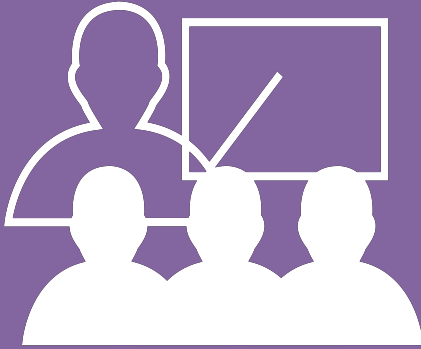




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How It All Started

The Summer Symposium began in 2008 as “The Summer Institute for Human Rights and Genocide Studies” in response to the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Its purpose is to provide an intensive educational experience for high school students that explores the issues of genocide, human rights, and social justice while also providing tools students can use to become changemakers in their schools and communities.



What problems are we attempting to solve?

The Summer Symposium seeks to build on the knowledge students gain in the classroom to promote a more equitable and peaceful world. It seeks to promote human rights and an end to genocide by giving young citizens the tools to fight intolerance, injustice, prejudice, and discrimination.

Who is the Symposium led by?

The Summer Symposium is led by local trained public and private school teachers, former participants (interns), and concerned community members.

Who are the staff and why are they qualified?

The staff is comprised of teachers and leaders with degrees in education, political science, international development, conflict resolution, post-conflict peace building, mass communications, global and international studies, war and peace studies, and women and gender studies.

Individuals have received training from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, The U.S. Institute of Peace, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights / Speak Truth to Power, The Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo, The Robert H. Jackson Center, Echoes and Reflections, The National Archives, The New York State Archives, American Red Cross, the National Endowment for the Humanities, AmeriCorps VISTA, Human Rights First, and U.S. Peace Corps.

How does the Symposium decide upon its themes?

The Summer Symposium looks to history and current events to mark milestones, remember and honor victims and Upstanders, and to address pressing issues of our time.



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What other organizations co-sponsor the Symposium?

The Academy for Human Rights is proud to work with some of the best organizations Buffalo has to offer. We work very closely with BOCES, and some BOCES representative work on our Board of Directors. We also work closely with the Holocaust Resource Center in Buffalo.

How old do participants have to be?

The Summer Symposium welcomes incoming high school freshmen to outgoing high school seniors.

Is there tuition and scholarships?

Summer Symposium tuition is set yearly based on speaker fees / travel arrangements, field trips, and necessary materials. Scholarships are always available.

How can I become an intern?

Interns are chosen in April for the July program. Fill out the contact form available on our website and our program director will send you an application



Help its participants gain the knowledge and skills necessary to lead a contributory life in their communities, nation, and world.



Cultivate the next generation of concerned citizens and activists necessary for the health of our democracy and civil society.



Provide examples of past and current role models of citizen-leaders who the students can emulate.



Create global citizens that have the tools to generate change in their schools, communities and world