



CHILD LABOR

IT'S WRONG, IT'S CRUEL AND ITS HAPPENING

A child is meant to learn, not to earn.

~Unknown

When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.

~Malala Yousafzai

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

~Mahatma Gandhi

Life of little ones are destroyed, when Child Labor is employed.

~Unknown

REMEMBER YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE SO STAND AGAINST CHILD LABOR!!!

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Author's Preface

Child Labor means young kids working for very long hours in dangerous conditions without getting paid. It's a shame that it still exists. Most companies/brands that use Child Labor are okay with it because they do not have to pay the children a lot of money. I personally hate Child Labor because the children should be out playing with other kids and living their lives, not in factories making stuff for us. We don't realize that when our stuff says made in a certain place it's usually made by children. Child labour is more common in poorer countries, so they can take advantage of the children instead of using adults to build stuff.

I wanna try to do something to stop Child Labor and here I am writing this zine to raise awareness about Child Labor and hopefully as people read this, they will know/ understand that Child Labor is a very painful thing for younger kids. I believe that Child Labor should be stopped as soon as possible because those kids deserve to learn not to make stuff we own. I want people/companies/brands to understand that Child Labor is NOT the solution to get cheap goods.

**CHILD LABOR IS UNACCEPTABLE
AND SHOULD BE STOPPED!!!!**

About Gowreesha Bahorun

Gowreesha Bahorun who is known as and prefers to be called Eesha, is a 15 year old girl, in grade 10 at Dartmouth High School. She is currently living in Dartmouth, NS, with her parents and younger brother, Harsh. She was born in a small island called Mauritius but around the age of 5, she moved to Dublin with her family. After spending 2 wonderful years in Dublin, she moved back to Mauritius. Then, after spending 5 years in Mauritius, she moved to Newfoundland where she lived for 2 years. Her family along with herself then moved to Dartmouth, NS, where she's currently living.



Eesha plans on finishing high school at Dartmouth High and then moving to Montreal to complete her French studies. Eesha really loves soccer and is a diehard fan of Liverpool Football Club and also supports the Brazil National Football Team during the World Cup or International Break. Eesha also loves doing volunteer jobs. She volunteers at the Dartmouth North Food Center and also volunteered at The Alderney Landing Fear The Darkness (Haunted House).

Personal Narrative

Last year, in October 2017, I attended a youth conference/concert called YC, with a group of my friends. It is a 3-day conference/concert (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). Before I went to this event I knew a bit about Child Labor. So on the Saturday, for a good 30 mins a group of people talked about Child Labor. The speech really touched my heart and they also gave everyone an orange hand band which had “No Child For Sale” written on it. Ever since that day I wore it and till this day I still wear it. And the day I wore it, I made a little promise to myself that I will never take it off until Child Labor is over or unless it breaks (which I pray it doesn't).

And this year, which is 2018, in June when I wrote my grade 9 English final exam, there was a picture of a child working meaning it was about Child Labor and I had to write an essay based on the picture. And as I wrote my essay, I remembered the little promise I made to myself. I believe that one day Child Labor won't exist and I also believe together we can make a difference.



Child Labor in the 21st century!?!?

Some little bodied souls
Rising before the sun
Tears in their eyes, terrified faces
Rough hands, and shattered dreams

Has all school disappeared?
So much to learn
And so much to accomplish
But the opportunity was snatched from them

Wow! We have entered the 21st century
Yet there's little bodied souls,
Touching hammers and rags,
Doing works they shouldn't be doing

Put those smiles back on their faces,
The ones they used to have
Before being forced to do these torturing jobs

Give them their childhood back
The one that was stolen from them
At a very young age

Fight for a cause
Raise your voices

STOP CHILD LABOR!!!

9 Shocking, Interesting, Surprising Facts About Child Labor:

1. The numbers are insane. Over 200 million children around the world are involved in child labor.
2. The work is dangerous. About 129 million of the 200 million child laborers do work that is considered incredibly hazardous.
3. Most aren't paid. Only one in five child laborers gets paid for their hard work but the ones that get paid, get paid very little.
4. Canada has joined the fight against Child Labor.
5. The world is committed to ending Child Labor by 2025.
6. Children living in more rural areas begin working as young as the age of 5.
7. The highest numbers of Child Labor are in Asia and the Pacific, where over 122 million children are forced to work.
8. Much of Indonesia's tobacco is produced by thousands of children as young as 8. Tobacco cultivation is extremely labor intensive and children are often subjected to serious health risks including nicotine poisoning.
9. A couple of famous companies/brands that still use Child Labor are:
 - ~Chocolate/Food companies: Nestle, Hershey, Mars, Kraft, Kit-Kat, Crunch, Aero, Starbucks.
 - ~Fashion Brands: H&M, Forever 21, Nike, Urban Outfitters, Adidas, Victoria's Secret, Aeropostale.
 - ~Others: Walmart, Apple, Disney, Toys.R.Us

I did a Q&A with two different people, asking them the same questions but about different brands/companies.

