



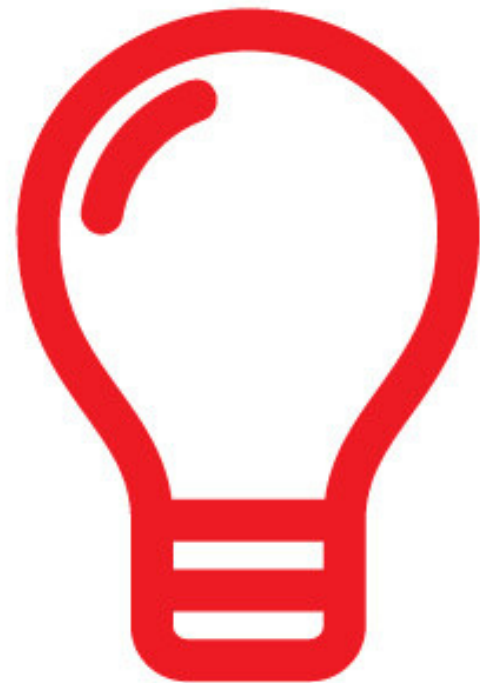
# HUMANITARIAN EDUCATION YOUTH ACTION SUMMIT 2023



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# WHAT IS THE YOUTH ACTION SUMMIT?



The Humanitarian Education Youth Action Summit is an opportunity for high school students and teachers across the country to move from awareness to action about International Humanitarian Law (IHL). This exciting 3 month initiative between the Canadian Red Cross and Centre for Global Education will call on students and teachers to learn and act through the following activities:

•**March-April 2023 - Lesson implementation:** Teachers across Canada register for the summit , implement 2 recommended mini IHL activities and share outcomes on the summit platform.

•**April 26 or 28, 2023 - National Online Humanitarian Exchange Events:** Youth Champions, alongside international humanitarian workers discuss some of the most pressing humanitarian education (H.Ed) issues facing their generation including: the targeting of civilians, forced migration, children and war, prisoners of war, gender and IHL, and the impact of war on the environment through the lens of current armed conflicts and other humanitarian crises.

•**April – May, 2023 – Youth Action:** After the Humanitarian Exchange, Youth Champions organize a campaign or project in their class or club and share on the summit platform.

•**May 24th or 25th, 2023 – National Online Summit Showcase:** Select Youth Champions present their school projects to the pan-Canadian audience to demonstrate how they moved from learning to action on key IHL themes. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the showcase.

**Note:** Schools can choose one or both of the events to attend live, or follow the recording soon after.

# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

# TEACHERS

## 1) REGISTER



Sign up your class or student club for the summit, Receive links to the summit events, activities and platform.

## 2) IMPLEMENT



Between March and April 2023, implement a recommended activity with your students. Select a youth champion to represent your class or club. Attend an April 26th or 28th Humanitarian Exchange with your students to hear live from international humanitarian workers.

## 3) ENGAGE



Select a Summit Showcase project. Submit it to the summit platform. Students profile their class project at a May 24 or 25 Summit Showcase event.

# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

# STUDENTS

## 1) LEARN



Between March-April 2023, Learn about humanitarian issues and the needs that arise from armed conflict with your class or student club.

## 2) ENGAGE



Attend the April 26th or 28th **Humanitarian Exchange** with your class or club and learn from international humanitarian workers. Then, raise awareness and take action on humanitarian issues related to armed conflict.

## 3) SHARE



Share your project on the summit platform for a chance to present your activity at the May 24th or May 25th **Summit Showcase event**.

# SUMMIT ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS

**BETWEEN MARCH-APRIL 2023, EXPLORE THE FOLLOWING 2 LESSONS WITH YOUR CLASS OR CLUB AND POST A SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES TO THE SUMMIT PLATFORM:**

- Share the 5 minute animated video from the ICRC [IHL in a Nutshell](#) to learn the basics about the Geneva Conventions and the rules of war
- Explore as a class [ForcedtoFight.ca](#) and possible [accompanying 20 minute mini-lessons](#)

**Choose any of the 4 optional lessons to complete with your class or club to discuss IHL themes in-depth ahead of the Humanitarian Exchange in April:**

- Facilitate a lesson from the [new Humanitarian Education Curriculum Guidebook](#)
- Complete our 10 question [True or False quiz: How much do you know about the rules of war?](#)
- Hold a classroom discussion about a current armed conflict using the [Extension Activity: Rules for Armed Conflict in the News](#) on pg. 14 from the new [Humanitarian Education Curriculum Guidebook](#)
- View the 1-hour video: [The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of IHL](#) or any of the other IHL pop culture videos by the American Red Cross



**Note:** Some lessons cover difficult or sensitive topics. For tips to navigate challenging conversations in classroom, consult the summit platform.

# SUMMIT ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

## WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN STUDENTS LEAD TO PREPARE FOR THE MAY SHOWCASE?

After the Humanitarian Exchange webinars in April, Youth Champions, with support from their teachers and peers will have 6 weeks to build one or more action-oriented activities or projects they can present at the May Summit Showcase. Youth Champions are encouraged to share their projects on the summit platform with other Youth Champions across the country. Some project ideas include:

- Organize a school awareness day on one or more of the themes presented at the April Humanitarian Exchange webinar or coordinate a school fundraiser for a humanitarian NGO providing humanitarian aid in a conflict-affected country.
- Brainstorm creative and actionable projects using the [Humanitarian Brain Web](#) (from imagining to action)
- Design a school-wide poster, video or essay contest

Teachers can help students, with their selected Youth Champions generate, implement and report on their own ideas for action on the summit platform.



Throughout the 6 weeks between the Humanitarian Exchange and Summit Showcase, schools are invited to share their experiences on social media using the **#childrenNOTwar** hashtag or **#CRCSummit2023**.

# SUMMIT EVENTS

## HUMANITARIAN EXCHANGE APRIL 26 & 28, 2023



Attend 1 of 2 identical national webinars, April 13 or 14. Students and teachers can attend live or view the recorded event.

- Hear from international humanitarian workers about IHL themes like child soldiers, gender-based violence, climate change and migration, with references to actual armed conflicts occurring in the world
- Youth Champions, with support from teachers and special guests will discuss a thematic case study in breakout rooms (with 1-5 classes from different provinces).
- Youth Champions will lead peers through an exercise to identify violations of IHL and propose solutions for how these violations could be avoided.



## SUMMIT SHOWCASE MAY 24 & 25, 2023



Attend 1 of 2 identical events, May 24 or 25. Students and teachers can attend live or view the recorded event. The Summit Showcase is an occasion for youth champions to profile their projects.

- Students, with the support of their teachers will be called to submit their projects to the summit platform ahead of the showcase.
- Select Youth Champions present their project at the Summit Showcase.
- After the presentations, Youth Champions will lead a group discussion in breakout groups on how IHL can be affirmed or strengthened in Canada and around the world.
- Prizes will be awarded to select student projects, and all summit projects will remain on the platform to celebrate the contributions of participants.

# AFTER THE SUMMIT

At the end of the summit, prizes will be awarded to select student projects. Students and teachers will be invited to share their summit experiences with other youth on social media using the hashtag [#childrenNOTwar](#) or [#CRCSummit2023](#). Teachers and students will also be provided activities through the platform to stay engaged and connected after the summit events. All summit projects will remain on the platform to celebrate the contributions of participants.

