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## United States Exits UNESCO What Can You Do?

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### Did you know that by the end of next year the United States plans to withdraw from UNESCO?

The United States helped to found UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific Cultural Organization) after World War II with a mission to promote global cooperation around the flow of ideas, information, and culture. Their Constitution states: "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed."

But how do you participate in building peace through the arts at a time when relationships are already strained between people who look different, love differently, and hold different cultural and faith traditions?

### How can you help?

At the core of **Silk Road Rising's mission** is the belief that **stories change hearts and change minds.**



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**Stories illustrate the bonds** that hold us together as humankind, and stories allow us to humanize peoples through the power of art.

By donating to Silk Road Rising, you can **help build those crucial bridges.** A gift to Silk Road Rising supports programs that serve to subvert the suspicion, mistrust, and "otherizing" that all-too-often arises between peoples.

**Your gift underwrites** such programs as our theatre-based works, our community engagement activities, and our in-school arts learning program for Chicago Public

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### Support Freedom of Expression, Creativity and Education!

A gift to Silk Road Rising helps ensure that UNESCO's key principles of **Fostering Freedom of Expression, Creativity, and Education** are here to stay.

**P.S.** Because we're a non-profit organization, your donation to Silk Road Rising is **tax deductible!**

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