

Sustainable  
Development  
Goal 4: Quality  
Education & Dayton

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# What is a Human Rights City?

A Human Rights City is a 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.



## HUMAN RIGHTS CITIES



## AND THE SDGs

# Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all potential.



# SDG 4 Targets connected to Dayton

- **4.1: Ensure all girls and boys complete free, equitable primary & secondary education**
  - Challenges: Dayton Public Schools earned an overall 'D' on their 2018-2019 School Report Card, however Oakwood earned an overall 'A'.
  - Opportunities: DPS earned a 'C' in gap closing, which shows the school system is working to become a high-performing school system
- **4.4: Relevant skills for employment**
  - Challenges: Ohio remains below average nationally in the percentage of residents age 25-64 who have a college degree or industry certification.
  - Opportunities: Sinclair now offers an emergency grant program of up to \$500 to make sure a car repair or unexpected expense doesn't cause someone to walk away.

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- **4.a: Build and upgrade education facilities**

- Challenges: Dayton's school board approved a complex legal document triggering \$30 million in borrowing for renovations and improvements to Dayton school buildings, but lacks a detailed list of what projects are needed at each of the schools.
- Opportunities: Sinclair Entrepreneur Center in The Hub at the Dayton Arcade to help teach aspiring and existing entrepreneurs. Joining the University of Dayton and The Entrepreneurs Center at the Hub will expose Sinclair students to entrepreneurial opportunities and support services to enhance Sinclair's academic programs

# Quality Education as a Human Rights Issue

Article 26 of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* states, “Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages... Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.



# Advocacy Campaign

Learn to Earn Dayton is dedicated to fostering the success of all Montgomery County children from birth until they graduate from college or earn a high quality credential.

Learn to Earn Dayton biggest goal is for 60% by 2025. 60% of working-age adults will have a 2-year or 4-year college degree or a high-quality credential. Through their approach to achieve this goal will really help Dayton with the SDG Quality Education.



# Reflection

Studying Human Rights as it relates specifically to Dayton, and what can be done to make Dayton a Human Rights City has allowed me to learn more about Dayton. This course has allowed me to reflect on my hometown & own experiences as it relates to the SDGs.

As a person who has had a good quality education and having family members who did not, I understand the importance of having a quality education regardless of location, class, race, etc. It's good to see that there are actions being taken to improve the education system in Dayton.

