



LA SILLA ROJA
A journey towards justice



Friends of
Fe y Alegría
in the United States



HIGH SCHOOL

Lesson 5: Sembradores
de Optimismo - Colombia

La Silla Roja takes us now to Colombia where we will explore the work of Fe y Alegría through its Early Childhood Education program by watching a short documentary film created by HBO Latin America. This unit also seeks to introduce students to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically the right to quality, inclusive education. Finally, students will be invited to create awareness-raising projects to promote engagement with the SDGs in their school community.

ACTIVITY



Goals

- 1) **Learn** about the work of Fe y Alegría Colombia through its early childhood programs.
- 2) **Inspire** students to reflect on the importance of the right to education.
- 3) **Act** by designing a project that contributes to raising awareness among classmates about the importance of this right.



Time required

60 minutes



What is Fe y Alegría?

Fe y Alegría is a movement of popular education founded by the Society of Jesus. In Colombia, Fe y Alegría's mission is dedicated to building peace and global citizenship, contributing to social mobility, equity and a dignified life for those who live in situations of vulnerability, poverty and exclusion.

In order to achieve this goal, Fe y Alegría works on improving public education, contributing to develop abilities in children, youth and adults to become agents of change in their own lives and communities.

What is Sembradores de Optimismo?

"Sembradores de Optimismo," produced by HBO Latin America and Triana Media, is an initiative that seeks to raise awareness about the work of organizations that are implementing some of the most innovative educational projects in Latin America. Specifically, this resource is based on the experience of Fe y Alegría Colombia in Early Childhood education.

Watch the video

Click play



Reflection questions

- What did you like the most when watching this video?
- What are the most important aspects?
- Why do you think Fe y Alegría invests in this education program?
- Do you think these problems happen in other places? Why?
- What could you do to help fix these issues?

Instructions

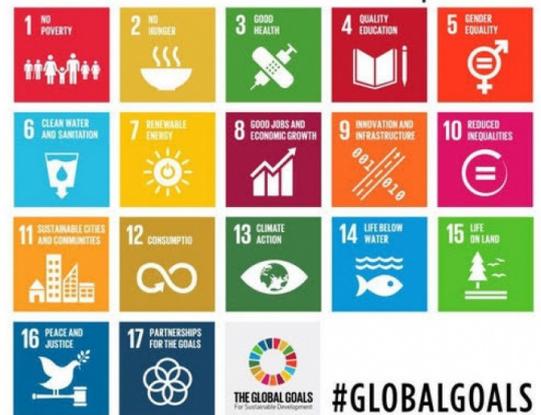
First, let's take a brief look at the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

At the Sustainable Development Summit that took place in September 2015, UN Member States approved the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda which is made up of 17 overarching goals to end poverty, fight against inequality and injustice and to deal with climate change.

Under the slogan, "Transforming our world," the 2030 Agenda calls on the international community to eradicate poverty and stimulate action over the next fifteen years in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet.

Form 4 groups and give a Sustainable Development Goal and a task to each. The goal is to elaborate a joint proposal together. There will be 20 minutes to work in groups.

THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development



Group 1. SDG 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere.

This group will carry out the following:

- Answer the questions: What does SDG 1 mean? Why is it important in the world?
- Develop a proposal that you can do as youth to raise awareness about the importance of this goal and how to promote collaboration for its fulfillment.
- Draw a picture or a symbol to represent your proposal.

Group 2. SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries.

This group will carry out the following:

- Answer the questions: What does SDG 10 mean? Why is it important in the world?
- Develop a proposal that you can do as youth to raise awareness about the importance of this goal and how to promote collaboration for its fulfillment.
- Draw a picture or a symbol to represent your proposal.

Group 3. SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning.

This group will carry out the following:

- Answer the questions: What does the SDG 4 mean? Why is it important in the world?
- Develop a proposal that you can do as youth to raise awareness about the importance of this goal and how to promote collaboration for its fulfillment.
- Draw a picture or a symbol to represent your proposal.

Group 4. SDG 16. Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies.

This group will carry out the following:

- Answer the questions: What does SDG 16 mean? Why is it important in the world?
- Develop a proposal that you can do as youth to raise awareness about the importance of this goal and how to promote collaboration for its fulfillment.
- Draw a picture or a symbol to represent your proposal.

After the activity, each group will explain the SDG they were assigned and put the picture or symbol on a poster, next to their proposal.

Finally, the entire class works together to title the poster with a slogan that symbolizes the importance of these rights.



"Mini Me"



Take some time at the end of the activity to fill out the "Mini me" handout found in the introduction. Write down what you have learned, feelings that you experienced, and an individual or group action that you will commit to once the activity has been completed.

Resources

- Fe y Alegría Sembradores de Optimismo: (www.feyalegria.org/sembradores)
- #TeachSDGs: (www.teachsdgs.org/collections.html)
- The World's Largest Lesson: (www.tes.com/teaching-resource/world-s-largest-lesson-2016-free-resource-11366598)
- Teaching the SDGs: (<http://ow.ly/wreL30dD1xi>)

Thank you for taking the time to use this resource with your students. You are contributing to shaping holistic and committed citizens of tomorrow's global world. For more information, please visit www.feyalegria.us/our-work/global-education/

