

# Universal Human Rights Initiative

## Impact Report 2022



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# From Our Director

**This year, UHRI's founding team celebrated a dream come true!** We have always believed that people want better access to information about their rights, and we were convinced that most people care deeply about what others are struggling with. What was missing was a space to talk about it.

**As we enter 2023, UHRI hosts over 500 Recordings and translations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1200+ resources on human rights and social justice curated for students and educators, and our amazing team of facilitators have now served over 4,000 people in dialogues about human rights, social justice, diversity, equity and inclusion.**

We are deeply grateful to our amazing team of volunteers, board members, dialogue facilitators and donors who make it all happen. We thank you for a truly meaningful year!

-Rebecca Cannara, Executive Director



*"Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world..."*

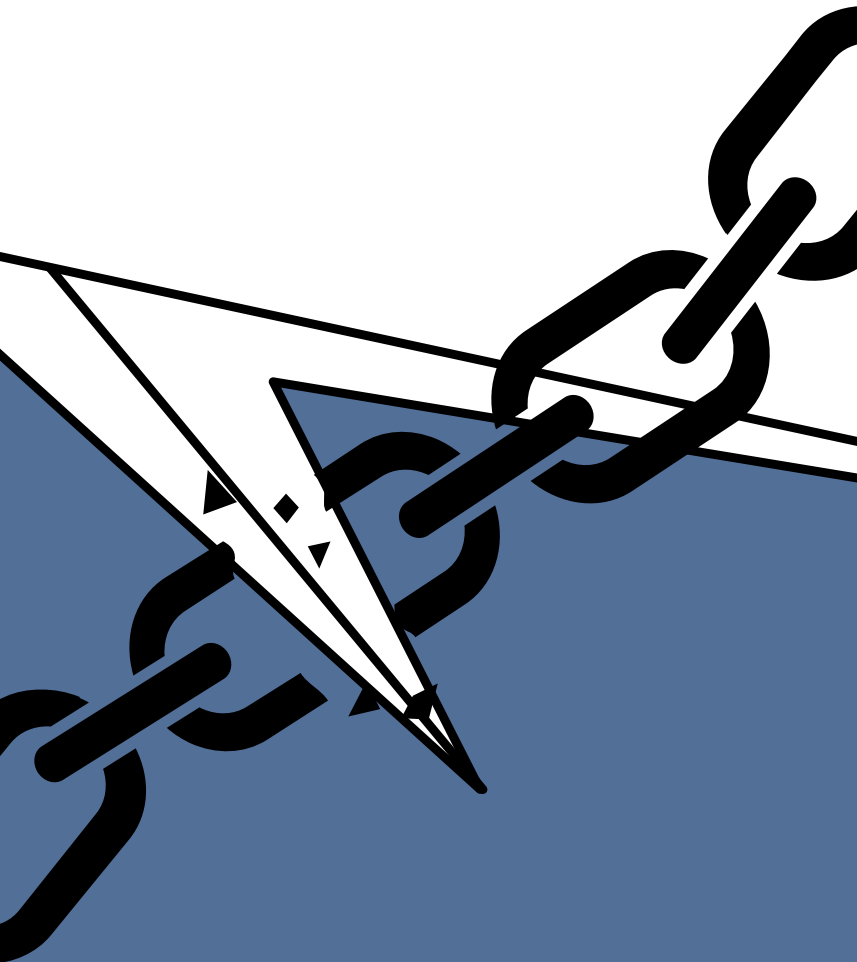
**- Universal Declaration of Human Rights Preamble**



# Our Mission

Universal Human Rights Initiative's mission is to provide educational interactions and outreach for **human rights education** using **innovative programming**.

UHRI educates and spreads **civic commitment to human rights** around the world by informing and engaging **all populations** to recognize why we need human rights. Our greatest social justice impact is achieved as people are empowered to defend **not only their rights, but the rights of everyone**.





# We believe

that the richest dialogues emerge when we spend significant time together, and that our **differences makes us stronger**. Common ground can be achieved when we join together to share our unique experiences with the goal of **understanding each other and the systems that impact us better**. Advocacy for our rights and the rights of others begins with education.

**Human rights education is a right in and of itself**, leading us to conversations around social responsibility and our role in interrupting cycles of injustice and inequity. **The rights of humans and the planet are all too often bought, sold and traded as if they are not inherent to us all--but they are inalienable to our being.**

UHRI creates connections between the work we each do in our own self-discovery and our expanding understanding of the roles we play in upholding or interrupting oppression in the world. **At UHRI, liberation means peaceful co-existence, ongoing dialogue, and continual action so that everyone thrives.**



"Today, intergroup dialogue is more important than ever... Nothing replaces the power of holding space for one another and allowing inner truths and collective wisdom to emerge."

**-Alisa Orduña, Intergroup Dialogue Facilitator**

# Intergroup Dialogues

Since 2016, UHRI has engaged in nearly 400 dialogues with over 4,000 people living in communities worldwide thanks to partnerships with over 100 organizations.

