



Our Mission

Axis of Hope is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing in young adults an understanding of alternative, non-violent approaches to resolving complex conflicts locally, nationally and internationally.

Axis of Hope seeks to change the landscape of conflict and create the prospect of future peace:

By fostering effective global citizenship skills in students and teachers of diverse backgrounds.

By promoting intensive, hands-on learning opportunities through "intellectual Outward Bound" geo-political role-play case studies.

By teaching the world's youth to develop trust, compassion and empathy for one another, and for people around the world.



A Revolution of Conflict Resolution

Axis of Hope teaches middle and high school students of diverse backgrounds about conflict analysis, management and prevention in ways that enliven the imagination, awaken moral reasoning, and impart lifelong social and civic skills. Through highly interactive workshops in public and independent schools, *Axis of Hope* introduces students to the study of international conflict. Interactive workshops, such as one using our "Whose Jerusalem" Case Study, introduce students to current world conflicts and foster the development of valuable negotiation skills.

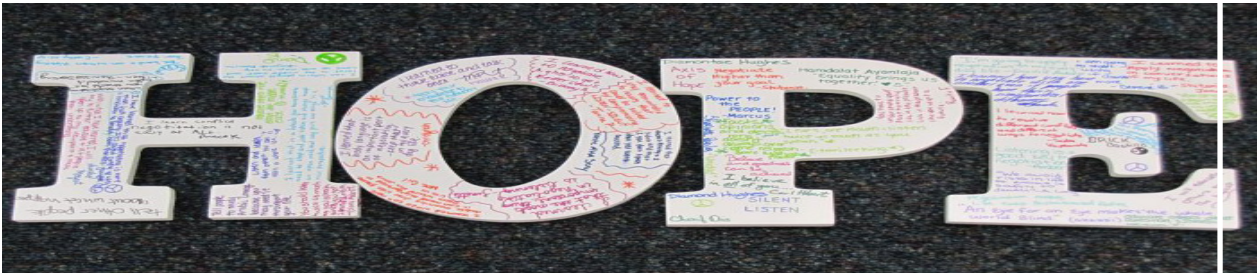


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Faculty Workshops





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BACKGROUND

Axis of Hope (AoH) offers excellent training and provides extensive curriculum materials and resources to educators interested in bringing “think globally act locally” ideas to their classroom. Through interactive simulations and exercises, the faculty training negotiation programs prepare teachers to effectively present these hands-on tools and topics to their students. Axis of Hope recommends that teachers participate in a one or two day faculty training workshop prior to bringing student workshops to their interested schools. This will better enable them to create an environment that is conducive to engaged and active learning in their communities.



COMPONENTS OF FACULTY WORKSHOPS

- Brief lecture and introduction to the organization’s mission and methodology;
- Instruction on the literature and theory of preventive diplomacy;
- Simulation exercise similar to that of a student workshop to help educators understand the value of this program;
- Preparation for the application of Axis of Hope ideals in their individual classrooms.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

AoH holds faculty workshops in our Boston, MA offices and locally at your school, upon request. Invitations to additional schools and educators in your geographic area can be extended to enhance the experience.

If you are interested in planning a workshop or if you would like more information, please email: leslie.sale@axisofhope.org or call (617) 353-4794.

Case Study Design

Axis of Hope uses its unique case study approach to bring matters of international importance right into the classroom. These case studies are thoughtfully constructed so as to avoid biases or prejudices and present only the facts. Furthermore, they are designed to promote interactive learning so that each case study includes not just the case study’s history, but also its chronology, a glossary of important terms, and six different possible roles to take on. Each of the six different roles offer their own unique perspective on the conflict, and they are what allow our students to empathize with the involved parties, walk in the shoes of others and eventually adopt a position from which they can then negotiate throughout the workshop – even if they may not agree with their given position.

