

Dayton as a Human Rights City in the Future

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What is a Human Rights City?

- ▶ Municipality that refers to the UDHR and other human rights standards
- ▶ Enacts these standards in their law, practice, and programs/policies
- ▶ City that has an interest in protecting its citizens through human rights protections

SDG 16.2- End exploitation, Trafficking, and all Violence Against Mankind

- ▶ Ties directly to human trafficking in all forms
- ▶ Ties directly to abuse in all forms
- ▶ Aims to end all violence set forth by humans against humans

Connection to Dayton

▶ Challenges

- ▶ Dayton is a hub for trafficking, especially during large events such as March Madness
- ▶ Online sites allow abusers/traffickers to easily track and discuss their target
- ▶ Prostitution is prevalent in Dayton and can lead to trafficking

▶ Opportunities

- ▶ Abolition Ohio, an awareness raising group, is based in Dayton
- ▶ A large portion of the community is dedicated and trained to spot trafficking
- ▶ Many resources such as group homes for healing are available

Connection to International HR Treaties

- ▶ Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
 - ▶ Article 6- Suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women
- ▶ Convention on the Rights of the Child
 - ▶ Article 35- Take measures to prevent abduction of, sale, or traffic in children for any purpose

Ideas for Advocacy Campaign

- ▶ Get a motivated group consisting of victims (if willing) and non-victims
- ▶ Educate the community through group presentations
- ▶ Band together to report, be on the lookout, and assist with resources for victims
- ▶ Create a non-profit aimed at reducing, supporting, and dispensing resources for those in need

Through my research I have learned...

- ▶ Specific goals and targets are tied directly to Dayton
- ▶ Micro and macro level that SDG's apply to
- ▶ How to connect specific SDG's and targets to HR treaties the US has ratified
- ▶ Compiling methods by bringing many skill sets together into one work

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