

# What Can Teachers Do?

## Actions in North America *Can* Create a Brighter Future For War-Affected Children

- 1) Spearhead a **Keep the Beat music fundraiser** for War Child's international programs in your school:

Keep The Beat is War Child's signature youth fundraiser that raises funds for War Child's international programs. Since the program's inception, more than 100,000 youth from across North America have participated in Keep the Beat. Keep The Beat events can be planned alongside school events such as semi-formals, concerts or by organizing new events like a jam night or a coffeehouse. [www.warchild.ca/keepthebeat](http://www.warchild.ca/keepthebeat)

- 2) Incorporate War Child's **lesson plans and issue pages** into your curriculum:

Get Loud / Plus Fort is a one-of-a-kind bilingual website that provides educators and youth with a comprehensive collection of downloadable resources on global issues, human rights, humanitarian aid and the impacts of war on children. The website includes issue pages, lesson plans, country profiles and other easily downloadable resources for students and educators. [www.getloud.ca](http://www.getloud.ca) / [www.plusfort.ca](http://www.plusfort.ca)

- 3) Incorporate War Child's **documentaries and documentary study guides** into your curriculum:

**A. *Rocked: Sum 41 in the Congo*** is a Gemini nominated War Child documentary featuring the Canadian band Sum 41 as they visited the Democratic Republic of Congo. This documentary offers youth insight into the effects of the Congolese conflict. Copies of the documentary can be purchased online at [www.warchild.ca/shop](http://www.warchild.ca/shop).

**B. *Musicians in the War Zone*** (MITWZ) is a War Child documentary designed to educate youth on the realities faced by youth in war-affected countries. The documentary was developed in collaboration with MuchMusic and has received numerous awards.

Both *Rocked* and *MITWZ* Documentary study guides can be downloaded from War Child's Get Loud website here: [http://www.getloud.ca/en/edu\\_resource.asp?id=14](http://www.getloud.ca/en/edu_resource.asp?id=14)

**C. *Get Loud: Youth Speak Out on Global Issues***: Suitable for high school and university audiences, this 17-minute documentary follows a group of young activists as they learn about social justice issues - dispelling the myth of apathetic youth – and inspires students to get involved in creative projects to promote social justice and sustainable change. The DVD is available in two parts from You Tube, here:

**Part 1:** <http://youtu.be/tMdiV51Y5fE>

**Part 2:** <http://youtu.be/x7YxROCbG8>

- 4) Get Informed

Make resources, literature and learning tools about global citizenship and world issues available in your school and classroom.

Recommended Websites:

[www.un.org/children/conflict/english/index.html](http://www.un.org/children/conflict/english/index.html)

[www.unicef.org/voy/](http://www.unicef.org/voy/)