



COMMUNITY

Consider joining ELNA today!

Current Members

Harvard, Hudson, Lincoln, Lunenburg,
Maynard, Natick, Shrewsbury,
Wayland & Westborough

Membership Fees

\$2500/district per year
or
\$1500/individual school per year

Membership fees support ELNA's operational budget as well as the various events and services provided to its members.

To discuss joining ELNA,
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AWARENESS



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*Education & Leadership
for a Nonviolent Age*



AN INNOVATIVE COLLABORATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS PROMOTING
LEADERSHIP SKILLS, SOCIAL AWARENESS
& CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Who Are We?

Formed in 1985, the ELNA Collaborative (Education & Leadership for a Nonviolent Age) is a coalition of school districts located primarily in the Metro West region of Boston. ELNA's mission is to reengage young people in civic participation, to promote positive peer leadership, and encourage a sense of social responsibility. We aim to achieve these goals by helping students develop a ethic of care both for themselves and toward others, to recognize the value of service to society, and to commit to making a difference in their communities.

What Do We Do?

ELNA provides districts with an opportunity to expand on their school-based efforts by providing programming and encouraging collaboration across districts with the goal of increasing active citizenship among young people in Massachusetts. Our leadership conferences, community service learning events, and faculty/student forums and workshops particularly address the interdisciplinary themes that students must master in order to fully participate in a global society.



EDUCATION

Leadership Conferences

Each year, ELNA hosts two leadership conferences during the academic school year. Both aim to raise social awareness and inspire positive action in the young participants with one conference focused on middle school students, the other on students currently in high school. Experts from community organizations throughout the state provide valuable workshops on a variety of important topics. Topics in the past have included leadership development, building global and multicultural understandings, environmental and economic issues, responsible citizenship, social change through nonviolence, hunger and homelessness, modern day slavery and much more. Each conference not only allows students to hear from experts in various fields, but also provides them with the opportunity to share the experience with students from other school districts and explore how they can make a difference in their own schools and communities.

Community Service Learning

Throughout each school year, ELNA supports and sponsors multi-district Community Service Learning (CSL) projects that focus on a variety of social needs. Traditionally, a member district

hosts and designs a service learning project and students and teachers from all of the ELNA districts are invited to attend. These projects take place after the school day, primarily in the evening, and time is spent with the project itself, as well as learning about the need it addresses. Our largest CSL event is the ELNA Hunger Banquet, modeled after the Oxfam International effort to introduce communities to issues surrounding hunger and poverty throughout the world. Other CSL events have focused on assisting the elderly, animal rights, the environment, and providing care packages to soldiers serving our country.

Faculty/Student Workshops

The ELNA Collaborative sponsors forums and workshops for faculty members/ students each year. Previous and future topics include the following:

- ▶ Preparing students to be economically competitive in a global environment
- ▶ Developing student leadership skills
- ▶ Challenges of teaching after 9/11
- ▶ District-wide leadership development
- ▶ Capitol Forum on America's Future

LEADERSHIP



SERVICE

