

Global Issues Workshops

Online Workshops and Resources

New interactive classroom resources around contemporary global and humanitarian issues are now available online to teachers.

Available online at: <http://www.redcross.ca/article.asp?id=5712&tid=078>

Secondary School

- Breaking the Poverty-Disease Cycle
- Natural Disasters: Exploring the Un-Natural Causes of Vulnerability
- The Exploring Humanitarian Law Virtual Campus
- Paxium: Exploring Conflict and International Humanitarian Law
- Even Wars Have Limits Website

Elementary and Middle School

- Development Ups & Downs Board Game”

Human Development: Breaking the Poverty – Disease Cycle (for youth 15-18 years of age)



Building on an engaging board game, this workshop examines and links many of the causes of human suffering – from local realities of malnutrition, poor healthcare and illiteracy to global realities of debt, trade, aid and conflict.

Workshop materials:

- [Introduction to the workshop & materials](#) (PDF, 49 KB)
- [Facilitator's Guide](#) (PDF, 203KB)
- [A global portrait from Zambia \(Aisha's scenario\)](#) (PDF, 25KB)
- Board game
 - [Colour - Whole](#) (PDF, 551KB)
 - [Colour - Quadrants](#) (PDF, 1GB)
 - [Black & White - Whole](#) (PDF, 335KB)
 - [Black & White - Quadrants](#) (PDF, 817KB)

- [Oval worksheet](#) (PDF, 6KB)
- [Cycle of Poverty](#) (PDF, 16KB)
- [UN Millennium Development Goals](#) (PDF, 9KB)
- [We are the lucky ones](#) (PDF, 6KB)
- [Sample InfoAction Sheet](#) (PDF, 33KB)
- [Sample Solutions](#) (PDF, 5 KB)

"Development Ups & Downs" (for youth 12-14 years of age):

Workshop materials:

- [Introduction to the board game](#) (PDF, 50KB)
- [A global portrait from Zambia \(Aisha's scenario\)](#) PDF, 24KB)
- Board game
 - [Colour - Whole](#) (PDF, 468KB)
 - [Colour - Quadrants](#) (PDF, 973KB)
 - [Black & White - Whole](#) (PDF, 348KB)
 - [Black & White - Quadrants](#) (PDF, 836KB)
- [Glossary Terms](#) (PDF, 5KB)

Natural Disasters: Exploring the Un-Natural Causes of Vulnerability



Uses a video and case study to explore how social, economic, environmental and political factors contribute to the devastating effect of natural disasters, especially in developing countries.

Workshop materials:

- [Introduction to the workshop and materials](#) (PDF, 24KB)
- [Facilitator's Guide](#) (PDF, 270KB)
- [Survey: 3 Myths](#) (PDF, 11KB)
- [Disaster response - oval diagram](#) (PDF, 17KB)
- Video - [Mitch: A Tragedy in Central America](#) (FLV, 66.7MB)
- [Hurricane Mitch in Central America - "Iceberg" worksheet](#) (PDF, 79KB)
- [UN Millennium Development Goals](#) (PDF, 10KB)
- [Sample InfoAction Sheet](#) (PDF, 26KB)

Exploring Humanitarian Law Virtual Campus



Take your students on a trip through the Red Cross' Exploring Humanitarian Law (EHL) Virtual Campus! The site contains many resources to help increase your understanding of international humanitarian law (IHL) and its application on protecting life, human dignity and limiting suffering during armed conflict. The website has a huge number of resources, from short videos to full lesson plans there are a host of different fact sheets and interactive multimedia tools to choose from.

Paxium: A Role-Playing Activity Exploring Conflict and International Humanitarian Law



Paxium is an interactive role play where participants immerse themselves in engaging roles that allow them to explore the complexity of decision making during war and the overwhelming difficulty of waging war in your own state. *Activity has detailed facilitation and debriefing notes.*

Even Wars Have Limits



The “Even Wars Have Limits” website is an educational resource for both teachers and students to explore the humanitarian consequences of war. There are fact sheets, activities, case studies and personal stories to help enrich your discussions around critical humanitarian issues. Topics covered include: Children & War, Women & War, Refugees, Weapons, Landmines, Cluster Munitions and International Justice.

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