



# Red Hand Campaign

*A worldwide initiative to stop the use of child soldiers*

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## Our Goal:

The aim of the Red Hand Campaign is to present UN officials in New York with one million red hands on Red Hand Day 2009 (February 12), the anniversary of the day the international treaty to ban the use of child soldiers took effect. We will make clear that we expect more than a ban – we want it to be enforced.

## Help us collect **ONE MILLION Red Hands!**

On 12 February 2008 local child protection organizations and hundreds of children in the DRC joined thousands of other children and adults around the world for the launch of the Red Hand Day Campaign.



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## Children in the Democratic Republic of Congo take part in the Red Hand Campaign



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In Goma, north Kivu (a province affected by new recruitment of children in 2007/08 by government forces and armed groups) eleven child protection organizations and over 50 children (including many former child soldiers) and local authorities met to review the situation and listen to the testimony of a former child soldier.

Local NGOs throughout eastern DRC have hosted public rallies bringing together child rights advocates, children, local authorities and traditional leaders to increase awareness of the illegality of child recruitment and use. Here children take part in a protest against the use of child soldiers in Sange, South Kivu, DRC where child recruitment is still taking place.



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## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Create your message on a sheet of A4 (8½ x 11) paper including your name, town, state and country. As an expression of your protest, please include your handprint in red paint. These messages will then be forwarded to the United Nations.

### Send in **Your** Red Hand Today!

(Don't forget to indicate how many red hands you're sending to us.)

#### **Belgium:**

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Antwerpen*

#### **Germany:**

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Red Hand Campaign  
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49084 Osnabrück*

#### **United Kingdom:**

*Coalition to Stop the Use  
of Child Soldiers  
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Road  
London SE1 1EP*

#### **United States and Canada:**

*Red Hand Campaign  
c/o HRW  
350 Fifth Avenue, 34th  
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New York, NY 10118*

For other locations, please obtain an address from

[aktion@friedensband.de](mailto:aktion@friedensband.de).

Submit your images and stories at our [website](#).

## Send us your photos, stories and red hands!

Help us to collect one million red hands against the use of children in wars. On February 12, 2009, youth representatives from around the world will present the red hands collected to the United Nations. Our goal is to raise global awareness of the plight of child soldiers through public protests, demonstrations and other activities. We encourage activities involving Red Hands to attract media attention, as well as the attention of decision makers and opinion leaders.



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Students in Heidelberg, Germany from the Max Planck Institute for Law join the Red Hand Campaign.

Photos and stories from schools, youth organizations, religious groups and many others are already featured on our website ([www.redhandday.org](http://www.redhandday.org)). But we want more!



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Students from Berufskolleg-Kleve in Kleve, Germany display their banner of Red Hands.

### Take Photos!

### Write a Letter to the Editor!

### Hold an event!

### Post a video on YouTube!

### Be Creative!

Then send us your photos, stories and videos (or links to them), and we will feature your activities in this newsletter and on the website.

### The global action **RED HAND DAY** is supported by:

