



Australian Government  
Department of Education,  
Science and Training

# Celebrating Democracy Week

Wednesday 18 October to  
Tuesday 24 October 2006

*Civics and citizenship education for a harmonious democracy...*

Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for your school to take part in Celebrating Democracy Week 2006.

Why do we need laws and how do they keep our community safe? What are the characteristics that make good citizens?

Hold a debate on the values that help shape Australia's democracy.

Conduct a mock parliament. Collect stories of older Australians and share them with the school. Hold a special ceremony to recognise the contribution volunteers make in our community. Explore the roles and responsibilities that television and print media have in democracies. Clean up a local wildlife habitat. Grant applications close on **Friday 15 September 2006.**

## Every Voice Counts! Student Forum

Year 10 and 11 students are invited to apply for Every Voice Counts! Student Forum which will be conducted in Canberra on Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 October 2006. Students will be selected from their response to the topic: 'A harmonious democracy – what it means to me.'

Students will take part in a two and a half day, behind-the-scenes look at how our democracy operates, meet politicians, observe Question Time, take part in debates and learn how to be active, responsible citizens. All travel, accommodation and meals are included. Every Voice Counts! winners will be presented with a certificate. Every Voice Counts! applications close on **Friday 8 September 2006.**

Visit the website <http://www.civicsandcitizenship.edu.au> for more information.

Fax your grant or Every Voice Counts! application form to Curriculum Corporation on **1300 780 545**. If you need help with your application please telephone Curriculum Corporation on **(03) 9207 9600**.

What *your* school does is limited only by *imagination*

