

Human Responsibility in the Context of Human Rights

The Charter of Human Responsibilities complements two other international declarations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of the United Nations.



The international scope of Charter activities embraces diverse interpretations and meanings of responsibility and encourages local and culturally relevant activities.



The Alliance for a Responsible, Plural and United World launched an international effort to promote the Charter in 2003. Charter activities worldwide are coordinated by members of the International Charter Facilitation Team.

To learn more about
Charter activities in the US, go to
<http://allies.alliance21.org/charter/US>



If you have questions or ideas for
Charter-related activities in
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What You Can Do

Activities related to the Charter are getting underway in the US. Discussion groups, workshops, lesson plans, creative expression in art, drama and music, civic participation, and community forums are among the activities that can be developed around the concept of responsibility in general and the Charter in particular. Some examples:



-  Convene a discussion on individual and collective responsibility and your organization's mission and programs
-  Hold a community forum on the responsibilities of local government
-  Initiate a conversation among your colleagues about the meaning of professional responsibility and how this meaning is enacted in your work
-  Invite young people in your community to express their responsibilities through art, music, dance or drama
-  Explore with different interest groups the meaning of responsibility for our natural resources
-  Design a lesson plan around the theme of responsibility and encourage young people to choose what they will be responsible for in their school or neighborhood
-  Create opportunities for cross-cultural and interfaith conversations on the meaning of responsibility
-  Work with a local business to design a program expressing their commitment to social responsibility

What
could we
do...

if we re-imagined
human responsibility
for one another
and the planet?

What
are our
responsibilities...

to one another,
to our communities
and to the world?

What
could we
accomplish...
if responsibility
were a shared value?

You are invited
to initiate activities related to
the Charter of Human Responsibilities



What is the Charter of Human Responsibilities?

The Charter of Human Responsibilities is an international project with an ambitious and hopeful objective: *mobilizing people to exercise our individual and collective responsibilities to humanity and the planet.*

The Charter project invites us to re-define responsibility in our communities, organizations and country at a time when our interdependence has become both inevitable and necessary.

The Charter provides both a pre-text and a text for reflection and action:

As a pre-text, the Charter's assertion of a universal principle of human responsibility encourages reflection on the meanings of individual and collective responsibility and invites us to consider how to act responsibly towards one another and towards the planet.

As a text, the Charter expresses commitments in our everyday lives, professions, neighborhoods, communities, organizations and governments. The Charter's ten principles (featured inside) challenge us to be thoughtful and intentional in our practices, policies and actions.

