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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER OFFERS HIGH SCHOOL LESSON PLAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2007 LIBERTY MEDAL

Philadelphia, PA (September 7, 2007) – In conjunction with the 2007 Liberty Medal, which will be awarded jointly to Bono and DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa), the National Constitution Center is offering a special lesson plan for students in grades 7 through 12, titled *Voices for Liberty: Adding Your Voice*. Created by Katherine Hagee of the Wilson School District in West Lawn, Pennsylvania, the lesson is designed to help students practice democratic deliberation through researching and designing an action plan to support issues of global citizenship. The lesson plan is available for download at [www.constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal/LibertyMedal\\_Final.pdf](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/libertymedal/LibertyMedal_Final.pdf).

Students using the *Voices for Liberty: Adding Your Voice* lesson plan will prepare a list of criteria they think should be used when selecting a Liberty Medal winner. They will then evaluate how ideas presented in the Preamble of the Constitution connect to the goals of Bono and DATA. Students will complete the lesson by brainstorming a plan of action to raise awareness of the issues that Bono and DATA represent in their own communities. They will also be asked to address the challenges they might face while participating in public action and brainstorm possible solutions.

The 2007 Liberty Medal will be awarded jointly to Bono, U2 lead singer and activist, and DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa), the advocacy organization he co-founded to combat poverty and disease in Africa, on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the National Constitution Center in Historic Philadelphia.

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The prestigious Liberty Medal, and its accompanying \$100,000 prize, will recognize Bono and DATA's groundbreaking work in raising awareness about and spurring a global response to the crisis of AIDS and extreme poverty in Africa.

The ceremony will be broadcast live on WPVI-TV, 6abc at 7:00 p.m. and webcast on [www.6abc.com](http://www.6abc.com). The Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation is providing marketing support for the 2007 Liberty Medal in Historic Philadelphia.

Established in 1988 by We the People 200 to commemorate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the Liberty Medal annually honors an individual or an organization from anywhere in the world that has "demonstrated leadership and vision in the pursuit of liberty of conscience or freedom from oppression, ignorance or deprivation." Since 2006, the National Constitution Center has administered the Liberty Medal, which includes the annual presentation of the award and a host of supplemental programs and activities designed to extend the Medal's reach throughout the year.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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