## Empowering Youth to Take the Lead

ECPAT-USA has started to undertake a project that is aimed at preventing youth from falling victim to the heinous crime of child sex trafficking by educating youth and communities about the issue and empowering youth to use their voice and knowledge-with the help of our Toolkit- to educate and empower others about the issue. We developed this toolkit with three ideas in mind: Prevention, Education, and Empowerment.



The Toolkit includes the following:

- Training sessions on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Child Sex Trafficking
- Comprehensive step-by-step process for developing a Youth Committee at your school
- Sample Training on how to utilize the Anti-Trafficking Activist Toolkit
- Activities designed to help explain child trafficking in the United States
- Tools and ideas on how to engage your community on the issue

We have piloted our Toolkit in several middle schools and high schools in the NYC Metro Area and have received responses from the students, such as:

"This toolkit helped me understand that this [trafficking] can happen anywhere-even close to home."

"I didn't know that there are millions of people trapped worldwide in human trafficking, and that human trafficking occurs on the internet and outside." –Middle School students from M.S. 302

Keep an eye out in the future for our e-learning toolkit available for teachers and students!

For more information about our Youth Toolkit- please contact us at <u>info@ecpatusa.org</u> or 718-935-9192