

How do you keep up with what's important to you? Whether you want to know the latest news, the status of the stock market, or discover a good cause to get behind, I'll wager you go to the Internet. Well, so do I!

Now take a minute to imagine a time when news traveled not at the speed of light but rather by oxcart or pony express. When people gathered not in chat rooms but in town squares to talk about the news of the day and kept the same conversations going in the local pub or at the weekly market.

While everyone had an opinion (or two or three), they shared a common context and language for dealing with important subjects that affected them all.

And this is exactly the kind of environment that ArtWorks for Freedom is creating in its two upcoming awareness campaigns, first in Easton, Maryland, September 8 - October 1, and then in our own Nation's Capital beginning October 5!

By steeping a community in a common set of images and stories, using all forms of arts, and by encouraging community conversations in public spaces, ArtWorks for Freedom creates an environment where people learn about human trafficking by participating in a variety of arts experiences together - and then work together to end modern day slavery one community at a time.

Take a look below at our Easton Campaign kicking off in just a few weeks! And remember to keep an eye out for our DC Campaign! We look forward to seeing you!

Michele Clark, Executive Director

[ArtWorks for Freedom](#)

ArtWorks for Freedom | Easton! Kick-Off September 8!

During the month of September, ArtWorks for Freedom is joining forces with a committee of friends, activists, art enthusiasts and community members to host a series of multi media indoor and outdoor art exhibits addressing human trafficking. Please join us for this month-long campaign to raise awareness of modern day slavery and challenge public indifference through the arts .

Mark your calendars for these special events and join us!

- Opening Reception @ The Waterfowl Building
September 8th, 5-7 PM
RSVP
- Waterfowl Building Exhibits
September 8 – October 1
FREE
- Fiber Art Exhibit @ the Talbot County Free Library
September 8 – October 1
FREE
- Film Screening of “Food Chains” @ Academy Art Museum
September 13, 5:30 PM w/ discussion
- Film Screening of “The True Cost” @ Eastern Shore Conservation Center
September 21, 5:30 w/ discussion
- Panel Discussion @ Talbot County Free Library
In conjunction w/ Frederick Douglass Honor Society & Frederick Douglass Day
September 23, TBA
- Film Screening of “I Am Jane Doe” @ Easton Premier Theater/Tred Avon Squares
September 28, 7 PM

VISIT OUR CAMPAIGN WEBSITE

Volunteer Spotlight:

Jack Devine, Artists Circle Fine Art

Jack Devine sees gold in what many see as trash. Lucky for ArtWorks, we are putting this gold to work for our Golden Doors to Freedom project and the ArtWorks for Freedom | Easton campaign! As an artist consultant and principal of [Artists Circle Fine Art](#), Devine and his team help businesses find art solutions for their offices, including placing, framing and installing fine art in business spaces.

A long-time friend of ArtWorks and board member of our Picturing Freedom partner VisArts Center in Rockville, Maryland, Devine generously donated five of his personally collected vintage doors to our Golden Doors to Freedom project. Additionally, Artists Circle Fine Art has volunteered to transport and install our outdoor exhibits and murals during our Easton and ACTION DC! fall campaigns.

Devine's experience with art consulting has proved the power that art has to address difficult subjects and challenge people to understanding something they otherwise may have avoided.

"I put artwork in front of people for a living, and I know how it can be a thing to break the ice and stimulate conversation. Because human trafficking is a little bit of a hard thing to talk about or get in the details of - channeling it through art softens the edge and helps get people involved or enthused to address it," he said.

We are grateful for Jack's contribution to our projects and upcoming campaigns which will reach thousands across the Eastern Shore, Maryland and Washington, D.C. areas throughout the fall!

Get Involved!

Have you wanted to get involved with ArtWorks for Freedom as a volunteer? Now is a great time! We need volunteers to help us prepare for our fall campaigns and provide support during our events.

[Email Us](#) to learn how you can get involved today!

NEWS & EVENTS

Picturing Freedom National Poster Competition Jurors Announced! Deadline September 8!

ArtWorks for Freedom brings artists together to use their talents to end human trafficking. This summer we are thrilled to launch “**PICTURING FREEDOM**,” a national poster design competition to raise awareness of human trafficking.

Five champions of art and human rights will judge the competition, including:

- Alonzo Davis - Artist, Teacher, Galleries and Community Organizer
- Caroline Diemar - National Hotlines Director, Polaris
- Shamere McKenzie - Anti-Trafficking Programs Director, Salvation Army | CEO, Sungate Foundation
- Carol Smolenski - Executive Director, ECPAT-USA
- Kate Somers - Curator and independent fine arts consultant

We are seeking submissions from professional and student artists, illustrators and graphic designers to create interpretations of human trafficking and the myriad issues related to its proliferation.

Contestants may submit up to 3 designs and deadline for submissions is **September 8, 2017**. One grand prize winner will receive \$1,000 with additional professional and student prizes to be awarded.

[Visit our Website for more details and link to our VisArts submission portal online.](#)

Questions? [Contact Us!](#)

Coming in October!
ArtWorks for Freedom | ACTION DC!
October 5 - November 10

ArtWorks for Freedom is taking over Washington, D.C.! Artists, arts organizations, service providers, universities, the diplomatic community, local government and advocacy organizations are coming together to amplify our collective voices during: "ArtWorks for Freedom | Action DC!"

Major events will take place all throughout the Washington, D.C., metro area, including:

- Premier performance of "Strong in the Broken Places," a new dance by four award-winning local choreographers at Dance Place
- Art exhibits at George Washington University, the Watergate Gallery, The EU Delegation to the US Gallery, and VisArts Concourse Gallery in Rockville, Md.
- Photographic installation in Dupont Circle
- Spoken word performances at Busboys and Poets
- Plus film screenings, panel discussions and additional art installations to come!

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