

# JESUSpolitik Student Representatives

## *Getting People Together & Getting People Moving*

Would you like to see God working through you to touch the lives of others, starting right now? You can make a difference and be a part of what JESUSpolitik is doing, even though you're still in school by becoming a student representative.

We'll keep in touch with you, talk with you, pray with you, help you lead your fellow students in a way that they will always remember.

JESUSpolitik student representatives help us to have more of a presence on your campus, be more plugged into to what students are facing and what students need prayer for or would be interested in.



As a JESUSpolitik student representative, you would help us **connect** students with common interests together so that **they can work together** to put on JESUSpolitik events in areas in which they are talented (for example - students interested in music may work together to put on a benefit concert, students with a heart for prayer may connect with dance students to put together a prayer chapel, students interested in various arts and crafts may want to put on a craft show, etc...).

We'd talk to you about planning for JESUSpolitik representatives to come to your campus and speak, planning chapels, and different event ideas.

### *So, how do I get started?*

As a student representative, you should try and put on at least one JESUSpolitik event per school year. The goal is to get people together, let them know what we're doing and then give them opportunities to use their specific talents to get involved.

**You can get people together as:**

- (1) a group of friends
- (2) as an already existing club or group on campus, at church or in the community (for instance, an outdoors club may want to get together to do a benefit hikeathon, a dance team may want to get together to plan a benefit dance & prayer chapel, a social justice

club may want to do one JESUSpolitik event as a part of a greater series of human rights activities, etc...)

(3) as a formal JESUSpolitik chapter

It really doesn't matter what form your group takes, the point is:

- (1) To reach out together to help people be relieved from suffering around the world and to have the opportunity to know Jesus Christ.
- (2) To give students an opportunity to not just raise awareness, but to also use their specific talents to get involved RIGHT NOW from where they are doing something real that will change the lives of people being reached by JESUSpolitik projects. For many students, getting involved with JESUSpolitik using their talents becomes a stepping stone for fulfilling their calling.

Too often, "raising awareness", of issues around the world can become more of a shock and awe experience than an impetus for action. No student wants to be charged up about the need to get involved and then find that they will not be given any real means of actually doing that. No student wants to have injustice shoved in their face, and then be given no way of acting against that injustice towards peace.



Action is an important part of our faith. We've GOT to live what we believe or eventually we grow numb, stop believing, caring and get bitter. Offering students an opportunity to get involved physically doing something is very important. You're the key to that as our student representative.

As a student representative, your focus should be to let students know what JESUSpolitik is about and what the international projects are doing and then offer them the opportunity

to link arms with us and become a part of the outreach.

The opportunities to get involved with JESUSpolitik right now are as specific as the individual itself. Find out their talents & interests – there are many ways to do this, simply have a group discussion with interested individuals, set out a sign-up sheet with slots for "name", "contact", "talents & interests", or send out an email.

## Getting People Together

*Okay! I'm ready to be a JESUSpolitik student representative, but how do I get some people together?*

There are lots of ways to capture the attention of students that you believe may want to get involved.



(1) Perhaps the easiest is to set up a display outside your dining hall with info on JESUSpolitik, our projects and advertising an opportunity to get directly involved. Have a definite meeting time, place and date advertised for interested students – Advertise it largely, plainly and clearly. **You want people to know it at a glance.** You can meet anywhere, your dorm, a classroom, a café – wherever is **convenient for the majority of people to get to.** Hence, you may want to avoid anywhere off campus. Have a **sign-up sheet available at the table**

where you can collect contact info from people who maybe can't make this meeting but want to get involved. Follow up!

If your school has a mass email service, you may want to send a mass email to students about JESUSpolitik, the Love Maputo Project and meeting to offer ways students can immediately get involved using their talents! Keep it short and sweet (remember, no one wants to read a LONG email). If your school has a voicemail system, you may want to use that too. A good rule of thumb is to send mass emails 2 weeks in advance and then the week of the meeting. Leave voicemails a couple days before the meeting as well as a last minute reminder.

Any and all free advertising is good! Make up posters and paste them around campus! See if you can get it announced at the beginning of a chapel. Let us know about it and we'll send out facebook reminders.

(2) Another good way to stir interest among the student body is arrange to have a JESUSpolitik Rep come to your school and do a special chapel service, speak in a class, give an interview in the school paper, talk on the school radio, or set up a table at your school's missions week, human rights week, opportunities fair or what have you.



## *Holding the First Meeting!*

Have some free food available, if possible, and advertise that free food will be there for whoever stays for the meeting. You may be able to get this donated by your cafeteria. **Everyone loves free food.**



You may want to have a get together where you all join to watch one of our mini documentaries and talk after (if so make sure you've got means of showing it), have a prayer meeting for world issues and then talk about JESUSpolitik as means to get involved, fellowship together over a meal and then discuss JESUSpolitik & getting involved or schedule a brainstorming session for students to get together and show the PowerPoint presentation

of whatever JESUSpolitik project you're hoping to get people involved in.

Print out some of the posters & pamphlets off of the resource CD and give those out too.

Once you've met, talked and know students' talents & interests – it's time for action to begin!

You can do this at the tail end of the meeting, or schedule a secondary meeting for follow up.

Go to [JESUSpolitik.com](http://JESUSpolitik.com) and click the [Do Something](#) page. You may want to go through this as a group. There you will find page after page of activism ideas organized by talent & interests. Click through these together and see what ideas are inspired! Benefit concerts, art shows, poetry readings, dance chapels, hike a thons, marathons, yard sales, craft sales, bake sales, internships, short films, dramas... and the list goes on and on!



