

UNANIMA International presents a...



Workshop on Stopping the Demand for Trafficking in Women and Children

Friday, 28 May – Sunday, 30 May 2010
Passionist Spiritual Center, New York City

UNANIMA International believes in preventing human trafficking by eliminating *demand*.

In the case of women and children, the most demanded form of human trafficking is sex trafficking. Over 80% of trafficked women and children are sexually exploited. Demand, however, does not simply begin with the desires of the “consumers” of sex trafficking. It begins with the commodification and exploitation of women and some men everywhere: advertisements, internet, television shows, etc. The extent to which the demand for sex has been normalized and is even increasing in our societies is shown clearly in the socio-cultural, economic, and political connections between pornography, prostitution, and sex trafficking.

Consider *John’s story* and how his sexual behavior drives human trafficking.

John was ten when he saw his first erotic film with some buddies at summer camp. One look was enough. Now at thirty, single and successfully-employed, John has been watching pornography for two-thirds of his life and has cultivated a taste for the rough and dirty. When free internet clips fail to whet his appetite, John doesn’t hesitate to pony up cash toward his particular interests, nor does he think twice about the women on his computer screen. Whether they scream in pleasure or pain, it makes no difference to him so long as he gets what he wants. Sometimes, when virtual satisfaction isn’t enough, John makes trips to Las Vegas with his boys for some real action. John can only think about how much money he can save when work takes him overseas...

Our **Workshop on Stopping the Demand for Trafficking in Women and Children** aims to educate and empower young people to develop a *global campaign* that will end the demand for sex trafficking.

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Overview

Who am I?

UNANIMA International seeks 28-30 individuals **between the ages of 18 and 25** from the English-speaking world who seek an end to human slavery and affirm that pornography, prostitution, and sex trafficking are acts of violence against women.

What will I do?

Through dialogue, interaction and collaboration, we will...

- Understand demand as a universal, primary driver of sex trafficking
- Recognize the various socio-cultural, economic, and political factors that legitimate and contribute to the increase of demand for sex trafficking in society
- Build a framework for communicating demand as a fundamental issue when advocating against sex trafficking
- Stimulate ideas for generating awareness of and action against demand

Why should I come?

Our workshop provides as an exciting opportunity for new and old activists alike to learn, speak, and act for a just world. From panel discussions to group brainstorming, we hope that participants will make new friends and mobilize their ideas into collective action.

Our workshop is free. All participants are entitled to room and board, transportation (all air, train, and bus fares), and any visa expenses (if applicable) that are related to the workshop. Souvenirs, sightseeing, extended stays (other than a UNANIMA-planned UN experience, and other personal expenses will not be covered.

How can I apply?

1. Fill out the following application form.
2. If necessary, attach your signed letter of permission.
3. Complete the personal statement (page 4).
4. Send us your completed application form, letter of permission (if applicable), and personal statement via email (workshop@unanima-international.org) or mail –

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Applications will be considered on a *rolling-basis* until **5 March 2010**. Accepted applicants will be notified via email by **19 March 2010** with further details, including travel arrangements.

Please feel free to email (workshop@unanima-international.org) or call (1-212-370-0075) us if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Workshop on Stopping the Demand for Trafficking in Women and Children *Application Form*

Please read through the previous page carefully for qualifications and submission instructions.

Full Name	Sex (M/F)	Date of Birth (DD-MM-YY)*

* **If you are under 21**, please list your parent or guardian's full name, relationship to you, home address, telephone number, and email address in the field below, and include a **signed letter** from this person granting you permission to attend *UNANIMA International's Workshop on Stopping the Demand for Trafficking in Women and Children in New York, NY, USA, 28-30 May 2010*.

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Home Address

Country

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Email Address

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Telephone Number

Mobile/Home/Office

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Highest grade level completed in school:

If you have/are attending a university, please indicate which one:

Area(s) of concentration:

If you have been/are currently employed, please indicate in what field:

Position

Full-Time/Part-Time

Position	Full-Time/Part-Time
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If you are fluent in any languages other than English, please indicate which ones:

Please list any social networking tools that you use (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.):

Are you currently involved in working against human trafficking?

If yes, please indicate how:

Are you interested in attending a United Nations experience in New York City?

If yes, please indicate your time preference (prior to/afterwards) as well:

Please list two references outside of your family, their relationship to you, and their telephone number or email address. If possible, one of these references should be personal and the other professional.

Personal Statement:

Please include *one* of the following with this application form –

- (a) A short essay (no more than 300 words)
- (b) A short video (no longer than 5 minutes)
- (c) A cartoon strip (no more than 7 frames)
- (d) A song (no longer than 3 minutes)

In your personal statement, please introduce yourself and what stopping the demand for human trafficking means to you. Also describe what you can bring to this workshop, and what you hope to take away from it. Lastly, please include one idea that you think would be effective for spreading the message among your peers.

You may choose to send your personal statement materials over the internet or by mail. Feel free to use platforms like YouTube (video), deviantART (art), or MySpace (music) to share your work with us. We would prefer if you sent all your application materials the same way.

Please indicate how you will be sending your personal statement and/or provide any necessary information (e.g. URLs):

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Conclusion: By signing this document, I hereby submit these materials to UNANIMA International for review and consideration. Additionally, I commit to being available 28-30 May 2010 to attend the Workshop on Stopping the Demand for Sex Trafficking in New York City if accepted.

Signature of Applicant

Date