

Here's my brief report on the results of the All Hands In breakout at the 10/29/11 trafficking conference.

The breakout/Community Action Plan for All Hands In featured panelists Barbara Anderson (All Hands In); Liam Lowney, Massachusetts Attorney General; and Anaide Nahikian (Harvard School of Public Health, Project on Humanitarian Response to Human Trafficking).

A spirited discussion involving panelists and the audience resulted in several ideas for action, including:

- Letters to the editor
- Speaking at town committee
- Connecting with PTO and the school committee to request that curriculum includes HT
- Contact legal advocates with the League of Women Voters
- Get more women's voices in government

Part of our discussion included identifying what is needed to start a safe house in Arlington. When people ask what we can do, the response is to give of your treasure, time and/or talent. Key is recognizing that we all have something to offer.

Our discussion also included ideas about prevention, including mentoring programs for young people, especially self esteem for young women, so they won't be so easily lured away, and awareness in young men, to decrease the chance that they will become customers.

Thank you to everyone for engaging so fully in this session.

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