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## UNA-USA Campus Chapter Video Library

These videos are a great resource to share with your chapters at meetings, through email, or before a big advocacy/service event!

If you have any questions or video recommendations, feel free to reach out to the Youth Engagement team at [membership@unausa.org](mailto:membership@unausa.org) or through the [Chapter Leaders Facebook Group](#).

### About the UN

#### Sustainable Development Goals:

- Climate Action
  - Gender Equality
  - Reduced Inequalities
  - Good Health and Well-Being
  - Clean Water and Sanitation
  - No Poverty
  - Quality Education
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## **About the UN**

### ➤ **The United Nations is Created - History Channel Flashback**

Happy UN Day!! We celebrate October 24th as the day the UN was officially created back in 1945. Here's a flashback video by the History Channel that features real newsreels and footage from the first ever UN Day. Such a cool video to watch to see how the UN was created, what countries were involved, and why this multilateralism was so revolutionary.

### ➤ **Structure of the UN - NowThis World**

Here is basic overview of the different parts of the UN and how they interact to affect the world.

### ➤ **What Exactly Do UN Peacekeepers Do? - NowThis World**

UN peacekeeping - what is it all about? This video covers a short history of UN peacekeeping, the UN's current peacekeeping missions, and controversy concerning sexual exploitation by the hands of peacekeepers (the UN has been put mechanisms in place, such as a 'Zero Tolerance' policy, to address the issue).

### ➤ **UN Reform: What is the future of the UN?**

In light of the UN's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it's only right that we look toward the UN's future. What reforms should the UN consider as an organization? Is the Security Council inherently flawed? This dialogue among experts surrounding the issue is enlightening and helps us to imagine a UN that better serves the world.

### ➤ **How We Can Make the World a Better Place by 2030 - Michael Green for TED Talks**

This is an excellent video for understanding the Sustainable Development Goals as a whole and their context in the history of social progress. Though these goals are large and ambitious, Green is optimistic that they are obtainable when countries work together.

### ➤ **Importance of the WHO in responding to COVID-19 - WHO**

The WHO has been under attack in the United States, yet the World Health Organization's response to COVID-19 has been critical in preventing deaths worldwide. Watch this video and [read this info page](#) to learn more about the WHO's multifaceted work during the pandemic.



## Clean Water and Sanitation

[Learn more here.](#)

➤ [Flint's Deadly Water - PBS Frontline](#)

A longer PBS documentary about the ongoing water crisis in Flint, Michigan. The documentary covers how the crisis started and its extremely harmful effects on the community. It is important to note that Flint is one of the poorest cities in America, and their ongoing water crisis has been cited by many as a form of environmental/social injustice and environmental racism in America.

➤ [Transforming Lives Through the Power of Clean Water - P&G, National Geographic](#)

P&G and National Geographic teamed up to create this 45 minute long documentary detailing the lives of 3 women in Mexico, Kenya, and Indonesia. The documentary shows how young people's lives are transformed through sustainable access to clean water. Globally, women and girls are largely responsible for collecting water in areas that don't have readily available clean sources. This increases gender inequality by putting their health at risk and limiting girl's access to education.

➤ [Clean Water is Everyone's Problem](#)

The #2 killer for children under the age of five is lack of access to clean drinking water. This video highlights the need for effective sanitation systems worldwide. These sanitation systems need to be sustainable and environmentally friendly.

➤ [The History of Cholera](#)

Anyone who is interested in public health and epidemiology knows that John Snow's 1854 discovery of the source of London's cholera outbreak was groundbreaking. Cholera was and still is one of the most infectious diseases worldwide, affecting 3-5 million people worldwide. However, we know its cause and how it can be treated. Cholera spreads through water and food contaminated by human waste. The key to stopping transmission is by improving sanitation and hygiene.





## Good Health and Well-Being

[Learn more here.](#)

### ➤ Life After Coronavirus: The Impact of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has forever changed our lives and the world. What will become of our daily lives with COVID-19 years into the future? How will society adjust to a new era? Watch this video to imagine what the future will become and inspire a conversation in your chapter about the impacts of COVID-19 in your community and in the world.

