

Activism Toolkit Teacher Guide

INTRODUCTION






The Activism Toolkit is designed to help students identify and take action on social and environmental issues in their community and beyond. It includes resources and ideas for engaging peers and communities, while preparing them with knowledge and information to make a difference. The Toolkit has been designed specifically with middle and high school students in mind.

CHOOSING A CHALLENGE

Your students may want to continue working on the global topic they addressed in their World of 8 Billion video contest entry, or they may want to focus on a new issue. Overviews of past contest global topics are linked to help brainstorm additional ideas.

NAVIGATING THE TOOLKIT

After clicking on “Take Action” on the Toolkit’s homepage, students can follow an Activism Roadmap with five suggested steps and supporting resources to help them on their journey.

-  [Step 1 - Learn About Activism](#) - Introduces students to activism, the different pathways they can take, and definitions and examples of individual and collective action. This section also includes a brief introduction on how they can use the Toolkit.
-  [Step 2 - Choose and Define Your Challenge](#) - Invites students to choose a challenge they want to tackle, reflect on why it is important, and consider what changes they wish to see. An Awareness Journal is included to help students brainstorm where to start if needed.
-  [Step 3 - Explore Activism Activities](#) - Highlights activism activities in four categories that students can use to make a difference: daily changes, creative expression, civic engagement, and amplifying voices. Each category includes examples of individual and collective actions, and links to resources to help them get started.
-  [Step 4 - Set Goals and Plan](#) - Prompts students to write a goal and create an action plan. An Impact Plan is provided to help them organize their thoughts.
-  [Step 5 - Take Action and Share](#) - Encourages students to take action, record progress, reflect on what's working, revise plans as needed, and share their commitment to their cause. An Activism Commitment template is provided to help students document their progress.

EXTENDING THE IMPACT

There are five steps in the Toolkit, but the work towards making a lasting impact continues beyond just completing those steps. Step five encourages students to reflect and revise their plans, then revisit earlier steps as they continue their work as global changemakers.