

## Biography

Jacqueline Murekatete is an internationally recognized genocide survivor and human rights activist. Born in Rwanda, Jacqueline was nine years old when she lost her parents, all six siblings and most of her extended family to the 1994 genocide.

Jacqueline was inspired to share her story of survival and hope for the first time in 2001 after listening to the story of the late Holocaust survivor David Gewirtzman, who became a dear friend and mentor. Since then, Jacqueline has delivered hundreds of genocide-prevention and human rights presentations at schools, NGO events and faith-based communities across the U.S and in Germany, Israel, Ireland, Bosnia, and Belgium. She has also addressed the UN General Assembly and regularly participates in high-level human rights conferences.

Jacqueline's work and story has been featured in The New York Times, Washington Post, Huffington Post, Jerusalem Post, Al Jazeera America, UN Africa Renewal Magazine, Newsday, Fast Company, People, Teen Vogue, NPR, Voice of America, CNN, PBS, NBC, ABC, MTV, and other media outlets worldwide.

For her work, Jacqueline has received a number of prestigious awards including: the Kay Family Award from the Anti-defamation League, the Global Peace and Tolerance Award from Friends of the United Nations; the Moral Courage Award from the American Jewish Committee, the Imbuto Foundation's Celebrating Young Rwandan Achievers Award from the First Lady of Rwanda, the Do Something Award from Do Something and the Ellis Island Medals of honor award from the National Ethnic Coalition, which put her name in the U.S Congressional record.

Jacqueline is the founder and president of *Genocide Survivors Foundation* (GSF), a New York based not-for-profit organization, which educates people about the crime of genocide and other forms of mass atrocity crimes and raises funds to support survivors in the areas of education, economic empowerment and social services.

Jacqueline has a B.A. in Politics from New York University and a J.D from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law