

Services

As an educator, it can be challenging to respond to every question that arises in the classroom about past injustices. Subjects like the Holocaust are often taught using basic information such as the dates, places and names of those involved. However, there is more to history than what, who and when – there is also *why*.

Conversation Builds Character is a nonprofit organization that provides a variety of services to help teachers, school administrators and community leaders facilitate difficult conversations about past atrocities. We provide educators with tools and knowledge to create deeper discussions of the behavioral conditions that lead to intolerance. We help educators guide students not in what to think, but in what to think *about*.

Our goal is to help challenge students to examine their thoughts, speech, actions and non-actions in light of these past behaviors, in order to teach them to *think* critically, *act* responsibly and *lead* courageously in the present.

We strive to empower people to embrace their leadership potential in order to bring about positive change.

You can read our white paper “Empowering Leaders” [here](#) [link to page] to learn more.

Workshops

Our main service is a workshop titled “Holocaust 360: A Modern-Day Conversation on Human Behavior.” One of the most effective subjects we have for examining basic moral issues is the Holocaust. So by using the Holocaust as a lens to explore how human behavior and societal conditions can lead to such atrocities, students are encouraged to reflect on their own behaviors and communities to identify how their actions and non-actions affect the world around them.

This three-day workshop is offered twice a year. Using resources that will complement your school’s existing curriculum, participants will learn how to use restorative circles to create a non-judgmental environment, allowing you to promote personal reflection and foster mutual respect through the conversations in your classrooms.

Other Services

We also offer several Lunch and Learns throughout the year that are designed to dive deeper into how the techniques offered in our workshop can be tailored to better fit your school’s curriculum. At your request, we can also provide additional resources and other professional development to better help you guide your students.

You can click here to [register](#) [link to page] for the next available workshop. If you have any questions or want more information, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) [link to page].

Holocaust 360: A Modern-Day Conversation on Human Behavior

In this workshop, you will learn:

How to facilitate community building circles that create safe and positive learning environments

A new way of structuring curriculum to help students connect history to their own lives and the choices they make

Current scholarship on the history of the Holocaust and new research focused on human behavior, group dynamics and bias

How to facilitate respectful classroom discussion on difficult issues such as racism, antisemitism and other forms of exclusion

How to engage with classroom-ready multimedia resources and build a customized unit that meets your curriculum’s objectives