

- take on fundraising campaigns to raise money for organizations that help to provide children at risk with opportunities for education, health care services and other goods and services that address basic needs
- educate people about their role as consumers and the opportunity it creates to work for change by pressuring companies to adopt fair practices for workers
- petition governments and businesses to make addressing child labour a priority and to use their power to create positive change
- support organizations and companies that provide adequate wages and working conditions
- develop your ability to critically analyze situations and ask questions of politicians and companies about what they are doing

For what Canada can and should do:

- support ILO conventions, including the most recent Convention 138 on the Elimination of the Most Hazardous Forms of Child Labour
- use the position on the United Nations Security Council to advocate for children and work towards ending the exploitation of children
- be a strong lobbying voice at the international level for the rights of children
- educate Canadians about child labour and children's rights
- explore ways of instituting an international system that would certify that goods are not made with child labour
- explore the potential for instituting preferential trading systems and/or special taxes on imports that can not be certified free of child labour
- provide financial and other support necessary to assist countries to decrease and eventually eliminate child labour
- support the provision of universal free basic education

RESULTS

The success of the conference can be measured on several levels. It provided young people the opportunity to develop knowledge and demonstrated leadership potential. It also increased connections between young people and various local organizations and facilitated relationships that will assist the young people in making use of the various resources available within their community (for a list of all those involved see Appendix C). Of critical importance was the opportunity the project provided for young people to learn from one another and the way in which the project allowed for numerous levels of involvement by young people. Youth were involved in all aspects of the project including its organization, as presenters and of course, as participants. Evidence of the effectiveness of the event can also be measured by the positive evaluations received (see Appendix D for a summary).

In addition, follow up to the conference has included several important actions. First, students from one of the participating schools held assemblies that reached every student in their school and provided information about what they had learned about child labour and what can be done about it. Second, a letter addressed to Michael Jordan, Nike spokesperson, has been drafted. It outlines students concerns with the conditions under which many Nike products are made and encourages Mr. Jordan to take action. Finally, awareness of OWAHC and the exhibits has increased. More students have come through