Recommended Computer Games
that are fun, engaging, foster social skills…

*Games Exploring Justice and Peace Themes

FoodForce – teaches about hunger and the global food situation by placing you in charge of an emergency food mission. Developed by the UN’s World Food Programme: www.food-force.com

Real Lives – interactive sim brings to life different cultures, political systems, economic opportunity, personal decisions, family and health issues, jobs, schools, religions, geography, war, peace, and more: www.educationsimulations.com

Darfur is Dying – this refugee camp simulation offers a glimpse of what it is like for 2.5 million people who have been internally displaced by the crisis in the Sudan: www.darfurisdying.com

A Force More Powerful – strategy game of nonviolent movements struggling for freedom and rights against dictators & occupiers: www.aforcemorepowerful.org

NationStates – build and run a nation, making decisions about power, equality, etc: www.nationstates.net

PeaceMaker – a simulation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: www.peacemakergame.com

Virtual Peace – http://www.virtualpeace.org


Peace Corps game – www.peacecorps.gov/wws/educators/enrichment/wanzuzu

*Game Collections include Global Arcade: www.globalarcade.org/games; Social action games: www.supersmartgames.com/blogcategory/63; 36 games to change the world: www.missiontolearn.com/blog/2008/04/learning-games-for-change

Cause-related online games: http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org

**Computer Games Recommended by MediaWise

E-rated games:

All Star Cheer Squad
Animal Crossing: City Folk
Hasbro Family Game Night
High School Musical 3
LittleBigPlane
Nancy Drew…Castle Mallo

T-rated games:

Guitar Hero World Tour
Rock Band 2

Rock Revolution
Shaun White Snowboarding

Sources, Further Information

*Big Picture Small World – offers annotated peace game list (the key source for sections 1-2 above), and extensive lists of games relating to conflict, politics, environment, climate, energy, food, etc. www.bigpicturesmallworld.com

**National Institute for Media and the Family – free ‘MediaWise’ guides on everything from YouTube and MySpace to online gaming and video game addiction; their ‘MediaWise Video Game Guide’ is the source of the E- and T-rated game list above; recent versions of the guide offer helpful paragraph-long annotations: www.medialit.org


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