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DEAR PLAY YOUR PART EDUCATORS,

I am very pleased to welcome you to the Right To Play team. By committing to Right To Play's Play Your Part schools initiative, you are joining a global team dedicated to harnessing the power of play to make the world a better place. Together with leaders, trainers, teachers, community groups and elite athletes from around the world, you are part of a growing movement that is transforming children's lives around the world through the power of play.

Our innovative programs foster the healthy physical, social, cognitive and emotional development of children and youth. Play has also been proven to be an effective tool for teaching important values and life skills including self-confidence, teamwork, communication, inclusion, discipline, respect and fair play.

Play-based learning builds teacher capacity and removes barriers to education – especially for girls – with a goal of improving learning outcomes for students.

For many of the girls in our programs, the struggle for equality is immense. They fight to attend and stay in school, to be treated as equals with dignity and respect, to be accepted and safe, and to make their own choices about their bodies and futures. We are determined to remove these barriers, so that all of the children in our programs have the space they need to discover the promise and the power of their own potential.

As you work through the Play Your Part Classroom module with your students, you will learn even more about the positive impacts of play. These resources have been developed with Canadian education curricula in mind, using the best practices from our current programs. They will prove to be excellent resources for you as you meet the challenges ahead and help achieve Right To Play's vision – a world where all children are protected, educated and empowered.

I have seen firsthand the incredible impact of our programs, and I know you will be just as inspired and motivated by what you see and what you and your students are able to accomplish as I have been.

Good luck. Look after yourself, look after one another.



Johann O. Koss
Founder & 4-time Olympic Gold Medalist



<p>TEACHER'S GUIDE</p> <p><small>TEACHER RESOURCE</small></p>	<p>This resource provides educators with an overview of the Play Your Part Classroom module, background information about Right To Play, academic theory behind the benefit of learning through play, and connections between Play Your Part and provincial and territorial education curricula.</p>
<p>EXPLORING RIGHT TO PLAY STUDENT INFORMATION PACK</p>	<p>A student-friendly resource filled with information about Right To Play and stories of children in our programs.</p>
<p>VIDEOS AND WORKSHEET</p>	<p>Educational videos that transport students to our programs, allowing them to connect with children in other parts of the world. Use the accompanying worksheet filled with reflective questions and group activities to strengthen and test students' learning. Red's Journey (Year 1) & Stevie's Story (Year 2).</p>
<p>JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING SESSION GUIDE</p> <p><small>TEACHER RESOURCE</small></p>	<p>Modelled after the same leadership session Right To Play uses to train student leaders in our programs, this resource gives educators all the tools they need to train their students as Junior Leaders.</p>
<p>JUNIOR LEADER TOOLBOX</p>	<p>Provides Junior Leaders with tips and tricks to lead games and space to record their favourite games, discussion questions and attention grabbers.</p>
<p>JUNIOR LEADER CERTIFICATE</p>	<p>Print out these certificates and fill in the name of each student who has completed Junior Leader training to make it official!</p>
<p>GAMES MANUAL</p>	<p>This manual has 14 unique games, each one specially designed to teach an important lesson or skill. All of these games are used to educate and empower children and youth in Right To Play programs around the world.</p>
<p>CHALLENGE TOOLKIT</p>	<p>This Toolkit allows your newly trained Junior Leaders to take action by providing a step-by-step guide to organize a fun and successful Play Your Part Challenge at your school!</p>

WHAT IS RIGHT TO PLAY?

Right To Play protects, educates and empowers children through the power of play.

Established in 2000, and operating in more than 20 countries, we are committed to improving the lives of children and youth affected by conflict, disease and poverty. Our unique play-based approach to learning and development uses play in all of its forms – games, creative play, sport, free play – to engage children in programs that focus on making a positive impact in quality education, health and well-being, gender equality, child protection and building peaceful communities. Led by 70,000 trained local teachers and volunteer Coaches, Right To Play's cost-effective, sustainable, and life-changing programs reach more than one million children worldwide each week.

In Canada, programming includes Youth To Youth (Y2Y), a Toronto-based peer-to-peer youth leadership program, and the Promoting Life-skills in Aboriginal Youth (PLAY) program, which partners with more than 85 Indigenous communities and urban organizations across Canada to co-develop play-based youth programs and focuses on improved health, education, resiliency, and employability.

To learn more visit www.righttoplay.ca, follow [@RightToPlayCAN](https://twitter.com/RightToPlayCAN) on Twitter and 'Like' us on Facebook.



WHAT IS PLAY YOUR PART?

Educational ✓ Inspiring ✓ Fun ✓

Play Your Part is a free schools engagement initiative that harnesses students' innate leadership potential by using the transformative power of play to facilitate their learning, unite them with their peers across the world, and empower them as global citizens.

Right To Play delivers play-based educational programming to improve children's lives around the world, and Play Your Part is our chance to share their inspiring stories here at home! We want students across Canada to understand not only the incredible impact that play is having in children's lives globally, but also how they can be a part of that impact – because we believe that every student has the ability to create social change!

Play Your Part is made possible thanks to the financial support of the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada. It is designed to teach students about the Play for Advancement of Quality Education (PAQE) program and the value of play-based learning in delivering quality education globally. Launched in partnership with the Government of Canada in 2015, PAQE is currently active in three countries: Ghana, Mozambique, and Rwanda. The program uses Right To Play's experiential learning methodology to build teacher capacity and remove barriers to education – especially for girls – with a goal of improving learning outcomes.

Learn more at www.playyourpart.com.

WHY PLAY?

Article 31 of the United Nations' Declaration for the Rights of the Child recognizes play as a fundamental right of every child.

There are many different types of play, ranging from structured to unstructured, physical to less active, and social to individual; however, universal to all types of play is its ability to act as a bridging language that can cut across cultural and linguistic barriers. When tapped into effectively, play has the power to transform lives and create positive social change.

PLAYING TO LEARN

At Right To Play, we believe in the power of play and experiential learning.

For play to be an effective teaching tool, children must understand the lesson being delivered and be able to relate it to their own life experiences. That is why at the end of every game, the teacher, Coach or Junior Leader will lead participants through a three-step discussion that we refer to as an **RCA** (or **Reflect, Connect, Apply**):

1. Children reflect back on the experience of the game;
2. Children compare and connect what they experienced during the game to a similar experience from their own lives; and
3. Children explore how they can apply what they have learned from the game to an area of their daily lives.

For examples of **Reflect-Connect-Apply**, check out the [**Play Your Part Games Manual**](#).

