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Bullock Museum to host free virtual workshop on human trafficking awareness and prevention

Online event will provide resources and tools, followed by a discussion for educators

MARCH 9, 2021 (AUSTIN, TX) — The Bullock Texas State History Museum will host a virtual workshop in conjunction with its *Not Alone: Working Together in the Fight Against Human Trafficking* exhibition on Thursday, March 11 at 6 pm. The free Zoom event will introduce attendees to the reality of human trafficking and provide practical skills and tools to safeguard their communities.

"The Museum is in a unique position to increase awareness about a serious issue in our community. This event offers guidance from professionals in the field on steps that anyone can take in their daily lives to help end trafficking," said James McReynolds, Head of Public Programs at the Bullock Museum.

The online workshop will explore what trafficking is and who is at risk, dispel common myths, identify red flags and tactics traffickers use to groom and recruit children, and discuss practical steps adults and caregivers can take to address the issue.

Following the public workshop from 6 to 7 pm, educators are invited to a focused debrief until 7:30 pm with a Q&A and a chance to discuss and share experiences. The meeting will also provide educator resources and details about future workshops, and CPE credit is available for those who attend.

The Bullock Museum's *Not Alone* exhibition, on view now through May 30, 2021, is inspired by Governor Greg Abbott's initiative against human trafficking and seeks to prevent further exploitation of vulnerable individuals in the state. To create the exhibition, the Museum worked with task forces based in the governor's office, the McCain Institute, and Love146.

The virtual human trafficking awareness and prevention workshop is free and starts at 6 pm on Thursday, March 11. For more information and to RSVP, visit thestoryoftexas.com. Teachers interested in earning CPE credit should email education@thestoryoftexas.com. For more information about *Not Alone: Working Together in the Fight Against Human Trafficking*, visit thestoryoftexas.com/notalone.



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