



What Makes for Quality Education for English Learners in the 21st Century?

What Needs To Be Included and What Actions Can We Take:
Lessons Learned from the Past and New ideas for Today

Open Space Report: Dallas

As a convener, we would like you to put together a short report from your group describing the following:

1. Names of group members

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2. Issue/Topic/Activity

Partners of the Americas – website www.partners.net

3. Highlights of Discussion/Recommendations/Next Action Steps

The “Partners” program was began by President Kennedy – it wasn’t super effective/popular – so it evolved into a volunteer only organization. However, there is an office in Washington D.C.

Each state has a specific partnership with a country/province in Central or South America. For example, Kansas is partnered with Paraguay. Then, more specifically, Lawrence, Kansas has a partnership with Itapua, Paraguay.

Texas has several regions each with their own specific partner.

Go to www.partners.net to find this info.

Since it is a volunteer only organization, the possibilities are ENDLESS! There have been medical, veterinary, and of course teacher/student exchanges.

Touch base with your state/region partnership to find out when the next meeting will be. Attend a meeting and join (\$20 I think). Become part of the ongoing project, or start a project of your own!

4. Available Resources

Contact Kimberley Kreicker @ kkreicke@emporia.edu
Or visit the www.partners.net website

5. Follow-up requests

6. Please type in this report in one of the laptops and hand in this sheet. Thanks!