beginning of the year in Hungary, Armenia, Russia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Uganda and Croatia. They have been given to students and used by our partners in seminars, conferences liberty camps and retreats.

Here the libertarian Croatian blogger Kruno Saric uses the CDs at the meetings of the 'Beer and Capitalism' group which attracted the attention of one of Croatia's biggest papers which ran a two page story on the ideas under discussion.



We now also have CDs in Portuguese, Kyrgyz, Turkish, Russian and Chinese and later this year will be launching them in Arabic and French. Translations of the texts on the English CD are now available in languages and countries which only recently seemed totally out of reach including Farsi, (Read More.....), Dari (Read More.....), Nepalese and Kurdish (Read More.....).

An example is Leonard Reed's inspirational "I Pencil" whose translation we have funded many times (courtesy of the Foundation for Economic Education www.fee.org) and very recently it was published in both a management and economics magazine in Iran and in the bilingual Arabic/Kurdish newspaper 'Bas' in Iraq as below.

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Most recently the CDs were distributed at an Istanbul Network for Liberty (www.istanbulnetwork.org) meeting in Islamabad. The topic was 'Islam and the Institutions of a Free Society'. NFS also provided 7 fellowships for partners to attend the meeting. (Read more...)

Souad Adnane from the Arab Center for Scientific Research in Morocco (www.arab-csr.org/) is seen here speaking on the position of women in Muslim countries. Also on the platform are Garreth Bloor an elected representative from Cape Town, South Africa and Ali Salman of the Policy Research Institute of Pakistan. (www.primeinstitute.org.)



And there is so much planned for the next 12 months! A 3rd edition of the CD in English. Essay competitions in Africa, China, Turkey, Kyrgystan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Armenia and Ukraine. Seminars and quiz nights for students, conferences for intellectuals and many more translations and publications in languages and countries where the next generations need and deserve much more freedom, prosperity and peace than their parents and grand parents enjoyed.

Thank you so much for your help and interest.

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