Participants in UHRI dialogues report increased levels of awareness of different perspectives and experiences, increased comfort navigating difficult conversations and motivation to continue or increase their involvement in community action.



[Click here to learn more about our dialogues](#)

**In 2022, UHRI held 95 dialogues in 52 weeks,** connecting people globally across diverse backgrounds and experiences.

"Intergroup Dialogue is educational, expands your world views, and provides a community that goes beyond the sessions."

**–Janice Oyama, Intergroup Dialogue Facilitator**



# Our UDHR Project

Since 2016, more than 165,000 people have access to 560 translations and 140 recordings of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on our UDHR App and YouTube channel. They represent at least 241 distinct languages, the top 10 being accessed on YouTube are: Tamil, Bengali, Hindi, Polish, Oriya, Burmese, Ukranian, Tetum, Hungarian, and Kannada.

Countries that accessed the udhr.audio app the most include: India, Poland, Myanmar(Burma), Ukraine, Bangladesh, United States, United Kingdom, Turkey, Sri Lanka, and East Timor.

**There is a notable uptick for a language when critical human rights flashpoints occur in that region.**



"People who know their rights are better equipped to defend them, and societies that invest in human rights education are less likely to engage in abuses."

**-Noah Bardach, Leadership Team**

Click here to listen to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 140 languages!

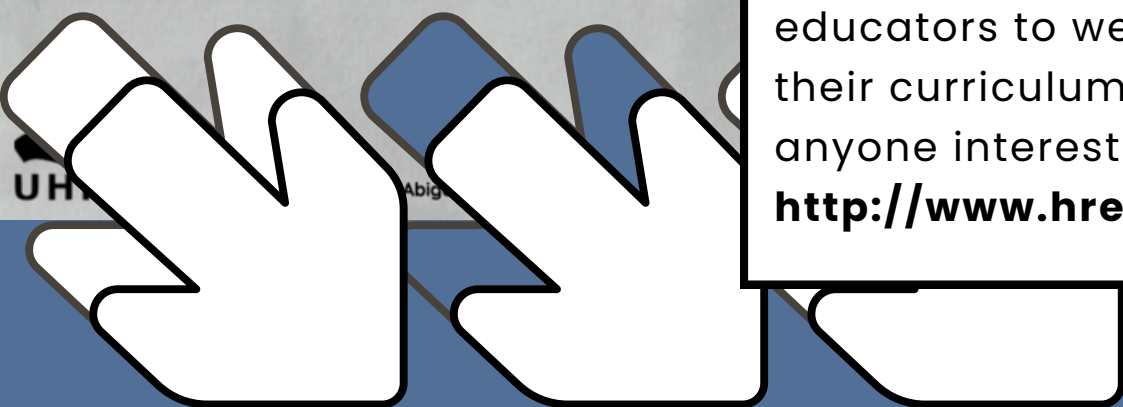
## In 2022:

- **UDHR.audio**
  - **24,500 people accessed**
  - **Over 50% of users were under 35 yrs**
  - **59% identified as female**
- **YouTube channel**
  - **over 11,000 views**

**“EDUCATOR JOURNEY”  
WITH THE  
HRE WEB PORTAL**



**CHOOSE RESOURCES FROM  
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**Our HRE  
Portal Project**

Since our 2018 partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District, UHRI curates, edits and maintains HREportal.com with over 1200 human rights and social justice related resources for K-12 educators to weave throughout their curriculum. Access is free for anyone interested at <http://www.hreportal.com/>.

**The Portal hosts 1,200 human rights related resources for K-12 educators and students, including:**

- 180 lesson plans
- 100 Professional Development resources
- 435 multimedia presentations.

**In 2022, we had 482 visitors:**

- 325 of whom were new
- 241 from China
- 191 from the US
- 6 from the Netherlands
- 6 from the Seychelles
- 4 from India
- 4 from South Korea
- 77 teachers, 4 school admins, 12 district admins



**Click here to  
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# Our Team

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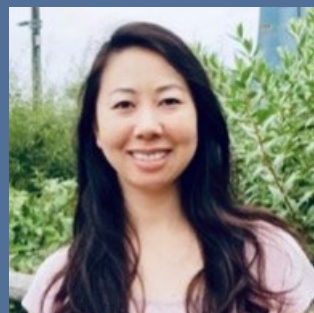
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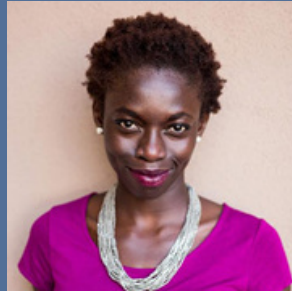
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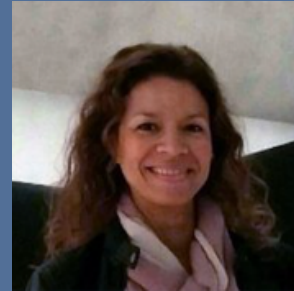
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