

Sound Partnership



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George Soros strikes again. His Open Society Institute (OSI) just awarded a \$500,000 grant to the internationally renowned National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). The half mil is earmarked for Project Access, a high-tech bridge between NTID and eight schools serving deaf students in Hungary. "We are extremely pleased to partner with the NTID and we are confident that its faculty can help Hungarian teachers and their deaf students realize their full technological potential," says Soros. Dr. David Davila, vice president of NTID, welcomed the first group of 14 Hungarian teachers to a week-long workshop in March, to begin the process of training others in the latest information technologies and curricula. One of the participants was Egon Thot, director of the Budapest School for the Deaf. "Up until now I could only visualize the educational model of the American partner through his own descriptions. This visit was the first opportunity to see and touch examples of how such a model works.