

Benefits of Teen Activism and Community Service**(Applies to All Issues) Sessions 1–4:**

- “Why Is Community Service Important?” By Caridad Sanchez, VP of Academic Affairs, Florida National University. **Fnu.edu**

<http://www.fnu.edu/community-service-important/>

A text on Florida’s National University’s web page that lays out the physical and emotional benefits of helping others for teens.

- “How to Become an Activist.” **WikiHow.com**

http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wikihow.com%2FBecome-an-Activist&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCN G9w151-w3bzz03MMcNKO9n_FFePg

A text that lays out the process of activism. (Longer text, but can be broken easily into parts.)

Global Teen Activists and Their Plights**Environmental Issues**

- **Alex Lin, Environment, Teen Activist, text**

“Alex Lin, Teenage Activist.” By Salvatore Cordoni. **Takepart.com**

<http://www.takepart.com/article/2010/04/05/alex-lin-teenage-activist>

This article spotlights a teen who is finding ways to reuse and recycle e-waste (computers and other electronics) as well as lobbying the legislature to pass bills requiring this type of recycling.

- **The Clock is Ticking: Youth and Environmental Activism, Environment, text**

“The Clock is Ticking: Youth and Environmental Activism.” By Joi Officer, Laura Cockman, and Rebekah Taft. **What Kids Can Do.Org.**

http://www.whatkidscando.org/featurestories/2009/06_clock_is_ticking/index.html

This text from takepart.com, explores actions and initiatives being taken by young people to address the growing environmental issues.

Equality In Girls’ Education

- **Malala Yousafazi, Girls Education, Teen Activist, text**

“A Heroic Return.” By TIME for Kids. **Time for Kids.com.** March 20, 2013.

<http://www.timeforkids.com/news/heroic-return/85451>

This article from Time Magazine for Kids, is about Malala’s heroic journey of healing after being shot by the Taliban for advocating for gender equality in education.

- **Supporting Education and Activism on Malala Day, Girls Education, text**

“Supporting Education and Activism on Malala Day.” By Sarah Jackson and Jessie Kirk. **Womankind.org.**

<http://www.womankind.org.uk/2013/07/supporting-education-and-activism-on-malala-day/>

A web page that describes women and girls from across the world inspired by Malala Yousafazi to carry on the fight for equal educational rights.

Child Labor

- **Iqbal Masih and Craig Kielburger, Child Labor, Teen Activist, text and video**

“Our Story.” **Free the Children.com.**

<http://www.freethechildren.com/about-us/our-story/>

This article is about kid activists inspiring each other to take action around child labor exploitation.

- **Child Labor Around the World, Child labor, text**

“Child Labor Around the World: How to Help.” By Karen Fanning. **Teacher. Scholastic.com.**

http://www.teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/child_labor/child_labor/index.asp?article=help

This text is about a middle school class in Massachusetts that heard firsthand about Iqbal’s plight for child labor laws and took action.

Animal Abandonment

- **Faye Carey, Animal Activist**

“Teenage Girl Is Dogs’ Best Friend.” By Briar Marbeck. **3 News.co.nz.**

<http://www.3news.co.nz/Teenage-girl-is-dogs-best%20friend/tabid/423/articleID/308315/Default.aspx>

This article is about a young girl that gives abandoned animals a second chance at life at her local animal shelter.

- **Animal Abandonment and Pet Overpopulation, text**

“Pet Overpopulation.” **American Humane Society.org.**

<http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/adoption-pet-care/issues-information/pet-overpopulation.html>

This web page lays out the reasons behind animal abandonment.

- **Alex Libby, Bullying, Teen Activist**

"Life after Bully: Teenage Star of Hit Documentary Finally Escapes His Tormentors . . . and Finds Happiness in New School." By Hannah Rand. **Dailymail.co.uk**. May 21, 2012.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2147592/Alex-star-hit-documentary-moves-tragic-reality-Americas-13million-bullied-schoolchildren.html>

An article on how the courage to speak out about being the victim of vicious bullying resulted in unlikely fame and activism.

- **Anti-bullying activist spreads message of kindness through organization, bullying, text**

"Anti-Bullying Activist Spreads Message of Kindness." By Nia McMillan. **Reading Eagle.com**. March 26, 2013

<http://www2.readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=463359>

A text about the young founder of WeStopHate, an anti-bullying advocacy group that helps kids strengthen their self-esteem.