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Episode 34 — Karen Robinson, Part Two

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| 0:00–02:20 | Introduction |
| 02:21–07:33 | Work as Director for Speak Truth to Power Program at RFKHR; successes and challenges faced while running the STTP program at RFKHR; inspiration for STTP program came from a book about human rights defenders, by Kerry Kennedy, president of RFKHR; Rana Hussaini from Leadership Council at Amnesty International and the development of a curriculum around the book, <i>Speak Truth to Power</i> ; defender stories and narratives as point of entry to learning about human rights; |
| 07:34–13:35 | Evolution of the STTP program including speaker series, summer institute, student programming, teacher trainings – with an emphasis in formal education; importance of teacher input into the program; importance of defender stories, storytelling, and narratives; success of integrating teacher and student voice and opinion into the programming; challenges faced regarding capacity and resources; alignment of program with social, emotional, and culturally responsive learning; the challenge of documenting impact. |
| 13:36–23:04 | RFKHR Video Contest; annual Tribeca Film Festival and the American Federation of Teachers; the link between art and human rights; video winners in James Madison High School in New York City; linkages from project into other classroom subject areas; playwright, Ariel Dorfman, and play, <i>Voices from Beyond the Dark</i> ; evolution of theater program at RFKHR using monologues; theater workshop program in Mexico; integration of local human rights organizations; pervasiveness of violence against certain communities and hope in the face of this persistent violence. |
| 23:05–25:08 | Work with ARTE (Art Resistance Through Education); importance of collective narrative; Howard Zinn; art facilitates the telling of stories; recent work in Mexico and Greece running the theater programs; human rights education and human rights work as fuel for our souls. |

- 25:09–27:54 Intersection of human rights and STEM areas; SDGs, human rights, and the sciences; integration of HR into Math, Stats, and Foreign Language courses.
- 27:55–29:14 Closing Remarks
- Tags: Speak Truth to Power Program; Kerry Kennedy; Amnesty International; defenderstories; storytelling; narratives; social and emotional learning; culturally responsive learning; documenting impact; Tribeca Film Festival; American Federation of Teachers; James Madison High School; Ariel Dorfman; theater, the arts, and HRE; Howard Zinn; ARTE; STEM and HRE.