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In 2008, Excel Youth Zone partnered with the LA Peace Collaborative and the international PEACEJAM organization. Excel Youth Zone utilized PeaceJam Curriculum and worked with teachers, non-profits and 50 youth in San Diego County to create service-learning projects based on PeaceJam's Global Call to Action. The ten Global Calls to Action were developed by 12 Nobel Peace Prize Laureates. In September 2008, our 50 youth directly presented their projects to a Nobel Peace Prize winner.



Excel Youth Zone use three levels of PEACEJAM curriculum within our youth clubs and educator trainings: **PEACEJAM Juniors** – elementary school; **PEACEJAM Leaders** – middle school; and **PEACEJAM Ambassadors** – high school. To find out more about the ten Global Calls to Action and how to develop a service-learning project using PeaceJam's K-12 curriculum, contact Andy Scheele of Excel Youth Zone @ (619) 599-8205 x 4 or emailing us at ascheele@excelyouthzone.org

PeaceJam Juniors Curriculum is an exciting program for ages 5 to 11 that introduces young students to the lives and work of Nobel Peace Laureates in an age-appropriate, standards-based format. It is designed as a stand-alone curricular unit or as a complement to existing curricula or programs such as Character Education, Conflict Resolution, Service-Learning, Citizenship and Multicultural Education.

The **PeaceJam Leaders Curriculum** is a new standards-based curriculum for young people between the ages of 11 and 14. It explores the adolescent stories of 12 Nobel Peace Laureates and the strategies they used to overcome problems in their lives and their communities. Through this age-appropriate curriculum, youth explore their own identities and reexamine the choices they make including their role models and the peer groups to which they belong. Youth also develop leadership and problem-solving skills while engaging in service-learning activities that address local needs.

The **PeaceJam Ambassadors Curriculum** is designed for youth ages 14-19 and explores issues related to peace, violence, social justice and oppression. Youth study the lives and work of 12 Nobel Peace Laureates and the strategies they use to address pressing global issues. Participating youth create and implement their own Global Call to Action Projects, becoming creative leaders who are committed to solving the most difficult problems facing our world. The program also includes an annual PeaceJam Youth Conference where youth spend a weekend with a Nobel Peace Laureate giving them an unprecedented opportunity to share with, learn from, and be inspired by a world leader for peace.