

Human Trafficking Activity Guide: Student Clubs

How can I use this guide? Human trafficking is combatted through education and the spread of factual information in all communities, and crucially, within student circles who can learn about and advocate for human trafficking prevention. LifeWay Network has created this guide to serve as a way for you to take action in your institution!

Who can use this kit: Clubs focused on issues such as human trafficking, gender equality, social justice, student governments, Fair Trade and beyond can use this as a guide for taking action.



What is the mission of LifeWay Network? LifeWay Network envisions a world in which human trafficking is abolished and every survivor is **strong**, **connected** and **free**. LifeWay Network joins the global movement against human trafficking by providing safe housing for women who have been trafficked and offering education about trafficking to the general public, including **schools**.







Images of Lifeway's safe house and garden



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You too can make a difference through spreading awareness and participating in an anti-human trafficking student club.

Hold an Education Session! Educate your peers on what human trafficking is! One option is to book an external trainer; for instance, you can book a speaking engagement with LifeWay here. The second option — you and your members can also facilitate a human trafficking presentation. Begin the meeting with an introduction to human trafficking to help club members understand the basics of this crime. Other areas you may want to cover: What is the federal definition of human trafficking? What are the indicators? Learn how to identify signs and how to report cases of human trafficking. What does it look like for your community? You can use existing resources such The Department of Homeland Security's "What is Human Trafficking?" page, or Polaris' indicators, and do some research about organizations in your community/state and relevant news. You can devote some time to exploring case studies (survivor stories, instances in various industries, domestic vs. national).

RESOURCES

- a. Request a training with LifeWay: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kT8In-I6T0xAv743aLsgz8fh5ai15e08gsZ3X 8QsgOc/edit
- b. You can order "Blue Campaign Materials," The Blue Campaign human trafficking indicator cards pictured here.
- c. The Human Trafficking Hotline is a wonderful resource to contact if you or anyone suspects a case of human trafficking: 1-888-373-7888 or text BEFREE to 23373.

Trafficking vs. Smuggling

Human Trafficking is defined as: sex trafficking in which a commercial

- sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- . the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Human Smuggling is defined as the importation of people into the United States involving deliberate evasion of immigration laws. This offense includes bringing illegal aliens into the United States as well as the unlawful transportation and harboring of aliens already in the United States.



- Smuggling is transportation-based Trafficking is exploitation-based



1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423) www.dhs.gov/humantrafficking



Spread the word about human trafficking! Raising awareness in your school community and beyond is how we can take initiative.

- Hand out information in pamphlet form around your school
- Host a table in your school with human trafficking information
- Write an article for your school newspaper
- Develop a schoolwide campaign for social media or place posters around the school
- Draft a group letter to a politician/lawmaker advocating for laws affecting human trafficking
- Send a schoolwide email

Organize a fundraiser for an anti-human trafficking organization.

EXAMPLE EVENTS:

- Bake sales
- Student art sales
- Setting a schoolwide fundraising goal to encourage the community
- Facebook birthday fundraisers

Slavery Footprint Activity: Want to know how labor trafficking affects our lives? Dedicate a session to finding out how human trafficking impacts your daily life. Ensure folks have devices, such as cell phones and laptops, to take the interactive

quiz. Note that the site sometimes gets finicky, so a laptop is advisable. At the end folks can share how many slaves work for them. **RESOURCE:** http://slaveryfootprint.org





Start a Fair Trade Campaign: Reflect upon how human trafficking is present in products you buy. As a club, research companies to support those that are

certified Fair Trade. You can learn more about the intersection of Fair Trade and labor trafficking here. Your club can learn about Fair Trade and do a scavenger hunt around campus to see whether any of the shops offer Fair Trade products (for example the vending machines, bookshops, cafes). Your club can also start a Fair Trade



campaign: fairtradecampaigns.org.

Host a film screening: Organize meetings dedicated to watching documentaries on human trafficking. One summer, LifeWay hosted a film screening of *13* to highlight the intersection of race and state imposed on trafficking. Read more here.

EXAMPLES:

- Not My Life: Documentary showing human trafficking around the world
- The Dark Side of Chocolate
- Rotten: Netflix series focused on showing different industries and their use of human trafficking
- Children for Sale: CNN documentary that raises awareness about human trafficking in the US/ how the American justice system treats victims



Host a walk against human trafficking in your community:

- A. Apply to host a walk through A21's Walk For Freedom Campaign. Register for a Walk For Freedom <u>here</u>.
- B. With the help of school administrators, create your own walk against human trafficking where:
 - a. Members of your school community pay for tickets to the walk
 - b. Profits go to an anti-trafficking organization of your choice



ask me why

I'm BLUE
today.

It's Wear Blue Day
for Human Trafficking
Awareness
January 11

#WearBlueDay in January! On January 11th, the Blue Campaign holds an initiative to raise awareness about human trafficking via wearing blue! Wear blue in your club, take photos for social media, and spread the word to the rest of your community via social media, in school posters in or presentations.

Play the game <u>ACT!</u> A human trafficking awareness game developed by The Lifeboat

Project, ACT! is available for download in the Apple App Store and on Google Play, or you can play on ACT!'s website. Each member can download this game on their personal device and play during club time to test their knowledge and intuition about human trafficking.



Human Trafficking Crossword Puzzle! Have the club test their knowledge about human trafficking by using <u>LifeWay's human trafficking crossword puzzle</u> and go over the answers with the provided answer key.

Seeking more opportunities to be a part of the movement? Go to https://lifewaynetwork.org/get-involved/join-our-team/ to check out the volunteer opportunities with LifeWay Network.