### ➤ Learning from Smallpox: How to Eradicate a Disease - TEDEd

An informative video by TEDEd explaining how public health officials and nations came together to eradicate smallpox - the first ever disease to be eradicated! If you're interested in public and global health, this video is fascinating. It's also a great resource to use to understand more on how vaccines work and the role of the WHO and CDC.

### ➤ The Difference a Midwife Makes - UNICEF

This UNICEF video details the lifesaving work of a Pakistani midwife. Providing vital maternal and infant care for 10 villages, Shagufta Shahzadi has not only saved the lives of hundreds of women and children, she has also taught her patients about important health practices which they bring back to their own families and communities.

### ➤ Break the Stigma- Children's Hospital Colorado

Let's face it - there's a huge stigma surrounding mental health. This stigmatization makes it harder for individuals to receive access to treatment or talk about their health with family and friends. This video by the Children's Hospital of Colorado examines how stigmatization works and how it makes individuals feel.

### ➤ RX for Survival - PBS

A longer PBS documentary series narrated by Brad Pitt. The series explores the history of vaccines. Starting with the discovery of germs and ending with the WHO's mission to eradicate smallpox, this documentary explores the complexities of public health.

### ➤ Shot@Life - Childhood Vaccinations

This video produced by Shot@Life (a United Nations Foundation program) details a mother and daughter's long journey to a vaccination center. 16,000 children die every day from preventable diseases, and it's largely because they do not have access to basic healthcare such as vaccines. This video sparks a great conversation about health disparities worldwide, as well as within your own local communities.





## Reduced Inequalities

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### ➤ Racial Inequality in American Society

There is so much information surrounding the issue of racial equality in the United States, so please look for as many valuable resources as you can. [The 13<sup>th</sup>](#) is an incredible documentary about the history of mass incarceration and inequity in America that is temporarily free on YouTube but is also on Netflix. Also, learn about what the current Black Lives Matter movement is about by listening to BLM founders [Patrisse Cullors](#) and [Alicia Garza](#).

### ➤ Black Lives Matter - 2020 Protests

During the year 2020, the United States experienced massive protests against police brutality and racially inspired human rights violations after the death of George Floyd at the hands of police. What did it all mean? Here are a few resources. First, here is an incredibly moving video showing [the scope of the 2020 movement](#). Second, similar protests broke out in 1968, but what makes the [2020 protests different](#)? Third, watch [UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohamed speak](#) on racially inspired human rights violations at the Human Rights Council.

### ➤ Invisible People - The Challenges Facing Internally Displaced Persons

Ever heard the term IDP but had no idea what it meant? Internally Displaced Persons are people who have been displaced in their own countries, meaning they've had to flee their homes but did not flee their countries. SDG 10 means that we need to make sure internally displaced persons get the assistance every human being deserves.

### ➤ Nyle Dimarco on the first International Day of Sign Languages

Reducing inequality is all about boosting marginalized populations. We currently have over 70 million deaf people in the world, yet only 2% received formal sign language education. In this United Nations video, deaf model Nyle Dimarco celebrates the first official International Day of Sign Languages (Sept 23) and shares why it is so important to have this representation.

### ➤ UN Free & Equal Campaign - The Price of Exclusion

SDG 10 is about reducing widespread inequality between and within nations. UN Human Rights' Free and Equal Campaign offers a great video about LGBTQ inclusivity. The video highlights not only the human and emotional toll of LGBTQ discrimination, but also its economic toll on countries.





## Gender Equality

[Learn more here.](#)



➤ **SDG 5: Gender Equality - United Nations**

This is a short video from the UN outlining SDG 5. The video touches on why gender equality is important, how inequality negatively impacts us all, and how the United Nations plans to tackle this goal. A good video to use to introduce members to SDG 5 and spark discussion on the intersectionality of gender equity.

