

# Holodomor Research and Education Consortium

## EDUCATION MANDATE



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**HREC Education** furthers the teaching, study and understanding of the Holodomor, the 1932-33 famine-genocide in Soviet Ukraine, through six main streams: **promotion, educational presentations, educator training workshops, educational resource development, lobbying and consulting.**

**HREC Education** promotes inclusion of the Holodomor, a genocide recognized by the Canadian government, in school curricula in educational institutions. We develop instructional materials and training programs for educators that use best practice strategies and methodologies for teaching about the Holodomor across Canada, the USA and in Ukraine. We promote an interactive multidisciplinary approach and train educators to develop students' critical and historical thinking skills.

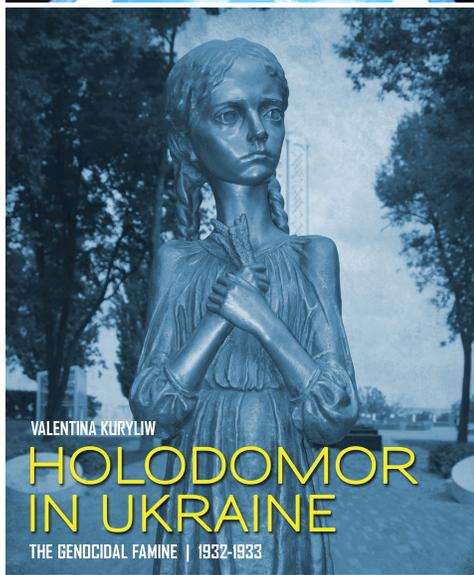
**HREC Education** lobbies Ministries of Education, administrators, school boards, social studies and history curriculum leaders across Canada. We conduct professional master classes for educators and give community presentations. We consult with Ministry staff, education boards and museum educators on human rights, genocide and the Holodomor.

**HREC Education** co-directs & funds an education Methodology Lab with HREC In Ukraine & the Ministry of Education of Ukraine.

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#### NEW COMPREHENSIVE TEACHING RESOURCE

***Holodomor in Ukraine, the Genocidal Famine 1932-1933: Learning Materials for Teachers and Students***, authored by Valentina Kuryliw, is a full-colour, spiral bound book featuring stand-alone teaching materials, lesson plans, assignments, timelines, maps, memoirs, photographs, eyewitness accounts, age-appropriate literary works, primary documents, multimedia links and resource listings. A first-of-its-kind resource for educators that is applicable to a wide range of grades and courses.

Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, 2018; 308 pp., \$49.95 CDN

#### Contributing Article in Book on Teaching About Genocide

Valentina Kuryliw's article "The Ukrainian Genocide—The Holodomor, 1932-1933: A Case of Denial, Cover-Up and Dismissal" is published in Samuel Totten's *Teaching About Genocide: Insights and Advice from Secondary Teachers and Professors, Vol. 1*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2018.

#### International Design Awards for Lesson on the Holodomor

"The Historian's Craft" founding lesson on the Holodomor Mobile Classroom, authored by Valentina Kuryliw, has now won 2 international awards for its visionary fusion of educational content, interactive teaching methodology and innovative technology into an immersive learning experience for students. Multidisciplinary designers Forge Media+Design received the prestigious **2017 Golden A' Design Award in the Education and Training Content Design** category from the International Design Academy for their work in developing the technology for this interactive lesson. The award recognizes the integral relationship of both content and design to the education and training experience.

The designers also won the **2018 Gold Medal APEX Digital Design Award in the Education and Healthcare category**, a global award recognizing and honouring achievement in the installation of digital displays and interactive technology. The lesson features the ability to instantaneously transfer information from students' tablets to a multiple screen display live during lesson presentations.

2018 is the 85<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Holodomor, one of the major genocides of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. *Holodomor* means *death inflicted by starvation*. In 1932-1933 Ukraine was devastated by a famine caused by the policies of Stalin and his Communist government. Millions perished. It was denied, covered up and ignored for over 50 years. Each year the world commemorates the victims of the Holodomor on the **4th Saturday in November**; in schools on the **4th Friday in November**. It is also remembered in **April** during **Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention** month.

