



# What Can Teachers Do?

## Actions in North America *Can* Create a Brighter Future for War-Affected Children

### 1) Spearhead a War Child **Schools Rebuilding Schools Campaign** in your school:

Having survived the worst and bloodiest war in African history, Congolese children are desperate to return to school. But 70 percent of the schools in eastern DR Congo are little more than rubble. Students and educators across North America are becoming directly involved in the peace building process by fundraising for the Schools Rebuilding Schools project. For more information on Schools Rebuilding Schools, please contact Lori Johnston at [lori@warchild.ca](mailto:lori@warchild.ca).

### 2) Spearhead a **Keep the Beat music fundraiser** for War Child's international programs in your school:

Keep The Beat is War Child's signature youth fundraiser that raises money for War Child's international programs. Since the program's inception, more than 100,000 youth from across North America have participated in Keep the Beat. Keep The Beat events can be planned alongside school events such as semi-formals, concerts or by organizing new events like a jam night or a coffeehouse. [www.keepthebeat.ca](http://www.keepthebeat.ca)

### 3) Incorporate War Child's **Global Citizenship in the Classroom** materials into your curriculum:

Global Citizenship in the Classroom is an education program that will inspire teachers to bring critical world issues into the classroom. The project contains a comprehensive Teacher's Toolkit and four Teacher Training workshops that will cover global issues, media education, sustainable development and youth activism. <http://www.warchild.ca/globalclassrooms.html>

For more information, or to inquire about organizing a War Child Global Citizenship workshop, please contact Lori Johnston at [lori@warchild.ca](mailto:lori@warchild.ca).

#### 4) Incorporate War Child's **documentaries and documentary study guides** into your curriculum:

**A. *Rocked: Sum 41 in the Congo*** is a Gemini nominated War Child documentary featuring the Canadian band Sum 41 as they visited the Democratic Republic of Congo. This documentary offers youth insight into the effects of the Congolese conflict. A teacher's edition of *Rocked* can be purchased from War Child Canada's head office by emailing [info@warchild.ca](mailto:info@warchild.ca).

**B. *Musicians in the War Zone*** is a War Child documentary designed to educate youth on the realities faced by youth in war-affected countries. The documentary was developed in collaboration with MuchMusic and has received numerous awards.

Both *Rocked* and *MITWZ* Documentary study guides can be downloaded from War Child's Get Loud website here: [http://www.getloud.ca/en/edu\\_resource.asp?id=14](http://www.getloud.ca/en/edu_resource.asp?id=14)

**C. *Get Loud: Youth Speak Out on Global Issues***: Suitable for high school and university audiences, this 17-minute documentary follows a group of young activists as they learn about social justice issues - dispelling the myth of apathetic youth – and inspires students to get involved in creative projects to promote social justice and sustainable change. The DVD is available in two parts from You Tube, here:

[http://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=warchildcan&search\\_type=&aq=f](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=warchildcan&search_type=&aq=f)

#### 5) Incorporate War Child's **lesson plans and issue pages** into your curriculum:

get loud / plus fort is a one-of-a-kind bilingual website that provides educators and youth with a comprehensive collection of downloadable resources on global issues, human rights, humanitarian aid and the impacts of war on children. The website includes issue pages, lesson plans, country profiles and other easily downloadable resources for students and educators. [www.getloud.ca](http://www.getloud.ca) / [www.plusfort.ca](http://www.plusfort.ca)

#### 6) Recruit War Child **Youth Outreach Team Leaders**:

Student Outreach Team Leaders are War Child's student representatives who promote global justice within their schools, colleges, universities and communities. To date more than 70 outreach team leaders have organized speaking engagements, special events, and fundraising activities across North America.

Please have candidates email Sarah Lounsbury at [sarah@warchild.ca](mailto:sarah@warchild.ca).

#### 7) Invite a **War Child representative** to speak at your school:

Are you interested in having a War Child speaker talk to your students about the effects of war on children and what students in Canada can do to make a difference? If you are interested in having one of our representatives speak at your school, please email Lori Johnston at [lori@warchild.ca](mailto:lori@warchild.ca). Although we cannot guarantee it, we will try our very best to have a representative available to speak at your school.