



# WHO WE ARE

“ Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world ” - Nelson Mandela



It is time to arm ourselves with human rights education that underscores we are indeed born equal in rights and in dignity, as we strive to fulfill a shared commitment to promote human rights for all.

In commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training, the following organizations have created this exhibition to raise awareness of the vital role of human rights education in the promotion of dignity, equality and peace, and in the prevention of human rights violations and abuses.



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