

# STARTING A ONECHILD ONE VOICE CHAPTER

Do your friends and/or classmates share your passion for action against child sex slavery? Do you live outside of Canada and the US and want to bring the movement to your country? If the answer is yes to either, then why not join together to form your own OneChild One Voice Chapter? This is your chance to unite together and stand up on behalf of vulnerable and exploited children. Your group can be formed at your school or in your community, and we'll be there to help you every step of the way. Just follow these easy steps:

## STEP 1: REGISTER YOUR GROUP ON THE ONECHILD WEBSITE

Head to <http://www.onechild.ca/whatwillyoudo/startachapter.php> and fill out the form to register your group!



## STEP 2: UNCOVER THE TRUTH

Easy there, McSpeedy. Concrete action can only be taken once we've learned the facts about the child sex trade. Get your group members to start checking out The Truth section of the OneChild website. A great idea is for each of you to take notes and share them with the group at your first meeting.

## STEP 3: PLAN AND HOLD YOUR FIRST MEETING

You've registered. You know the facts. Now, it's time to get together for your first group meeting. Find a time that everyone can get together. This can be at school, at your local community centre, or at home. Make sure that you have an adult's consent and permission beforehand.

## HOT TIPS

- ! Remind everyone of the meeting the day before it's to be held.
- ! Come up with a list of rules and guidelines for the group concerning attendance at meetings, group participation, voting methods, etc.
- ! It's important to hold regular meetings, so work as a group and try to come up with days and times for your meetings. Make sure everyone agrees and is happy with the decision.
- ! At the first meeting, come up with a sample agenda that can be changed and used for each meeting. (See template at the back of this guide)
- ! Work together to determine individual roles and tasks to be carried out within the group. Discuss each group member's interests and skills, and try to find roles within the group to match these.

So, to break it down, here are some ideas of roles to be filled in your groups:

1. Host (in charge of reading the agenda and addressing issues to group)

2. **Time Keeper** (makes sure meetings are kept within established time frame, and gives 'host' regular times checks to ensure time for all items on the agenda)

3. **Note Taker** (makes sure all points discussed are written down, as well as names of those in attendance, and topics of interest for next meeting. Notes should be brought to each meeting for reference.)

4. **Communications Coordinator** (keeps up-to-date records of group members contact information, and inform everyone about group meetings times, and announcements via email or phone.



## STEP 4: TAKE ACTION

You've had your first meeting, and it's now your second. Now's the time to decide: what will you do? There are plenty of ideas for getting involved and getting your OneChild OneVoice chapter out there!

You can...

- ◇ **Join Break the Chains!** Sign up here [www.onechild.ca/whatwillyoudo/breakthechains](http://www.onechild.ca/whatwillyoudo/breakthechains)
- ◇ **Give a speech in your school or in your community.** Check out our public speaking guide, **Speak Out! Beating Child Sex Slavery with the Power of Your Voice!**
- ◇ **Host an awareness-raising event or fundraiser in your school or community.** Check out **Stir it Up! 50 Awareness and FUNdraising Ideas that Kick Child Sex Slavery Butt**
- ◇ **Participate in an official OneChild advocacy campaign**



Have another idea? Let us know....creativity is encouraged and applauded!

## Step 5: HAVE FUN!

Social activism requires dedication, passion and yes, work.... but above all we want you to have FUN!!! So celebrate your hard work and plan to do something fun and social after your meetings or gatherings. Ideas include going for pizza, watching a movie, doing something outdoors, holding a potluck... or anything fun you can think of! Just make sure that it's safe, fair, and accessible to all members.

## Represent OneChild around the world!

At OneChild, we want everyone to have the opportunity to get involved, including our international friends! Geographical boundaries shouldn't stop you.

We welcome you to use all of the resources on our website, and participate in all of our campaigns. Just like your North American friends, the World Shakers Coordinator will work with you to spread awareness about OneChild in your home country, and help you to find and support organizations doing great work combating the child sex trade in your own backyard!



# Questions & Answers

## Q: Who is there to support me from OneChild?

**A:** The entire OneChild team is behind you every step of the way! You can contact the World Shakers Coordinator at any time with questions or concerns...we are always here for you! Email us at: [worldshakers@onechild.ca](mailto:worldshakers@onechild.ca)

## Q: Can I participate in advocacy work in the name of OneChild?

**A:** While we appreciate your enthusiasm to get out there and help, advocacy can involve influencing decisions regarding political and governmental policies. Unfortunately, you are not able to do this on your own while using OneChild's name. However, you can sign up for our mailing list, and we can let you know about any upcoming official OneChild advocacy campaigns that you can get involved with! <http://www.onechild.ca/newsite2/index.php>

## Q: How can I keep OneChild up to date on what I have been doing?

**A:** We would love to hear about your progress, and about all of the exciting social action you are taking. Send us your stories, photos...anything that can help us see and appreciate the great work you are doing on behalf of OneChild! We would love to profile on the website and in the media, so please keep sending us updates!

## Q: Where do I send my fundraised dollars?

**A:** You can send the funds directly to OneChild:  
**OneChild Network and Support Inc.**  
 20 Apple Creek Blvd., Unit A1 Suite 124  
 Markham, Ontario  
 Canada  
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**\*\*If you require a tax receipt for amounts over \$10.00, please address a cheque to Free the Children, include "OneChild Network and Support" in the memo line, and mail it to our P.O. Box at:**

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## Agenda for OneChild One Voice Group

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: Meeting to be held at \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm  
Approximate Length of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

### List of Tasks

1. Icebreakers & welcoming of new members to group
2. Announcements and/or updates since last meeting (open discussion for everyone in the group)
3. Review of previous meeting topics and discussions
4. Overview of this meeting: topics and concerns
  - issue #1: (state what it is...)
  - issue #2: (state what it is...)
  - issue #3: (state what it is...)
5. Open floor- questions and discussion among group members relating to new topic information
6. Review/Summary of meeting
7. Discussion and confirmation of next meeting. Create tentative agenda together for the next meeting!
8. Adjournment of meeting. (Closure)

Remember, in order for real change to occur, we have to work together as a team. Let's use our **power** and **strength** in numbers to say 'NO' to the commercial sexual exploitation of children around the globe!

In Solidarity,  
The OneChild Team.



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