Chapter 10: Web Resources for the Classroom

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Amnesty International
www.amnesty.org
Awarded the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize, AI is a worldwide movement that researches human rights abuses and campaigns for the recognition of human rights for all. At the root of all AI Campaigns is the letter writing process. Letters are written in support of victims of torture, disappearances, and prisoners of conscience—those imprisoned for their beliefs who have neither used nor advocated violence.

Canadian Centres for Teaching Peace
www.peace.ca
A non-profit corporation, the goal of PEACE.CA is to promote lasting peace by encouraging individuals to think globally and act locally. It provides a wealth of web links to peace curricula and classroom resources.

Canadian Crossroads International
www.cciorg.ca
Supported by the Canadian International Development Agency, CCI works at building a network of global citizens committed to voluntarism, international development, and social action. Volunteers returning from overseas projects educate the public on development issues.

Canadian Organization for Development Through Education
www.codecan.org
CODE supports literacy and education programs in developing countries through provision of learning materials and support for literacy trainers. CODE campaigns include: “Loonies for Literacy” and “Project Love.” The latter has Canadian students organizing school supply kits for students in developing countries.

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/index.htm
The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is the federal agency charged with planning and implementing most of Canada’s development co-operation program in order to reduce poverty and to contribute to a more secure, equitable and prosperous world.

CIDA's Youth Zone
www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/youthzone.htm
This site provides fascinating ideas on how to make a world of change in developing countries by youth contributing their own unique knowledge and skills. A number of initiatives are provided in which students might get involved.
CARE  
www.care.org  
International network of humanitarian organizations dedicated to the reduction of global poverty and the promotion of global responsibility. Projects include: “Economic Empowerment”; “Basic Social Services”; “Civil Society Strengthening”; and helping small coffee farmers in Honduras gain access to local and export markets.

Citizenship Education: The Global Dimension  
www.citizenship-global.org.uk/index.html  
A primary site for educators interested in exploring the global dimension of citizenship education, its website includes links to: teaching ideas; resources; whole school projects; case studies; citizenship calendar; and recommended sites.

Civnet  
www.civnet.org/  
A website of Civitas International, Civnet is an on-line provider of resources and services for educators who promote civic education. It includes: textbooks, lesson plans, news & events, journal articles & papers, directory of civic education programs and organizations, as well as specific resources for students and advocates.

The Common Good: Civics and Citizenship Education  
www.abc.net.au/civics/  
Drawing on material from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, radio, and other on-line productions, The Common Good brings together resources on learning about civics and citizenship. Its “One World Many Democracies” project is a collection of projects that are interactive, collaborative, and internationally focused.

Cultivating Peace  
www.cultivatingpeace.ca/  
Resources for teachers to create globally minded classrooms where diversity is respected, human rights are valued, injustice is recognized, and students resolve conflict using peaceful methods. On-line resources include: modules for cultivating peace; database of peace education resources; students cultivating peace; and taking action for peace.

David Suzuki Foundation  
www.davidsuzuki.org  
A science-based environmental organization focused on climate change, sustainable forests and oceans, and living a life in balance with nature. The Foundation runs a “Nature Challenge” in which participants commit themselves to taking actions in their daily life that help to conserve the natural environment.

Global Campaign for Education  
www.campaignforeducation.org  
A representative organization that promotes education as a fundamental human right and lobbies governments for free, compulsory basic education for all. Campaigns include: “The World’s Biggest Lesson.” Students learn about a specific education issue and then sign and submit witness statements in attempts of achieving a world record.
Global Education Network  
www.global-ed.org  
The Global Education Network believes in a global approach to teaching and learning that focuses on nurturing students to become globally conscious and responsible citizens. To that end, it provides an on-line directory of resources in areas of: Environment, Human Rights, Development, Peace & Justice, and Alternative Media.

Global Exchange  
www.globalexchange.org/  
A non-profit research, education, and action center dedicated to promoting political, social, and environmental justice, Global Exchange includes links to: country specific campaigns, fair trade and corporate accountability campaigns; Global Economy 101; and an Action Centre where sample letters protesting injustices are posted.

