

Group Activities

Why

It is important to collaborate, pool skills and talents, and work with like-minded people in groups and communities to raise awareness and bring about positive change.

How

Here are some suggestions for activities that can be carried out by any group of committed individuals, including youth, the general public, and professionals.

What might help you and your community get informed? Check out the following suggestions and resources:

1. Complete OCTIP's Online Training, *Human Trafficking – Canada is Not Immune*, as a group.

- The human trafficking indicators, case studies, and quizzes can be reviewed together as a group and used as the basis for a discussion about human trafficking. Activity Sheets are also available for your use. <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/octiptraining/index.html>

TAKING ACTION: Grade 11 Students Raise Funds to Fight Human Trafficking

In March 2012, 25 committed Grade 11 students at Walnut Grove Secondary in Langley, BC, who were part of “The Value of Life” campaign, decided to organize a community fundraiser event based on the power of dance fitness. The students sold tickets to community members at a price of \$10 per ticket to take part in the dance, and at the same time, learn about modern day slavery. Funds raised from the event were donated to the International Justice Mission, an international organization based in Canada doing work on human trafficking both locally and overseas.

<http://www.langleyadvance.com/community/zumba-fundraiser-1.476593>

2. Review the simple PowerPoint on human trafficking in the “Get Informed” section of this Toolkit.

- Deliver this [PowerPoint](#) presentation to a group, such as a church group, school group, study group or a group of work colleagues. Anyone who has completed OCTIP's online training course on human trafficking could deliver this PowerPoint to others in the community who wish to take action. The presentation can be followed by a discussion of key learning points.

3. Organize a Poster Campaign

- Choose an existing poster, or design a new one on human trafficking. Make a list and a map of places where posters could go in your community. You can order the [posters](#) in the [Resources](#) section of this Toolkit.

4. Hold a Movie/ Video Night

- Choose a movie(s)/video(s) on human trafficking and exploitation awareness and invite community members to watch these together and discuss. (See Resources and the OCTIP Online Training Resources Section at <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/octiptraining/resources/web.html>).



How

5. **Organize a Reading and Discussion or Activity Group**
 - Choose a reading focused on human trafficking issues, and ask all the group members to highlight and discuss important points they have learned. There are book suggestions listed in the [Resources](#) area of this Toolkit.
6. **Conduct a Story-Telling Circle**
 - Hold a circle with members of the community to explore issues of concern through stories. Care should be taken to make the space respectful and confidential. Include support people in the discussions, as they may trigger emotional responses in some people.
7. **Fundraise**
 - Gather a group of interested and committed people together to organize a fundraiser to raise money for an anti-trafficking organization in your area or community.
8. **Engage with Social Media**
 - Social media can promote discussion, collaboration, sharing of information, news, and related videos and photos.
 - Create an online blog or community forum space for community members to discuss new ways to build awareness and share activities to address this issue.
9. **Start a school club dedicated to taking action to combat human trafficking**
 - Schools, colleges, and universities in your community can also take group action. Students can start school clubs to raise awareness about the issues of human trafficking and exploitation within the community. Educators can include human trafficking in their lessons, host a symposium about the issue, or actively research and publish articles about the issue.



What

Use the following resources for engaging groups in your community.

- **OCTIP's Activity Sheet: Services for Trafficked Persons in my Community**
(from the *Human Trafficking: Canada is Not Immune* online training)
<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/octiptraining/media/pdf/HT%20Activity%20Sheet.pdf>
- **Restoring the Honouring Circle: Taking a Stand against Sexual Exploitation: An information, prevention, and capacity building manual for rural communities in British Columbia**
Examples of group activities can be found on Pgs. 82, 85-86, 102, 110-112, 114, 116-118
<http://www.jibc.ca/sites/default/files/research/pdf/Restoring-Honouring-Circle-Manual.pdf>

What

- **Human Trafficking Awareness Posters**
You can order these posters online.
Visit the [Resources](#) section of this Toolkit.

Also, look at the **Community Action Stories** in this Toolkit to see what has been done to address this issue!

Reflecting

1. What group activity could be initiated within your community to raise awareness about human trafficking and exploitation? Get Creative!
2. What existing initiatives and activities could you join and contribute your time and efforts to?
3. Are there ways to help bridge diverse groups in your communities, for example, Aboriginal communities, culturally ethnic minorities, LGBTQ community, youth, and/or experiential youth, to raise awareness about human trafficking and exploitation?
4. Are survivors of human trafficking from diverse groups included and supported to be leaders on this issue in your community?