Human Rights Education: Useful Resources for Teachers

LMERC has a collection of quality learning and teaching resources to support Human Rights education. LMER C membership is free of charge and is open to all Victorian teachers. Information about LMER C and the on-line catalogue is available: www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/programs/lmerc

See also separate resource lists for Human rights in picture books and Human Rights DVDs, Teaching about refugee issues for primary and secondary level and Migration stories in picture books.

Books


See also titles in *Campaign for change* series below

**Online Resources:**

*Human rights and equal opportunity commission*  
New student information and teacher resources on human rights: this is particularly useful as it contains student information packs that can be downloaded.  

*http://www.hreoc.gov.au/*  
*http://www.humanrights.gov.au/social_justice/* The information for teachers page also contains a list of useful resources including:


- Voices of Australia: Education Module allows for the different stories of Australian people to be heard and celebrated in the classroom.
- The Youth Challenge Program includes a website, CD-Rom, DVD and teaching strategies and worksheets for use in the classroom.
- The Bringing them home Education Module is designed to engage students and teachers in an exploration of the Bringing them home report.
- Face the Facts: developed to address the need for clear information that addresses prevailing myths about refugees, migrants and Indigenous people.
- Activities on Gender and the Workplace: The activities included in the Paid Maternity Leave Education Module draw on comprehension and oral/written composition skills to assist students to develop an understanding of gender and the workforce.

*Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations:*  
*list of useful resources in Australia:* http://www.civicsandcitizenship.edu.au/cce/human_rights_online_resources,15589.html

*Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights:*  
*Human Rights Education and Training Website:*  
http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/education/training/index.htm This includes specific training materials which can be downloaded directly from:

http://www.ohchr.org/EN/PublicationsResources/Pages/TrainingEducation.aspx
In Celebration of 2008 as the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) – New UN Website: [http://www.knowyourrights2008.org/](http://www.knowyourrights2008.org/) Online quiz, and other campaign information that may be useful for teachers in the classroom. In particular, click on “Children’s Corner” which provides animated information and a quiz designed for kids. Human Rights Resource Centre [http://hrusa.org/default.htm](http://hrusa.org/default.htm) Part of the University of Minnesota Human Rights Centre. Has downloadable classroom activities including ABC-teaching human rights.


Teachers tv, 2008, Inspirations- the peacemakers

Electronic resources (DVD, video, CD-Rom)

Human rights Films appropriate to Early, Middle and Later years available from LMERG. A listing and summary of each film is available from the resource list: Human Rights DVDs.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation (2008) Apology to the stolen generations, Film of the opening address to the Australian Parliament by Kevin Rudd officially apologising to the members of the stolen generations. (DVD)


Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission (1997) Bringing them home: learning about the separation of Aboriginal and Torrest Strait Islander children from their families. DVD. 32mins. Through documentary footage, song and autobiography the history of the practice and policies of removing indigenous (stolen) children from their families and the effects on individuals, families and communities through generations. Also, interviews with Sir Ronald Wilson and Pat Dodson about the Commission of Inquiry into the Stolen Generations and the knowledge and implications that come from it.

Law, Clara & Fong, Eddie (2004) Letters to Ali (DVD) The story of an Australian family who assist Ali, a 15 year-old Afghan boy and asylum seeker detained at Port Hedland. The family begin by writing a letter that serves as a catalyst for a 3 year battle with authorities to get the boy out of detention. The family travel from Victoria to the remote location of Port Headland to visit Ali - documenting their own & Ali’s physical and emotional journey through: video, photos, letters and narration.

Mylan, Megan & Shenk, John (2003) Lost boys of Sudan, Actual Films/Principe Productions Follows the migration experience of a number of young refugees from the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya. The ‘boys’ are part of the group of ‘lost boys’ orphaned as a result of the civil war and massacring of
Southern Sudanese (Dinka) by the government forces. The ‘boys’ walked thousands of kilometres from Southern Sudan to Kenya. Their troubles are not over when they are accepted to migrate to America, as they struggle to cope with life in an utterly different and often alienating society. (DVD & video)


The Nostalgia Company (2004) I have a dream, excerpts of speeches given by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (DVD)

Values Education Association, 1999, Globalisation and human rights: can profits and principles co-exist?, DVD

York S, 1999, A Force more powerful, York Zimmerman Inc. (DVD) Two part documentary looking at the many instances in different nations around the world of authoritarian rule being overthrown by non-violent means. Teacher notes available at: http://www.aforcemorepowerful.org/resources/docs/lesson2/lesson2-teacher-notes.doc & study guide from mzimmerman@yorkzim.com

York Zimmerman (2001) Bringing down a dictator, documentary about the student movement in Serbia which assisted by non violent means to end the regime of Slobodan Milosevic. (DVD)


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