Tools for Teachers

The Canadian Red Cross helps disseminate knowledge of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to academia, teachers and youth. We organize events across the country to educate Canadians on the importance of IHL and to encourage dialogue on issues such as child soldiers, refugees, gender-based violence and attacks on civilians, hospitals and schools.



<u>Forced to Fight</u>: is an interactive online resource designed for students between the ages of 13-18. The resource helps facilitate understanding of IHL and humanitarian issues and allows the user to experience what it is like for young people living in situations of armed conflict around the world. Teachers can use this resource in collaboration with the lesson plans available in the teaching resources links or they can choose to use it as a stand-alone activity to trigger critical thinking and classroom discussion on issues related to armed

conflict.



<u>Humanitarian Education Curriculum Guidebook</u>: The new Humanitarian Education Curriculum Guidebook is a living guidebook aimed at high school educators consisting of ready-to-use lesson plans and engaging activities to integrate concepts of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) into the classroom. The Guidebook contains an introduction to IHL and is organized by the 4 themes of the accompanying online, interactive resource <u>ForcedtoFight.ca</u>, namely: Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV), Child

Soldiers, Refugees and Forced Migration, and IHL and the Environment. New lessons in the Guidebook were written by Canadian teachers.



Exploring Humanitarian Law: This 5 module toolkit with ready to use lesson plans helps teachers as they introduce the basic principles of International Humanitarian Law to students in secondary schools. A wide range of explorations are available with complimentary multi-media resources.



<u>Canada & Conflict: A Humanitarian Perspective</u>: Designed by and for high school teachers, this educational toolkit was developed to inform and empower youth to take action toward alleviating human suffering. Using Canadian examples, the revised 2016 edition is a complete toolkit comprised of 6 modules that touch on issues of International Humanitarian Law such as war crimes, refugees, neglected crises, gender inequality,

humanitarian principles, mechanisms for justice and youth engagement. Canada & Conflict is directly complementary to academic subjects such as civics, social studies, history, geography, law, language arts and the humanities and is available in both English and French.