

water advocates

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So NOW what do you do?

- Become water, sanitation and hygiene advocates: give a speech to your local Rotary/Kiwanis club, faith community, or school.
- Run in the Dow Live Earth Run for Water on April 18, 2010: <http://liveearth.org/en>
- Have your organization, company or group sign PATH's *Call to Action on Diarrheal Diseases*, an effort to raise the visibility of diarrhea and solutions to prevent and treat it: <http://www.eddcontrol.org/call-to-action.php>.
- Advocate within your own organizations, schools, companies and universities to incorporate water, sanitation and hygiene as a priority. Here is a sample lesson plan from Water.org: <http://water.org/lessonplan>.
- Learn more about the Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2009 (S.624 and H.R. 2030). Visit <http://www.one.org/us/waterfortheworld> and sign the petition.
- Become a Global Water Challenge "Water Warrior": <http://globalwaterchallenge.org/warriors/warriors-home.php>.
- Join Water For People's *World Water Corps*: <http://tinyurl.com/wfpwatercorps>.
- Attend *World Water Week* hosted in August each year in Stockholm: <http://www.worldwaterweek.org>.
- Urge your school, faith community, Scout troop or civic organization to sponsor a water and sanitation project. One idea: <http://www.h2oforliveschools.org>.
- Attend the *American Public Health Association's* annual meeting for 2009, entitled *Water and Public Health* (November 7-11, 2009, Philadelphia, <http://www.apha.org/meetings>).
- Track media coverage by setting a Google alert to water and sanitation. Follow <http://twitter.com/wateradvocates>.
- Write a *healthy check* to one or more of the nonprofit organizations on this partial list: <http://www.wateradvocates.org/donate.htm>.
- Write a letter to the editor or op-ed to your local newspaper outlining the vital linkages between water, sanitation and global public health, and encouraging that newspaper to cover this story.
- Track other legislation on Capitol Hill that complements the Water for the World Act and its goal to get safe drinking water and sanitation to 100 million people over the next six years (e.g. the Newborn, Child and Mother Survival Act (HR 1410) and the overall foreign assistance reform process).
- Urge the *Global Health Council* (<http://www.globalhealth.org>) to design its next annual conference around water, sanitation, handwashing and hygiene.
- Use *Water Advocates* as a resource for any/all of the above. Contact John Oldfield: joldfield@wateradvocates.org, 202-293-4049.

Water Advocates is a US-based nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing American support for worldwide access to safe, affordable, and sustainable drinking water and adequate sanitation.