

# Human Trafficking Education: The Key to Making Change

## EDUCATE KIDS

ON THE REALITIES  
OF HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING

### THE ISSUE AND LOCAL CONTEXT INDIGENOUS FEMALES

4% of the Canadian female population are Indigenous yet make up 51% of those trafficked

#### MINORS

68%-72% of those trafficked in Ontario are under 25 and minors, the median age is 12-13 years old

#### LGBT2Q+

LGBT2Q+ individuals are at a higher risk of being trafficked than anyone else

#### FEMALES

The vast majority of human trafficking victims are women (95%) and 75% were women under the age of 25

#### OFFENDERS

Most offenders in these incidents were male (81%) and two thirds (66%) of those accused were young men aged 18 to 34

There are certain groups in Ontario and specifically London that are especially vulnerable to human trafficking.

## Analyzing the Lack of **Awareness and Education** Surrounding Human Trafficking

The city of London needs to take a more active role in bringing **awareness to human trafficking** with a sharper focus on educating younger audiences. The stats can change with **help from our youth.**

### Description:

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labour or commercial sex act.

IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE  
NO MATTER RACE, AGE OR GENDER



### Policy Options

#### Existing Human Trafficking Awareness Tools:

##### Locally

- London Police Human Trafficking Unit
- Atlohsa See Me Tour

##### Globally

- 31:8 Project in Bismarck, North Dakota

### My Policy Recommendation:

The city of London must support the development, implementation and evaluation of:

1. Specific educational programs that raise awareness among children and adolescents of human trafficking and the myths associated.
2. Looking to local organizations for support and engagement.
3. Furthering awareness and education through promoting and encouraging the use of the engagement model.

### Benefits:

- ❖ Mobilize young voices to target people in government to take broader action
- ❖ Educating younger generations on the realities of human trafficking will reduce the number of future victims
- ❖ Encourages young people to become active participants in the fight against human trafficking

