

## Roots & Shoots Peace Day

“Each Roots & Shoots project is a step towards a future in which humans can live in peace in an environmentally sustainable way.”

~Dr. Jane Goodall

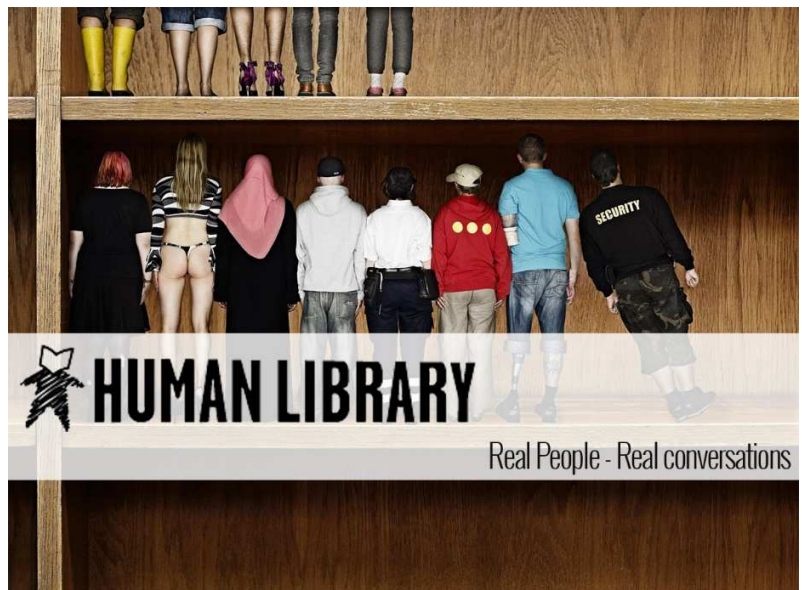
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The Human Library™ is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices.

Created in Copenhagen in 2000 to raise awareness and use peer group education to mobilise Danish youngsters against violence, the Human Library ([humanlibrary.org](http://humanlibrary.org)) asks us to think about diversity as something that binds humanity together and makes us stronger, to look beyond labels, to break down our own prejudices and see the story behind the stereotype.



Essentially, readers *check out* people instead of books and then spend time exploring their stories.

Watch a TED Talk on the Human Library here: <https://vimeo.com/82688803>

For Roots & Shoots Peace Day, a Human Library offers a chance to celebrate and

learn about different perspectives on peace.

The goals are:

- to open up your student's/member's hearts to beauty of the diversity that surrounds them
- to raise awareness and foster understanding about different perspectives on peace

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### **Suggestions for hosting a Roots & Shoots Peace Day Human Library**

- Ensure you create a safe space for people to share. It is essential that there is no judgement.
- The library can be done in person (bring guests in to your classroom/group for an afternoon/day) or digitally (create and share student videos or film interviews with community members).
- Bring together stories of many different people in your community, such as refugees, young people, elders, LGBTQIA2S, Indigenous people, principals, people marginalised in your community, soldiers, police officers, musicians, politicians, athletes, activists, scientists, environmentalists, etc. (anyone at all-we all have something to share)
  - If you would like to focus on young people for the *books*, include those from different student groups, cliques, backgrounds, affiliations.
- Ask them to be prepared to share their thoughts on specific questions.  
Suggested questions:
  - Who are your people? With what culture do you identify?
  - What is peace to you? (works well for younger children)
  - Have you ever experienced a situation where you felt threatened?
  - Have you ever experienced stereotypes or prejudice?
  - Do you have hope that humans can live in peace with each other and nature? How do you think we can do that?

**Please also take a look at the fascinating and incredibly moving short clip from Momondo: The DNA Journey:**

<https://www.facebook.com/1523877984609723/videos/1741124149463819/>

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