

## **WORKSHOP : PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIANISM IN THE CLASSROOM**

We are pleased to invite you to the interactive workshop designed for middle and high schools teachers to weave issues of peace, human rights and humanitarianism into classroom. Attached, you will find a brief description of the workshop.

The workshop will be conducted in English by **Dr. Joyce Apsel**, Liberal Studies Program, New York University, Director, Rights Works International.

**Thursday 18 June 2009  
From 13:30 to 16:30**

**At the International Red Cross and Red Crescent  
Museum, Geneva.**

13 :30	Welcoming and introduction.
14 :00	Interactive workshop conducted by Dr. Joyce Apsel
14 :45	Coffee break
15 :00	Guided tour of the Permanent exhibition connected with themes from the workshop.
16 :00	Conclusion

Access : From Cornavin railway station, bus 8 (direction WHO or Appia) – Appia bus stop.

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### **Weaving Peace, Human Rights and Humanitarianism into the Curriculum Where does peace begin? Peace begins with you.**

This interactive workshop is designed for middle and high school teachers to weave issues of peace, human rights and humanitarianism into the classroom. How do we define human rights and humanitarianism? How do we think about positive and negative peace? How can we create a peaceful classroom?

The workshop will include an overview of symbols and history of peace and human rights and include a range of classroom projects and experiences including creating a human rights quilt to studying the Convention on the Rights of Children. Teachers will be introduced to ways to tie in these themes with issues students face today from bullying to becoming global citizens.

There will also be a tour of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum in Geneva with links between the exhibits and themes discussed in the workshop on peace and human rights. Director of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum, Roger Mayou, quotes Dostoevski in his greeting to visitors, "Everyone is responsible to everyone for everything." The Musée International de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge provides an important educational space where teachers can introduce students to the history of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent and to the history of humanitarianism. Through tracing the history and challenges of humanitarianism, the museum will provide models of how each of us can become part of the world-wide network of engaged, caring global citizens.

Dr. Joyce Apstel teaches in the Liberal Studies Program at New York University and is the recipient of the 2008-2009 NYU Distinguished Teaching Award. She is founder and Director of RightsWorks International, an international human rights education project and conducts workshops on teaching about peace and human rights world-wide for students and teachers from elementary to high school as well as university and public

audiences. Dr. Apstel is a member of the Executive Board of the International Network of Museums for Peace and its NGO representative at the UN. She is President of the Institute for the Study of Genocide. Dr. Apstel has written on a range of topics including peace museums, teaching human rights and genocide, and most recently edited [Darfur: Genocide before Our Eyes](#).

While the workshop will be conducted in English, materials for classroom use will be in English and French. For further information contact Joyce Apstel at [jaa5@nyu.edu](mailto:jaa5@nyu.edu)