



Host an i-ACT January 2008 Viewing Party

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i-ACT team members from **Stop Genocide Now** invite you to host an i-ACT Viewing Party during our next trip to refugee camps in January 2008. This is an easy and empowering way to get your friends, neighbors and family informed and involved in ending the violence in Darfur, Sudan. Viewing parties can be for anyone – host one in your classroom, at your home, place of worship, or take time at your lunch break to offer your co-workers insight into Darfur. And most importantly, be creative and start from you are. Ultimately it is the relationship you have with others that will make the difference in ending this genocide.

Below are a few steps to help you host a viewing party!

i-ACT January 2008 overview

This i-ACT will take you from the far North of Chad at camp Oure Casoni through Konoungo, Gaga and Farchana, all camps SGN have visited before. The field team will also be traveling to a new camp in southern Chad where we will introduce you to the lives of more Darfurians still in grave danger. i-ACT team members will walk the camps, speak with survivors, post journal entries open for your comments and urge you take immediate action for those still in danger. We bring you 10 straight days of i-ACT, so please choose a day where you can watch several videos at your viewing party!

Location and Audience

Picking a location is an important decision as is who you wish to reach. If you are interested in engaging your co-workers or fellow students – when are most people free: lunch hour, early afternoon, during class? What about your friends and neighbors: early evening or Saturday afternoon? Once you have determined your audience, your location will become an easy decision! Remember: central, easy to find, and creative! Homes are great and personalized, but fun new places may also draw your friends to a viewing party!

Pick a date and a time

This will largely be determined by your location, and the times that would be convenient to have an event there. You also want to consider the day of the week. When are most of your friends, neighbors, or family members free? What time is easy for everyone to meet for a short while and have a discussion? Are you in a class, can you urge your teacher or professor to devote 30 minutes to a short presentation, video watching and a discussion?

Agenda and Action, Action, Action

What do you want to do during your viewing party? An easy agenda would be a short overview, a few videos of i-ACT January 2008 or previous i-ACTs, a concert viewing and a short discussion, culminating in action items. However, if it's an informal party, you could have a slide show of pictures running (you can use ours!) with music playing in the background, have people socialize for a little while, then grab everyone's attention to watch a few videos and offer action items. Again, your agenda will be determined by the audience and location. Please check out all of the video, info sheets and more on our website!

Don't forget the most IMPORTANT part of every viewing parting: **ACTION** items! You can have people write letters, postcards, sign petitions or urge them to throw their own viewing party! Each day of i-ACT we will post action items, please feel free to offer these action items at the viewing - you could even blog us during the party, remember i-ACT is interactive-activism! Encourage them to follow the rest of i-ACT January 2008 and our upcoming trips! Have a computer available for them to sign up to our mailing list!

Donations

Decide ahead of time if you are going to take donations in the name of an organization. If you are, make sure you provide a short informational piece somewhere in your materials or presentation about the organization and their products. If you are interested in collecting for SGN, you can use our short quarter sheet handout posted online as an overview of our projects!

Day of the Viewing Party

Be sure to arrive early at your location and set up and test any equipment that you need (even if your equipment worked at home, re-check it!). Start and end on time. Have people helping you, you can't do everything! Stick around to answer any questions and clean-up!



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