Human Rights Watch  
www.hrw.org  
An organization dedicated to defending human rights around the world. Child-centered Campaigns include: ending the trafficking and abduction of children; use of children as soldiers; bonded child labour; ending violence against gay students in U.S. schools. For each campaign, HRW posts a “What You Can Do” page listing specific actions that students can take.

The International Campaign to Ban Landmines  
www.icbl.org  
Awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize, ICBL lobbies governments around the world to ban the use of antipersonnel landmines and to destroy existing stockpiles. ICBL runs an on-line “Youth Against War Treaty” which collects signature from youths in support of a mine free world.

Medecins San Frontieres  
www.msf.org  
Awarded the 1999 Nobel Peace Prize, MSF is an international medical relief organization that offers emergency and long-term aid to places hit by natural disasters; epidemics; famines; armed conflicts. Each year MSF hosts a touring outdoor exhibit--“A Refugee Camp in the City”--that serves to educate the public on refugee issues.

Oxfam Canada Education  
www.oxfam.ca/education/index.htm  
Its aim to end global poverty, Oxfam Canada Education provides easy to download workshop kits on such topics as: basic human rights; fair trade coffee; hungry for change organizer’s guide; putting food on the global table.

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Oxfam’s Cool Planet for teachers gives educators support and resources to bring global issues into the classroom. The Cool Planet includes: ideas and curriculum for developing global citizenship in the classroom and school; A-Z index of lesson plans and resources for teaching specific subjects and topics with a global edge; and links to other global education websites.

**Save the Children**  
[www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)  
A child-rights organization dedicated to improving the lives of children through realizing their rights as stated in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Local community and school based projects include: Coins for Kids; Car Rallies; Craft Sales; Family Fun Days to raise funds to aid children overseas.

**Sierra Club of Canada**  
[www.sierraclub.ca](http://www.sierraclub.ca)  
Environmental organization focused on public awareness and environmental policy issues. The Sierra Youth Coalition is the youth-run branch of the Sierra Club. Young activists work on local and national environmental campaigns, lobby decision-makers, educate the public, and work to link social justice and environmental issues.

**The United Nations CyberSchoolBus**  
[www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/](http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/)  
The on-line arm of the United Nation’s Global Teaching and Learning Project, the CyberSchoolBus uses the internet as an interactive educational tool. Its aims include: to create a global on-line education community; to encourage students to see themselves as participants in finding solutions to global problems; to give youth a voice; and to provide teaching resources.

**The United Nations Millennium Goals**  
The Millennium Development Goals set out an ambitious agenda to: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; achieve universal primary education; promote gender equality and empower women; reduce child mortality; improve maternal health; combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; ensure environmental sustainability; and develop a global partnership for development.

**UNICEF**  
[www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org)  
Awarded the 1965 Nobel Peace Prize, the United Nations Children’s Fund works to protect the rights of children and encourage their development through education, advocacy, and fundraising. Through UNICEF’s “Teachers Talking About Teaching,” educators are put in touch with practical resources, classroom strategies, and other globally-minded educators.

**UNICEF Canada Global Schoolhouse**  
[www.unicef.ca/](http://www.unicef.ca/)
Based on the belief that children’s rights can best be realized through the partnership of teachers and youth, Unicef’s Global Schoolhouse is a source of teaching ideas for educators and interactive sites for students. It includes: curriculum corner; edunotes; “Teachers Talking About Learning” discussion forum; interactive kid’s room

**UNICEF Voices of Youth**  
[www.unicef.org/voy/](http://www.unicef.org/voy/)  
An on-line forum for youth to discuss global issues, Voices of Youth includes interactive links to: quiz yourself; speak out; take action; and for teachers.

**World Literacy**  
[www.worldlit.ca](http://www.worldlit.ca)  
A voluntary organization that promotes international development and social justice, and supports community based literacy programs for children and adults. WL Canada projects include the “Kama Coast to Coast Reading Project.” WLC is also involved in international literacy day activities including “Word on the Street.”

**Youth in Action Network**  
An on-line forum for educators and students from around the world to learn about, talk about, and take action on a number of social issues including: Conflict Resolution, Cultural Rights, Education, Environment, Indigenous Rights, Refugees and Women’s Rights.