

What is The People Speak?

The People Speak is the UN Foundation's educational campaign to inspire the next generation of global leaders. Through The People Speak (TPS), young people organize informed discussions, debates, and grassroots campaigns that find global solutions to global problems.

How can I get involved?

TPS Online: The TPS site features great resources, videos, podcasts and blogs about global issues and what students around the world are doing to "speak up and change the world"! You can meet other people who share your passion for global issues and learn how your school or campus can be involved in TPS.

The Global Debates: The largest TPS activity, The Global Debates occur each October and March. Students organize public debates in their high schools on controversial global issues. They use the debate as a way to inform their classmates how to take action on a local level. As part of the Global Debates, students create 60-second video PSAs, invite local officials to attend their debate, write letters to the editor, and organize service learning projects.

Think Globally, Report Locally: This innovative media contest challenges U.S. high school students to create a video news story illustrating the local connection to a global issue. Students have access to actual UN footage to create professional video news stories.

Global Youth Leadership Summit: Held at the United Nations, the Summit brings together students leaders from across the globe to learn more about the work of the United Nations and learn specific skills to assist them to continue their activism on global issues.

Innovative Campus Campaigns: TPS supports hundreds of college activists to start innovative campaigns to raise awareness and action on global issues ranging from climate change to malaria and beyond. Students create a multimedia toolkit to inspire others to take these campaigns back to their campus.

The People Speak is an initiative of the United Nation Foundation. The UN Foundation is a platform for connecting people, ideas and capital to help the United Nations solve global problems. We build partnerships, grow constituencies, mobilize resources and advocate policy changes to support the UN's work. Focused on select issues, we are helping decrease child mortality, improving disaster relief, protecting the Earth's biodiversity, creating a low-carbon energy future, empowering women & girls and improving US-UN relations. Learn more at: www.unfoundation.org

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