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## **United Nations Adopts Declaration of Human Rights Education and Training**

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This morning, the General Assembly of the United Nations officially adopted the UN Declaration of Human Rights Education and Training. The Declaration recognizes that everyone has a right to access to education on human rights, stating “human rights education and training is essential for the promotion of universal respect for and observance of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.” The Declaration identifies the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the foundational document for human rights education and affirms that United Nations member States should take appropriate measures to ensure the effective implementation of the Declaration.

As a national leader in this field, The Advocates for Human Rights welcomes the Declaration and its potential for bringing the world closer to The Advocates’ vision of a world in which every person lives with dignity, freedom, justice, equality, and peace. The Advocates’ Education Director Sarah Herder notes, “Teaching children about human rights and responsibilities can completely alter their paradigm – both the potential they see in themselves and the world around them.” The Advocates will also use the Declaration in its groundbreaking *Discover Human Rights* education and training work with adults. Executive Director Robin Phillips adds, “The Declaration’s strong statement of the importance of human rights education and international standards of human rights will be another tool for social justice advocates to use in bringing global human rights standards to the local level.”

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