

#RecessReachOut

Make 2014 a social summer

Q & A

3 questions you might have – and answers!

1. **You may be thinking about all the things you don't know about Twitter (what it is, how to tweet, why it's so cool).**

Twitter is a social media platform, used by 255 million people just like you. It's easy to set up an account and get tweeting, so if you don't have an account, [create one here](#). The cool thing about Twitter is that it grants you access to people you might never be able to reach otherwise! It's a great way to start a conversation or make a connection.

Don't think you'll get an answer? Think again – and more importantly, try it!

2. **Why would I do this? What could this achieve?**

You might do this because it's something new to try. You might do this because you want to do something that matters this summer. But we suspect that the real reason you'll do this is because you care about the 30 million men, women, and children in our world currently



Proof that Twitter can help you connect with your members of Congress:

At the 2014 Advocacy Summit, advocates met with Representative Jim McGovern of Massachusetts. Before the meeting, an advocate tweeted the Congressman a picture of them holding a sign they had made, asking for his support on the issue of ending slavery.

When we contacted the office to ask if we could bring a photographer, we were told, "Only if you bring the sign that you tweeted to the Congressman yesterday!"

As the advocates got up to leave, the Congressman said, **"Wait! Did you bring your sign? I made one, too."**

living in slavery. This is a chance to use your influence and your voice on their behalf. Building a relationship (or starting one!) with your members of Congress gives you access to the halls of power and the important decisions being made there.

3. Do members of Congress care what I have to say?

You might be surprised, but members of Congress really do care about what you have to say – a lot! After all, your state/district chose them to represent you, so it is their job and their honor to listen to what the folks at home think. If you tell them that you care about ending modern day slavery, they will listen and take that into account.

Now that those questions have been answered, let's get going! **#ReachOutRecess** is all about using Twitter to connect with your members of Congress to tell them how much you and your friends care about ending slavery.