➤ **Meghan Markle's UN Women Ambassador Speech**

“At the age of 11 I had created my small moment of impact by standing up for equality” Listen to UN Women’s Ambassador for Women’s Political Participation and Leadership, Meghan Markle, give a speech on equality at the 2015 UN Women Conference. The speech is great to watch before planning a grassroots advocacy event because Markle stresses how small acts can spark big change.

➤ **Purl - Pixar**

“Purl” is a 2018 Pixar Short about a ball of pink yarn who is repeatedly ignored and overlooked by her male co-workers at B.R.O. Capital. The short prompts a great discussion on sex & gender discrimination in the workplace, and just how far-reaching the glass ceiling really is. An amazing short to watch to explore how SDG 5 affects your local communities and lives.

➤ **HeForShe Equality Stories - HeForShe**

UN Women’s HeForShe Campaign encourages both males and females to stand up for gender equality. The Equality Stories film details 4 men’s fights for gender equality in their home countries. It raises an important discussion on how gender equality is not just a female issue.

➤ **Kids Believe Gender Stereotypes by Age 10, Global Study From 15 Different Countries Says - TIME**

Gender stereotypes affect everyone. This powerful TIME video details how young individuals are affected by gender stereotypes starting at age 10. A good video to use when thinking about how your actions and unconscious biases affect others in your local community.



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➤ **Gender Marketing - The Checkout**

Ever heard the term “Pink Tax” but never really understood what it meant? Then this videos for you. The Checkout’s video explains how “market segmentation by gender” allows companies and brands to exploit consumers. By breaking down products into “men” and “women” sub-groups, companies can drive up prices for the exact same products sold with different gendered labels.

➤ **Gender Equality: Now -WorldFish**

“By marginalizing the rights of women, we deny ourselves the opportunity to lift millions of men, women, and children out of poverty”. This animated short wants you to know that gender inequality doesn’t make sense on any level. Instead, promoting women reduces hunger and poverty worldwide.

➤ **Other Recommended Films:**

- Suffragette
- Hidden Figures
- He Named Me Malala
- Wonder Woman
- Girl Rising
- A Brave Heart: The Lizzy Velasquez Story
- Norma Rae
- She’s Beautiful When She is Angry
- The Ascent of Woman



## Climate Action

[Learn more here.](#)



➤ **Man vs. Earth - National Geographic Short Film Showcase**

This amazing video by poet, activist, and filmmaker Prince Ea highlights the human population's growing impact on the environment. It ends on a hopeful note, encouraging global and local climate action. The video is a short and engaging tool to use at a chapter meeting in order to educate members about climate change and motivate them to take action. It is also a good video to play at an advocacy event.

➤ **Why Humans Are So Bad at Thinking About Climate Change - Vox**

This Vox video studies climate change through the lens of human psychology in order to understand why it can be hard to get people to focus on climate change as a present pressing issue, and why the crisis can be hard to discuss. It offers solutions to these problems and ways to encourage people to get involved in climate action. This is a great video to show your UNA-USA chapter as you plan events or advocacy asks focused on climate change. It will help your chapter better communicate with potential new activists and policymakers.

➤ **Statement and poem by Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, Climate Summit 2014 - Opening Ceremony**

Watch activist, poet, and Marshall Islands Native Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner perform a powerful poem written for her daughter at the 2014 UN Climate Summit. The poem reads as a letter to Jetnil-Kijiner's infant daughter describing climate change and why Jetnil-Kijiner chooses to fight on behalf of her daughter's future. A beautifully moving poem that raises discussions surrounding youth voices in the climate action movement as well as how the developed world's climate/ pollution policies affect developing countries.

➤ **Sayang Kalimantan - A Short Film by Tham Wah Lee**

A short film by Singaporean filmmaker Tham Wah Lee documents the aftermath of over 3 months of forest fires in Indonesia, specifically focusing on the fires' negative health impacts. The filmmaker and his team spent 2 years building Indonesia's first haze shelter with the youth of Kalimantan, Indonesia in order to protect vulnerable communities from the poor air quality. A short that highlights the importance of localized advocacy and how individuals can make a difference in the fight against climate change.





