

STUDENTS OPPOSING SLAVERY

Inspired by History

Students Opposing Slavery (SOS) is a program of President Lincoln's Cottage, a historic site and museum in Washington, D.C. For more than a quarter of his presidency, Abraham Lincoln lived here and made some of the most critical decisions of his presidency – including the development of the Emancipation Proclamation. President Lincoln's Cottage works to preserve this place to connect people to the true spirit of the Lincolns, build empathy, and inspire them to act upon their own ideas for social justice. We believe the world still needs a Home for Brave Ideas, and our commitment is to be that place.

Student-Driven

SOS was conceived of in December 2011 by four teenagers who believed that they had a responsibility to do what they could to end slavery in their time. Cottage staff were fortunate to work with the fledgling group early on as they developed the idea for the international summit. In 2013, the founders asked President Lincoln's Cottage to assume leadership of SOS as the program's permanent home. Under the auspices of President Lincoln's Cottage, SOS has flourished.

A Growing Network

SOS connects young people from DC and around the world to give them the resources they need to continue Lincoln's fight for freedom in their communities. Our annual International Summit and ongoing mentorship from our team support participants and connect them with leading anti-human trafficking organizations, including survivors, to bolster their efforts. Participants develop plans for their home communities, build a network of activists to collaborate with, and gain presentation and advocacy skills.

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SOS has served...

over
200
students

from
24
countries



“If you come with no experience, you will learn a lot. If you're already an expert, you will still learn a lot and also reach more people by sharing your perspectives.” - Rhiannon

Awards



**Presidential Award for
Extraordinary Efforts to
Combat Trafficking in Persons**



American Alliance of Museum's
Award for Excellence



American Association for State
and Local History's Leadership in
History Award

SOS PARTICIPANTS CHANGE THE WORLD

New Careers

Jessica became a neuroscientist focused on trauma in the brain and **Courtney** went for a PhD in forensic psychology so that they could direct their careers towards assisting survivors. **Beatrice** created her own program of study in museums and social justice inspired by her experience in the program.

Responsible Consumers

Laurel, after attending the Summit, created a holiday gifting guide for her community which highlighted responsibly sourced products, local businesses, and non-commercial gift options that would not rely on or contribute to trafficked labor.

Hotline Awareness

Multiple participants who attended the Summit and went to school together at **Alexandria City High School** spearheaded the effort to get the National Human Trafficking Hotline number printed on the back of all student and staff ID cards, to ensure wider access to help.

International Connections

Su Shern leveraged her work at the Summit into the process of founding Project Liber8, which works to combat trafficking in Malaysia. **Ishaan** and **Alex** collaborated with SOS as part of their work with The Youth For Freedom Collective in the United Kingdom.



“The connections I made and the stories I heard will follow me throughout my life and hopefully help me make a bigger impact on the world.” – Nora

Previous partners and speakers include:

