

About The Advocates for Human Rights

The mission of The Advocates for Human Rights is to implement international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law. By involving volunteers in research, education, and advocacy, The Advocates for Human Rights builds broad constituencies in the United States and select global communities.

The Advocates for Human Rights:

- Investigates and exposes human rights violations internationally and in the United States.
- Represents immigrants and refugees who are victims of human rights abuses.
- Trains and assists groups that protect human rights.
- Works through education and advocacy to engage the public, policymakers, and children in human rights and cultural understanding.

About the Human Rights Education Program

Core to its mission, The Advocates for Human Rights' staff and volunteers lecture and train on human rights issues for a variety of audiences in Minnesota, the United States, and around the world. It educates on human rights through:

- Lectures;
- Professional trainings; and
- Artistic presentations.

LECTURES

The Advocates for Human Rights gives short presentations and continuing legal education (CLE) lectures on topics related to its diverse areas of work. Staff and volunteers are available by request to present on the following topics:

General Human Rights

The Advocates for Human Rights has 25 years of experience monitoring and advocating for human rights locally, nationally, and internationally. Our highly experienced staff present on:

- Introduction to Human Rights
- Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting
- Introduction to Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
- Human Rights and Art
- Shadow Reporting
- The Death Penalty
- Torture
- Human Rights Post-9/11

Women's Human Rights

The Women's Human Rights Program of The Advocates for Human Rights is one of the most respected women's human rights groups in the world. Staff attorneys have experience promoting legal reform to end violence against women worldwide. Speaking topics include:

- Introduction to Women's Rights
- Human Trafficking
- Honor Killings
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Harassment

Human Rights in the Classroom

The Advocates' Human Rights Education Program works with teachers and schools to bring human rights education to K-12 students. Our staff includes teachers who have hands-on experience using human rights education. Speaking topics include:

- Creating a Welcoming Classroom
- Immigration Law for Educators
- Child Labor
- Service Learning

Immigration

The Advocates for Human Rights has been working on immigration issues since 1985. Some presentations can be given in Spanish. Speaking topics include:

- Immigration Law
- Asylum
- Temporary Protected Status
- Working with Non-Citizens in the Legal System
- Immigration Post-9/11
- Undocumented Immigrants
- Immigration Detention
- Refugees
- Citizenship

Transitional Justice

Throughout its history, The Advocates for Human Rights has participated in transitional justice processes, such as Truth Commissions, in several countries. Staff present on our work in this very exciting area of human rights. Speaking topics include:

- Introduction to Transitional Justice
- Transitional Justice in Sierra Leone
- Transitional Justice in Peru
- Transitional Justice in Liberia

ARTISTIC PRESENTATIONS

The Advocates for Human Rights collaborates to teach about human rights using the arts.

Journey to Safety – A joint project with Pangea World Theatre, this training combines an artistic stage presentation with training about the battered immigrant woman's experience to raise awareness about language barriers, fear of deportation, and community pressures. The training stimulates the creation of strategies to overcome barriers to safety, and provides resources to assist in implementing effective change. A DVD of the performance and a facilitator's guide is available.

"Moving Lives": Immigrant Artists Speakers' Bureau – A joint project with Intermedia Arts through which immigrant artists are available to present for schools, businesses, and other groups to tell their stories, share their artwork, and facilitate dialogues on human rights issues. School groups may also request a longer partnership with an artist for a classroom art project or initiative.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The Advocates' professional trainings are designed to help participants develop practical skills and competencies that can be directly applied in their work. Professional trainings can be given on a variety of subjects and will be tailored to the needs of your group. Topics include:

Human Rights Education Training – How do you integrate human rights into the classroom from day to day? This training for educators helps participants learn how to integrate human rights education methods into their everyday teaching and highlights how to use human rights curricula developed specifically for teachers by The Advocates for Human Rights.

Asylum Training – Through a trained pro bono panel of over 300 lawyers from all areas of practice, The Advocates for Human Rights represents hundreds of asylum seekers annually. In addition to our annual asylum training conference, The Advocates offers customized training for lawyers interested in providing pro bono representation in asylum cases as well as seasoned volunteer attorneys seeking an update on asylum law.

Domestic Violence Reform Training – Our Women's Human Rights Program has experience working internationally to monitor the implementation of legal reform to end violence against women. Staff and volunteer attorneys train judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, government officials, advocates, and service providers on drafting, lobbying, implementing, monitoring, and reform of domestic violence laws, in addition to court monitoring of domestic violence cases.

Request a Presentation or Training

To request a presentation or training for your group, or to inquire about fees and fee waivers, you may call The Advocates for Human Rights at 612-341-3302 or make an online request at <http://discoverhumanrights.org/SpeakerForm.html>.

More Information

For more information about The Advocates for Human Rights and its human rights education programming visit our websites at:

- www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org
-Organizational website
- www.StopVAW.org
-Advocacy to end violence against women
- www.energyofanation.org
-Immigration facts and resources
- www.discoverhumanrights.org
-Educational materials on human rights issues



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PRESENTATION GUIDE

Promoting and Protecting Human Rights
Around the World Since 1983



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