*The two people are: Sarah
: Sheena*

*And the two different brands/ company are: Disney
: Nike*

1. What is child labor and what are your opinions on child labor?

Sarah: Child labor is when a business uses children illegally and barely pays them if at all for [the business's] own gain. I do not agree with child labor. There are lots of other ways businesses can save money without violating human rights.

Sheena: I believe Child Labor is illegal use of children in large industries or business, basically taking away their childhood and making them work in factories. I think that Child Labor is absolutely wrong, because children are meant to have a childhood — not work in big/small factories.

2. Why do you think child labor still exists?

Sarah: Child labor still exists because big companies would rather save a few bucks and not hire real workers. They would rather harm children just to help themselves, even though if none of these big brands used child labor they would still be multi-million or billion dollar companies.

Sheena: I'm not quite sure why Child Labor still exists, but it really should come to an end because taking a child's childhood to make money is sad.

3. Do you know that Disney/Nike uses child labor?

Sarah: No

Sheena: I think I was told before that Nike does use Child Labor, but I never really thought about it.

4. Now that you know that Disney/Nike uses child labor, how do you feel?

Sarah: Honestly I'm still going to love Disney because I always have and always will, but it's not a great feeling.

Sheena: Now that I know that the huge brand Nike uses Child Labor I think of it differently, and I don't know how to feel about the brand. They do have nice clothes, don't get me wrong, but it's absolutely disgusting that they use Child Labor.

5. Can you think of anything Disney/Nike can do to stop using child labor?

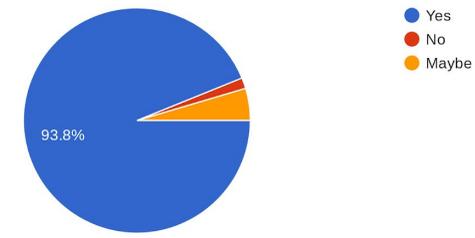
Sarah: There's tons of things they could do, but realistically nothing is going to change. They might just find better ways to hide it.

Sheena: Instead of taking away a child's childhood and using them to make clothes, shoes, etc., they should hire adult employees, or maybe even offer some of these homeless people without jobs a job at Nike.

I created a survey about Child Labor and shared it with a couple of people and 65 people did the survey. Just wanna say a huge thank you to everyone who did it. Here are the overall results of the survey for each question:

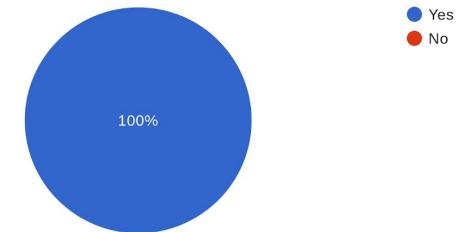
Do you know what Child Labour is?

65 responses



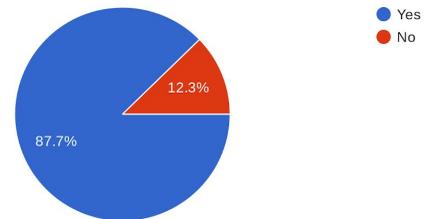
Does Child Labour still exist?

65 responses



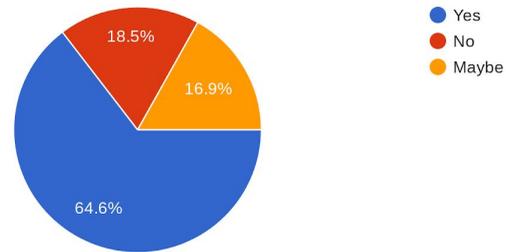
Would you do something to stop Child Labour?

65 responses



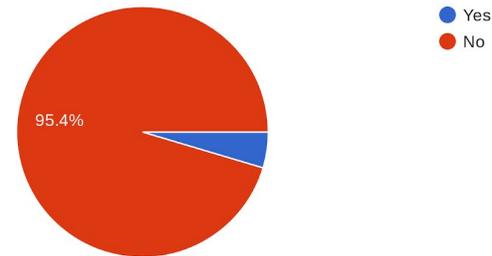
Do you know that what you're currently wearing or stuff you have, could've been made by young kids who should actually be in school studying?

65 responses



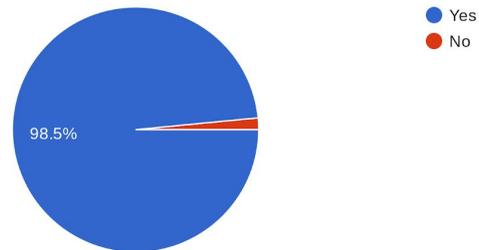
Do you think it's right that Child Labour still exist?

65 responses



If you had the power/ ability to stop Child Labour, would you stop it?

65 responses



WORD SEARCH

Child Labour

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TEARS

CHILDLABOUR
HARDWORK
ILLEGAL
LOST
POWER
STRUGGLES
TORTURE

CHILDREN
HEAVY
INJURIES
MONEY
REST
SWEAT

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON THIS!!!

Information Sources/ Some Interesting Articles You Can Read:

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