



SCHOOL FOR JUSTICE

EDUCATE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW
CHANGE THE SYSTEM TODAY



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The School for Justice is a unique and innovative educational program, empowering survivors of sexual exploitation to join the fight and change the system from within. The students enrolled in the program are trained to become the best lawyers, paralegals, police officers, social workers, and journalists in their country, influencing governments and communities while building a world where sexual exploitation of children is no longer a threat.

2 MILLION CHILDREN WORLDWIDE

The scale of sexual exploitation of children is unimaginable. Two million children, mainly girls, are victims of sexual exploitation (SEC) every year. Free a Girl works hard to rescue these girls, but the offenders are rarely punished, and the system that allows girls to become victims in the first place needs to be shaken up and turned upside down. We need a system in which exploiters don't stand a chance.

CHANGE FROM WITHIN

In many countries where Free a Girl is active, insufficient national and local support from stakeholders (government, communities, educational institutions) to eliminate SEC makes changing the system an enormous uphill battle. Empowering victims to take matters into their own hands is a powerful and impactful way to continue a more sustainable and effective fight. Survivors often receive insufficient support to truly rehabilitate: School for Justice offers both educational and mental support to help them succeed. Survivors have unique insights and can level with their peers, uniquely motivated to stop SEC all over the world. Giving these survivors a platform to become change agents allows them to take back their future, fight impunity and share their stories, creating a ripple effect of change.

'As an innovative model of social inclusion, the Special Rapporteur has been impressed by the work carried out by the Free a Girl NGO, in the context of the School for Justice project implemented in India and Nepal.'- Report to the UN Human Rights Council by the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, Dr. Maria Grazia Giammarinar.



'I fight for women's rights'

Sinaj, graduate School for Justice India

'I had a happy childhood, and always dreamed of studying. I was 17 when I graduated high school and applied to study law, but I wasn't making enough money. One day, someone offered me a government job. It looked legitimate, he showed me photos of a large, fully furnished office. But when I got there, it was only a hallway with lots of doors. When he showed me my room with just a mattress on the floor, I knew something was wrong. They locked me up; it wasn't an office at all, it was a brothel. Several men forced me to have sex with them every day. My dad got worried and reported me missing, but the police officer told the brothel owner and he forced me to marry him. He couldn't be arrested for sexual exploitation if I was his wife. When my dad didn't hear anything from me, he contacted Free a Girl. The brothel owner told them I married him willingly. The only way out was to file charges. The brothel owner was arrested, but it was my word against his with no hard evidence. He divorced me after the trial, and I was finally able to leave the dirty brothel. I was a wreck, mentally and physically, and Free a Girl offered counseling. I heard about School for Justice. I always wanted to study law and was even more motivated now. I wanted nothing more than to see every criminal, human trafficker and exploiter behind bars.'

I finished my studies and now work as a lawyer for women whose rights are being violated. Not just sexual exploitation, but also rape and domestic violence. I know what the courts can be like, the confrontation with your exploiter, the humiliation, the threats and the intimidation. That must change. I want to protect survivors and make sure they know their rights. I want to fight impunity; perpetrators deserve to be behind bars. My biggest dream is to become a judge.'

'I was a poor farmer's daughter'

Januka, graduate School for Justice Nepal

'I spent my childhood in an orphanage where I had to do chores and was beaten and punished often. After five years I returned to my parents. I was a poor farmer's daughter, we had no money. When I was 15, I started working as a maid in a hotel in Pokhara. They told us that our job was to have sex with the customers. I had no choice; I couldn't go back to my parents since I left without their consent. I worked there for two years until the police came and closed the hotel. I struggled finding a job in Pokhara and Kathmandu. A friend brought me to Free a Girl and I got the chance to join the School for Justice paralegal training. I am now working as a paralegal in Bhaktapur's municipality's police station.'

LEADING EXAMPLES

We have students in India, Nepal and Brazil who work on their traumas, are able to see themselves as victims of their situation and have turned the table to become change agents by speaking about their experiences. By becoming leading examples for other girls, our students change perspectives, norms and values. The direct impact on their lives is fundamental, and the ripple effect of the program fundamentally changes the society they live in.

In 2019, School for Justice won the prestigious Mother Theresa Award for Social Justice. Previous winners include the Dalai Lama and Malala Yousafzai.

Deepika helps children at risk of human trafficking

Deepika (21) student School for Justice India

Deepika is a vulnerable girl at high risk of being trafficked when she is referred to School for Justice by a partner organization. She wants to be a social worker and enrolls in the one-year paraprofessional social work course. At the School for Justice, Deepika grows from a shy, insecure girl into a strong and empowered woman. Our team helps her look and prepare for a job, and she finds one at a large NGO. She now helps identify children who ran away from home or are at risk of human trafficking and has rescued 24 children so far. Once shy, Deepika now radiates confidence, communicating freely with the public and other NGOs as well as the police. She intercepts children and provides them with awareness training on human trafficking. Her dream is to complete her social work studies and graduate.



SUPPORT SCHOOL FOR JUSTICE

Every victim deserves justice. Every girl deserves to see their exploiter behind bars. To pick up the pieces and build a future, conquer her trauma, and make a difference. That's why Free a Girl plans to expand the School for Justice program. Opening a new School for Justice requires making a five-year commitment, meaning ongoing financial support is crucial to the success of the program.

By supporting the School for Justice, you support future lawyers, politicians, and community leaders in their fight against the sexual exploitation of children. With your help, we can empower young girls and women to become change agents and change the system for good.

Will you join the fight?

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