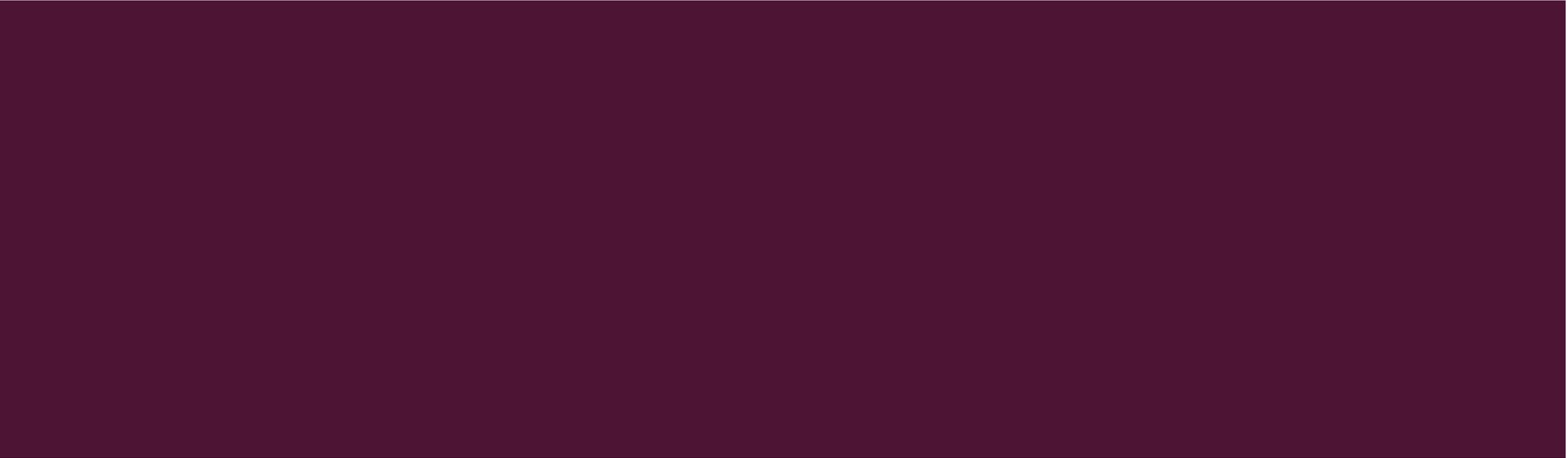# HUMAN RIGHTS CITIES, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS, AND DAYTON

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HUMAN RIGHTS CITIES

- Municipality that refers explicitly to the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** and **other international Human Rights standards** and/or law in their policies, statements, and programs

    - Other international human rights standards and/or laws refer to human rights treatises and standards agreed upon by the United Nations (ex: Sustainable development Goals)

- Reflects efforts of activist groups to improve respect for human rights principles by governments and other powerful actors who operate at local/community levels

- Emphasizes economic, social, and cultural rights as they affect the lives of residents of cities and other communities, and their ability to enjoy civil and political human rights

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)

- Implementing these goals within Dayton is a step that can be taken to become a Human rights City

- Developed by the United Nations after the Millennium Development Goals, to complete what they did not achieve

- Plan of action for people, the planet, and for prosperity
  - Includes 17 goals and 169 targets

- Seeks to strengthen universal peace

- Three main dimensions
  - Economic
  - Social
  - Environment

SDG 16

Targets

- **16.1** Significantly reduce all forms of VIOLENCE and related death rates everywhere

- **16.5** Substantially reduce CORRUPTION and bribery in all its forms

- **16.6** Develop EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE, AND TRANSPARENT INSTITUTIONS at all levels

- **16.7** Ensure RESPONSIVE, INCLUSIVE, PARTICIPATORY AND REPRESENTATIVE DECISION-MAKING at all levels

- **16.10** Ensure public ACCESS TO INFORMATION and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements

SDG 16 IN DAYTON

Why does SDG16 matters in local governments?

- Calls on local governments to become more effective and accountable to citizens.

  - By tackling corruption and increasing the public's access to information.

  - Expansion of new forms of participatory decision-making, such as participatory budgeting and planning

  - Reduce violence in urban areas, as a vital step in the quest for global peace and security.

Builds on the on the following programs:

- Welcoming Dayton -Immigrant Friendly City

- Human Relations Council

- Daybreak, etc.

Calls for action that ensures equality, such as

- Reducing violence

- Adoption of more equitable voting access/methods

SDGS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

The SDGs can often be connected to other international human rights and laws

- The Danish Institute for Human Rights: is a resource that allows those connection to be readily made

- In this case SDG 16 reflect many of the rights that are recognized within the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which is one of the 6 international treatise the United States has signed

    - "World leaders came together to make this historic agreement making a promise to every child that they will do everything they can to protect and fulfill their rights."

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

Informational Webinars and Online videos

- Led by students and professors, such as Dr. Talbot

- For community members, congregations, activist groups, and city officials throughout Dayton

  - Allow the community to give their feedback and slowly begin to make connections throughout the community

- Will address the information covered within this PowerPoint

  - What is a Human Rights City?

  - What are the SDG's?

  - How do these goals align with the Dayton community?

  - Time for Q&A

REFLECTION

- As a Human Right Studies Major being able to conduct this research has not only allowed me to know more about the SDGs and Human Rights Cities, its has also been a good learning experience on how the local and international communities can work together effectively to achieve goals

- I have also been able to learn more about the amazing work that is taking place throughout the Dayton Community, especially in regards to just and equitable methods used to assure that more and more underrepresented communities are being included

- Finally, this research has given an idea on how hard it can be to start an advocacy campaign

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