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ACT Activist Certification and Training

Through this program, you can earn a certification as an official Youth Activist by learning the skills of education, advocacy, and refugee relief. By participating in this program, you will have the skills to take action against genocide and other mass violations of human rights wherever and whenever they happen.

Form an Activist Circle!

Activist Circles are groups or clubs of high school students interested in combating genocide and stopping the current genocide in Darfur. Activist Circles usually have about 5-10 students participating.

Activist Projects

We've divided the school year into three themed trimesters focusing on one type of activist skill each: Education, Advocacy, and Refugee Relief. During each trimester, your Activist Circle will complete one Activist Project in order to earn their certification "tag" for that theme. After earning an Education tag, an Advocacy tag, and a Refugee Relief tag, you will earn your full Certification as a Youth Activist.

We'll be giving all our Activist Circles a handbook for each trimester that will tell you what you need to do. If you lose your handbook, don't worry! Everything is available on the JWW website, www.jewishworldwatch.org.

Portfolios

Each of you is individually responsible for creating a portfolio piece based on your experience once you have completed your project. Your portfolio is a chance for you to reflect on your experience - what you accomplished, what went well, what you would change for next time. The portfolio piece can be anything you like: a journal entry, a poster, a collection of photographs, a poem... anything you feel expresses what you accomplished and what you learned. Feel free to be as creative and as innovative as you like!

Trimester Events

At the end of each trimester, everyone involved in ACT will be invited to a program-wide event, where you can meet your peers from other Activist Circles and take part in more collective action.

Circle Leaders

Circle Leaders are the adult sponsors of each Activist Circle – either a dedicated parent, a teacher, or a leader of a youth group. The Circle Leader's job is to be the liaison between JWW and you guys, our Youth Activists. They'll keep you motivated and make sure you've got everything you need to pull off your Activist Projects successfully.

But remember - as Youth Activists YOU are responsible for your projects. Your Circle Leader is a facilitator and a resource – they'll help you do what you need to do, but won't do it all for you!