You may also want to check out the [Activism Stories](#) page on [JESUSpolitik.com](http://JESUSpolitik.com) afterwards for examples of what people have done.

## *Putting Together an Activism Event (or two or three...)*

Once you've got what type of event(s) you've got in mind, **appoint different students to be responsible for different aspects of it.** One student to make posters, another to do advertising, another to arrange a space for your event to take place, another to contact other groups that may want to get involved, another to film the event and take pictures, etc... **Don't do everything yourself,** give other students an opportunity to be a part of putting it together. If you want to keep go-getters, you've got to give them something to DO.

*"He who thinketh he leadeth but hath no one following merely taketh a walk."*



**You may find that you'd like to work together to put on one big event, or instead, do a few small ones.** You may have a few students interested in dance that will want to branch off and work on their own to put together a dance chapel and then some others that are interested in art that want to put together a social justice art show, etc...

This is good, encourage as much involvement as possible and let them run with their ideas. Just be sure to check in with them and keep them on track.

Let us know what event you'll be doing. We'll help you advertise it by putting it on JESUSpolitik's facebook, website and myspace. We'll be in prayer for your event and the students that come – praying that the Lord speaks to their hearts through your actions.

Click some pictures and take some video clips if possible and send it to us – we'll get it to project workers on the field. It is a huge encouragement to missionaries and those being helped by projects to be able to SEE their Christian brothers and sisters here in the US pulling for them and praying for them.

Advertise plenty in advance. There's no use wearing yourself out to put on a cool event and then not tell any people about it. People have to KNOW about it if they are going to come. See if you can get a spot on your school's radio station to announce it, in the chapel bulletin & announcements, in the school calendar and in the school newspaper to advertise your event. Tell all your friends. Pass the facebook event notification on to all your friends on there, and to all the friends of the members in your groups.



Post posters everywhere on campus at least 2 weeks ahead of time. Send out mass phone mails and mass emails.

You may also want to collaborate with a nearby school that also has a JESUSpolitik group or students you think may be interested. See if they will come out.

After an event, it can be easy to think *“Phew! I’m done! It’s over, we had a good event!”* and then to forget to let us know how it went. We all do this at times.

So, when an event’s over - take a deep breath, a nap and then get in touch with us and let us know how it went. You can email us at [feedback@JESUSpolitik.com](mailto:feedback@JESUSpolitik.com). **Part of the fruit borne from your faithfulness and your activity will come afterwards** – people reading what you’ve done on JESUSpolitik.com and getting inspired to do something too and JESUSpolitik project missionaries seeing what you’ve done and getting encouraged. It will also encourage your student group to see themselves on the website, look through the pictures and videos and reflect on the event and what it meant to them. **Don’t rob them of that opportunity – email us!**

## *Why do we do all this?*

Some events may be creative fundraisers for specific and general needs, others may be providing needed prayer for JESUSpolitik workers, project workers, and those being reached, others may be meeting a specific need directly (*Ex – Tyler, the film intern who made “Get me off the streets for Christ’s Sake! A mini documentary about the Love Maputo Project*), and still others may be recruiting future workers and missionaries called to work with JESUSpolitik projects overseas or here in the US.

The point of it though is this:

- (1) To help further the outreach of JESUSpolitik projects – helping meet the needs of more people, free them from pain, suffering and a life without the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- (2) To show students that our callings are something we live right NOW.

If we put off using our gifts for God and doing what we’re called to do – whether because we think we can’t be used or that we have to wait to be used some nebulous time in the future – we will never live our callings. We want you, as a JESUSpolitik student representative to show students that by taking steps - even small steps - to use the talents they’ve been entrusted with by God for God’s glory and helping His people, they are beginning to fulfill their personal callings.

As students prove themselves faithful with these little opportunities to act using their gifts, more opportunities will open up and as they prove themselves faithful with those opportunities, even more will open up – and they will find themselves living what they've been called to do.

And remember – it should be enjoyable! God gave us the gifts He did not only so we could use them for Him and helping people – but also so we could enjoy them! God likes bringing us joy!



## *Quick Reference for Activism Ideas for Individuals & Groups*

*"For so long, I've known about all the horrible things going on in the world, and have wanted badly to do something about it. I never really knew where to begin, and so, I usually never did. Then, sophomore year, a friend told me about JESUSpolitik. It has been so exciting to use their ideas for real ways I can get started making a difference in the world! I'm so glad he told me about JESUSpolitik! Now I'm telling everyone I know! You should too!"*

### **Craft Sale**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/crafts%20talent.htm>

### **Rummage / Yard Sale**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/Rummage%20Sale.htm>

### **Video Game/LAN Party**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/video%20games%20lan%20parties.htm>

### **Music & Benefit Concerts**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/musical%20talent.htm>

### **Dance Chapel / Presentation**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/dance%20talent.htm>

### **Miming Demonstration**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/miming%20talent.htm>

### **Social Justice Art Show**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/art%20and%20photography%20talent.htm>

### **Poetry Reading**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/poetry%20talent.htm>

### **Drama Ideas**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/drama%20talent.htm>

### **Bake Sale or Benefit Dinner**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/cooking%20baking%20and%20culinary%20arts%20talent.htm>

### **Sports Team Benefit**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/sports%20teams%20talent.htm>

### **Hikeathon**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/hikeathon.htm>

### **Running & Marathons**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/running%20talent.htm>

### **Old Fashioned Social Demonstrations**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/social%20demonstrations.htm>

### **Film Ideas**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/film%20talent.htm>

### **Journalism**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/journalism%20talent.htm>

### **eBay Fundraisers**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/raising%20funds%20on%20ebay.htm>

### **Research Papers**

<http://www.jesuspolitik.com/research%20paper.htm>