➤ **[Brené Brown on Empathy - RSA Shorts](#)**

This RSA short combines animation with Dr. Brené Brown's narration to explain the importance of empathy and how it is vastly different from sympathy. A great video to play when planning an advocacy event, or just to remind members that human connection fuels social change. Promotes an important discussion on how to best advocate for others.

➤ **[The Amazonian Tribespeople Who Sailed Down the Seine- The Guardian](#)**

This Guardian video follows the story of the Kichwa, an indigenous Amazonian tribe who are fighting for climate action and the recognition of indigenous voices. The Kichwa built a traditional wooden canoe which they sailed down the Seine during the Paris COP21 Climate Conference. An important video which highlights the importance of lifting up marginalized voices.

➤ **[Environmental Justice, Explained - Grist](#)**

This Grist video is great for explaining how climate change and environmental degradation impacts everyone, but not everyone equally. It helps viewers understand how and why underprivileged socio-economic groups stand to lose more from the climate crisis. It's also a good tool to use in promoting discussion on how climate change affects communities within your campus chapter district and how you can help on the grassroots level.

➤ **[Make the World Greta Again - Vox](#)**

A longer documentary by Vox (33 minutes) which follows the organizers of youth climate strikes worldwide, featuring Greta Thunberg and the European leaders of Fridays for Future. The documentary chronicles the planning and lead up to the March 15, 2019 School Strike for the Climate, which was the biggest climate strike in history with over 1.5 million youth attendees. An important documentary to watch because it shows passionate youth activists effectively plan and enact a giant advocacy movement. The video is a great tool to use when planning your own campus chapter events. The youth leaders stress the importance of social connection in creating lasting movements.



## **No Poverty**

[Learn more here.](#)

- **[What does it mean to be multi-dimensionally poor? - CNA](#)**

How does the UN measure poverty? It's more than just your income. This news piece explains how the UN assesses poverty on multiple levels by including health outcomes and living standards. By learning about the whole of poverty, we can better advocate for solutions.

- **[The rich, the poor and the trash - DW Documentary](#)**

Two different worlds - Kenya and New York City - but the same problems. This 28-minute documentary shares stories from impoverished people and data from expert economists. The focus is on the poverty and economic inequality rampant in both countries, and the subjects imagine a world where these issues can be eradicated.

- **[The Poverty Paradox: Why Most Poverty Programs Fail And How To Fix Them - Efosa Ojomo for TEDxGaborone](#)**

How do we solve poverty on the African continent? In his TED talk, Efosa Ojomo explains that innovation is key.

- **[The Brain on Poverty - Jessica Sharpe for TEDxGreenville](#)**

How does poverty affect children psychologically? From birth onward, Jessica Sharpe explains how impoverished kids experience negative mental outcomes. Sharpe suggests applying empathy and understanding the perspectives of those in poverty.





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## Quality Education

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- **[The Sustainable Development Goals Explained: Quality Education - United Nations](#)**

UNICEF's Associate Director of Education Jo Bourne explains SDG 4: Quality Education. This video lays the foundation for why education is a goal for 2030 and how education intersects with many of the other SDGs.

- **[Going back to school after fleeing conflict - UNICEF](#)**

In countries with violence and war, accessing education is incredibly difficult. This video from UNICEF looks at children in the Central African Republic, where two-thirds of schools were shut down in 2014 due to ongoing conflict in the area. UNICEF set up 144 temporary learning spaces to help bring children back to the classroom.

- **[The future of the African continent? Children - UNICEF](#)**

There are many barriers to education in Africa, yet substantial progress has been made across the continent. This video looks at the critical issues facing African children and highlights how important education is for the future of Africa.

- **[China: Improving learning for the poorest children - UNICEF](#)**

China is the world's largest country with over 1.3 billion people. For poor and marginalized people in rural China, education is often inaccessible. UNICEF and other organizations have provided aid to help schools improve and flourish.

- **[Bill Gates: how online courses can radically improve education by 2030 - The Verge](#)**

Are online courses the future of education? Bill Gates thinks so. In this video, Gates discusses how access to technology will open the doors to education for people around the world, especially women.

