

Reuters forms alliance with Global Voices Online

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Reuters today announced an alliance with Global Voices Online, an international network of bloggers coordinated through the Berkman Center at Harvard University (www.GlobalVoicesOnline.org)

Reuters has made a contribution to the Berkman Center that has enabled Global Voices to hire a full-time managing editor and to begin enhancing its infrastructure and do more outreach, training and publicity.

The alliance with Global Voices is part of Reuters efforts to invite a wider set of voices and viewpoints into the news discussion. Reuters plans to make these perspectives available to its consumer audience, as the world grows ever more connected and an increasing number of people have the ability to publish information.

Reuters will make material from the Global Voices network available through its websites, www.reuters.com and www.reuters.co.uk.

Reuters hosted The Global Voices Summit in December 2005 at Reuters global headquarters in Canary Wharf, London, an event which brought together bloggers, journalists and commentators to brainstorm and debate the global citizens' media.

Global Voices will be taking part in the forthcoming We Media event - a two day forum examining trust in the media and citizen journalism in London next month hosted by Reuters and the BBC.

"The alliance with Global Voices enables Reuters to present a wider set of voices and commentary from around the world. These voices will help our readers appreciate different perspectives and to engage in a global conversation," said Dean Wright, Reuters global managing editor for consumer services.

"I believe Reuters, because of our worldwide presence, editorial strength and independence has an important role to play in facilitating this global conversation."

Rebecca MacKinnon, Co-Founder of Global Voices, said: "We believe that bloggers and journalists share a common goal of informing an engaged global citizenry. We hope that the new partnership between Global Voices Online and Reuters can help us develop ways of using the internet to ensure that voices of people in all parts of the globe can be heard, and to enable interaction between citizen perspectives and professional journalism in ways that were not possible before."

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