

CREDD **(The Collective of Researchers** **on Educational Disappointment and Desire)**

We're looking for applicants and recommendations. Please read over the info below and apply if you are interested or send other New York City residents aged 16-22 who might be interested.

Are you pursuing a GED? Do you have a GED? Are you sick of schooling? Passionate about social justice?

Come join a team that is investigating:

- the value of the GED
- the push out practices in high schools
- education options
- and the myth of the American dream

CREDD (Collective of Researchers on Educational Disappointment and Desire) is engaged in participatory action research and we want you to work with us! Participatory action research means YOUR experiences will make you one of the experts, YOU will reach out to other youth, YOU will work in collaboration for change.

We will hit the streets to learn what's really up with the GED.

You will:

- 1) Have a leadership role in deciding how our work is done
- 2) Interview and survey youth and adults about their educational experiences
- 3) Think about and report about the GED as an alternative to a high school diploma
- 4) Publish your findings in a youth to youth guide to the GED
- 5) Share your ideas with other youth and communities
- 6) Attend meetings, trainings, and conferences with other youth and other youth research groups
- 7) Earn \$\$ for your work

When: about one meeting a week where you take on independent/small group tasks for the week

Who: NYC residents aged 16-22 who will commit to the entire summer project, longer participation is possible

To apply: Email Melody at the CREDD project at thecreddproject@yahoo.com by 6pm May 16, 2006. Early applications are encouraged. We will let you know by May 20th.

Please answer the following:

- 1) What is your full name, birth date, and contact information? (email, home address, phones)
- 2) Where did you grow up and in what neighborhood do you currently live?
- 3) What is your involvement with community or youth organizations, if any?
- 4) What are your favorite non-school activities?
- 5) Are you currently in school or out of school? Do you have or are you pursuing a GED? What is the grade level you last completed?
- 6) What do you want to get out of working on this team?
- 7) What is your idea, in one or two sentences, of social justice?
- 8) What is your availability during this summer?

If you are interested in applying or have any questions or want to find out more, email us at thecreddproject@yahoo.com.

Folks with their GED, pursuing a GED, or left school are HIGHLY encouraged to apply.