

Activism Resources for Parents, Guardians and Teachers

We have compiled a list of resources for parents, guardians, teachers and community leaders who want to engage young people in discussions around important social issues and activism. It's definitely not a definitive list, but it's a good place to start.

Name of Resource	Link	Parent/Guardian or Teacher	Topic	Note
Amnesty International Education Resources	https://www.amnesty.org.uk/education/human-rights-young-people-schools	Teacher	Activism	A range of resources from the Nobel Peace Prize winning organisation
How to Teach ... Volunteering and Community Action	https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2016/mar/14/how-to-teach-volunteering-and-community-action	Teacher	Activism	Free "lesson ideas to make social action a central feature of school life" from the Guardian
Activism isn't Just for Adults and Teens. We Need to Teach Younger Kids to Be Activists, Too	https://ideas.ted.com/activism-isnt-just-for-adults-and-teens-we-need-to-teach-younger-kids-to-be-activists-too/	Teacher	Activism	An article on the importance of sharing activism with children

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The Power to Change the World: A Teaching Unit on Student Activism in History and Today	https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/07/learning/lesson-plans/the-power-to-change-the-world-a-teaching-unit-on-student-activism-in-history-and-today.html	Teacher	Activism	An American perspective on student activism
Bite the Ballot	https://www.bitetheballot.co.uk/resources	Teacher	Activism	An accessible "introduction to the world of politics"
Guide to Allyship	https://guidetoallyship.com/	Parent/Guardian & Teacher	Activism	A helpful guide to being a good ally that could be explored with young people
Inspiring Curious Minds	https://www.rsaacademies.org.uk/projects/contemporary-art-space-project-resources	Teacher	Activism	A selection of "resources inspired by art to support our sense of self and wellbeing" from the RSA
British Youth Council Resources	https://www.byc.org.uk/resources	Parent/Guardian & Teacher	Activism	A variety of resources and information covering a range on political issues relating to young people

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Youth Count Democracy Challenge	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/482352/Youth_Count_Democracy_Challenge_Nov_2015.pdf	Teacher	Democracy	Creative activities designed to develop awareness, skills and knowledge related to democracy and voting
Social Model of Disability	https://www.scope.org.uk/about-us/social-model-of-disability/	Parent/Guardian & Teacher	Disability	Guidance on understanding the social model of disability
Applying the Social Model of Disability in Field Practice	https://disabilityequalityeducation.org/college/college-events-disability-pride/workshops/applying-the-social-of-disability-in-field-practice/	Teacher	Disability	Teacher training exercise on the social model of disability
How Parents Can Help Their Children Understand Climate Change	https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/kids-saving-planet-climate-change-extinction-rebellion-a8882886.html	Parent/Guardian	Environment	"Children are relying on their parents to make sense of what these issues mean" - here's some guidance

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Teach Students Equality Through Smarties	https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2015/jan/28/teach-students-equality-smarties	Teacher	Equality	Engaging young pupils in debates about injustice and equality via chocolate
Teaching Tolerance	https://www.tolerance.org/	Teacher	Equality	Selection of anti-bias resources designed to "encourage children and young people to challenge prejudice and learn how to be agents of change in their own lives"
How to Teach ... Feminism	https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2016/jan/11/how-to-teach-feminism-gender-equality	Teacher	Feminism	The Guardian's "guide for teaching students about women's right"
Women on the March: A Lesson Plan on Imagining the Future of Feminism	https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/08/learning/lesson-plans/women-on-the-march-a-lesson-plan-on-imagining-the-future-of-feminism.html	Teacher	Feminism	Looking at the past, present and future of feminism
Equality Human Rights Resources	https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/secondary-education-resources	Teacher	Human Rights	Secondary "teacher training and education resources to help teach Key Stage 3 students about equality and human rights"

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How to Teach ... LGBT History Month	https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2016/feb/15/how-to-teach-lgbt-history-month	Teacher	LGBTQIA+	Lesson plans that will "help you celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people – and the impact they have on the world – with your students"
'No Reader is Too Young to Start': Anti-Racist Books for All Children and Teens	https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/jun/04/no-reader-is-too-young-to-start-anti-racist-books-for-all-children-and-teens	Parent/Guardian & Teacher	Race	Suggested reading for children and teens
Love Music Hate Racism Education Resources	https://www.lovemusic.hateracism.com/education/	Teacher	Race	Free resources and stylish posters
How to Talk to Your Children About Race and Racism	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/7xvLw6Q4qbJBnkzj6xm9Z/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-race-and-racism	Parent/Guardian	Race	Suggestions for navigating sensitive conversations around race