



WHO WE ARE

The Geneva Office for Human Rights Education provides its **Colega** instructional materials under a simple licensing agreement at no cost. Our aim and purpose are teaching children and youth all over the world about their rights as agreed upon in the *United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, and *Convention on the Rights of the Child*.

THE NEED

Human rights violations will remain a persistent global problem unless children and youth receive human rights education, inspiring them to care and make the necessary changes to create a better world.

MEETING THE NEED

Through human rights education, children acquire the knowledge, skills and commitment necessary to make a difference. **Colega**, meaning friend or colleague, focuses on children and youth worldwide. We teach children about their rights through our program of engaging lessons which include activities, songs, stories and open discussions.



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Making Human Rights Part of Every Child's Education

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What Colega Offers

Colega instructional materials are available under a simple licensing agreement at no cost. We provide manuals for teachers of primary and secondary-aged children. The lessons are formatted to teach children about our universal human rights. Our manuals are available in print or online, with individual lessons available for downloading from our website.

Colega materials are currently available in multiple languages including English, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese. Each lesson follows the same structure, focusing on one individual right at a time, making them simple to teach and easy to learn.

Colega provides support and training for instructors that includes online or in-person training, video examples, facilitator toolkits, and lesson outlines that create structure and bring clarity to each human right as they are taught. To learn more about our offerings, please visit www.go-hre.org.

What Makes Colega Work

Our materials focus on participation through music, activities, Colega vocabulary words, self-reflection, and evaluation. By staying true to the articles found in the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and/or *Convention on the Rights of the Child* we have created a blueprint for children to learn the principles in these documents. Each Colega lesson contains;



What Human Rights are taught?

Each person's right to . . .

- Equality
- Life, Freedom and Safety
- Protection from Discrimination
- Protection from Bullying
- Marriage and Family
- Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Right to Legal Recognition
- Freedom of Expression
- Protection from Child Labor
- Education

As educators we believe we can create a brighter future by teaching mutual respect for one another. We believe that every human being deserves to be recognized and valued.

We are reaching for a world where everyone understands basic human rights, enabling all to live in peace.