

## 15. Passionate Canadians

*This activity allows students to investigate Canadians who have shown a passion for human rights.*



### **Materials Needed:**

Copies made to show class some passionate Canadian exemplars

Invite students to tell the story of a Canadian who is of interest to them, someone who shows compassion and who makes a difference in the lives of others, thus holding up one or more of the “democratic ideals” of Canadian society.

Have students find music, drama, art, poetry and other media that speak to and inspire caring and concern for the rights of others to support their presentations. This will help with the message of how these ideals permeate our culture and society.

Ask students to comment on what they think life would be like in Canada if our society did not embrace these ideals.

Find images of these Canadians who have shown passion for a cause and worked to make a difference in the lives of others.

**Gail Asper**

**Hannah Taylor**

**David Suzuki**

**Terry Fox**

**Phil Fontaine**

**Stephen Lewis**

**Michaëlle Jean**

**Marc and Craig Keilburger**

Find other examples in Canada and build a list of “**Passionate Canadians.**”