



FACE Human Rights—Forum to Advocate, Communicate and Engage Human Rights—is an international, interactive human rights forum through which students can inform, educate and engage themselves in this critical issue. It harnesses the power of the Internet to overcome geography and political barriers to create a virtual, global ‘safe space’ in which young people can share their personal experiences in the form of drawings, photographs and testimonials; share information about conditions in their own countries, developing crises and programs by NGOs; educate each other about their rights under international laws and conventions; and engage each other as global citizens by sharing ideas about how to improve the quality of life for people around the world.

FACE Human Rights is also a powerful, decentralized network. Despite distance, borders, media indifference, overt and covert efforts at repression and isolation, FACE Human Rights permits individuals and organizations from around the world to connect, share information and resources, organize and act in fluid combinations as the situational “market” requires. Put differently, FACE Human Rights is a huge “bazaar” in which individuals, teachers, organizers, funders, NGOs, and IOs can “shop” for the resources and partners necessary to engage human rights.

FACE Human Rights is about active engagement, but not partisan advocacy; it does not endorse specific causes or organizations, or as an entity take positions. FACE Human Rights serves as a source of the information and skills necessary for individuals to function as engaged citizens, as a forum in which well-documented positions can be tested against one another, and as a powerful tool for global networking.

FACE Human Rights is edited and managed by a virtual editorial board of young people, academics, journalists and human rights specialists. Advisors, editors and contributors connect via a powerful network in a virtual human rights community, but underpinning FACE Human Rights are concerned human rights teams or ‘nodes’ all over the world. These nodes—some built around an NGO, some around a school, some around a university journalism department, some around a faith-based organization—are the ‘grassroots’ of FACE Human Rights. Our global network includes nodes across the Balkans, Central Asia, Middle East, South Africa and United States.

Though virtual, FACE Human Rights must live somewhere and that place is the [Center for Global Security and Democracy](#) (CGSD) at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.