



WHO WE ARE

Students Opposing Slavery is an award winning youth education and modern abolitionist program at President Lincoln's Cottage, a non-profit historic site and National Monument in Washington, DC, USA. While living at the Cottage, Abraham Lincoln led the nation through Civil War and developed the Emancipation Proclamation, major events on the road to abolition of legal slavery in the United States. We recognize that though slavery is now illegal, it persists in many forms globally. President Lincoln's Cottage is dedicated to planting the seeds of Lincoln's brave ideas around the world so that all people, everywhere, can be free.

HISTORY

SOS was conceived of in December 2011 by four teenagers who believed that they had a responsibility to do what they could to end slavery in their time. With the support of Dr. Jean Baderscheider, they visited NGOs and non-profits to learn how they could take action.

President Lincoln's Cottage was fortunate to work with the fledgling group early on and to participate in a pivotal trip to Thailand and Cambodia in 2013, to learn what international students and NGOs were doing in the fight against modern slavery. It was in Thailand that the idea of an international summit hosted at President Lincoln's Cottage was born.

In 2013, with high school graduation and the first International Summit on the horizon, the founders asked President Lincoln's Cottage to "assume leadership" of SOS as the program's permanent home. The first SOS International Summit took place that June. Under the auspices of President Lincoln's Cottage, SOS has flourished. Over 100 students have come together at the Cottage, committed to being "the Generation that says, 'Enough.'"

RECOGNITION

- **Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons** (2016)
- American Alliance of Museum's **EdCom Award for Excellence in Programming** (2016)
- American Association for State and Local History's **Leadership in History Award of Merit**. (2016)
- **CNN Freedom Project** and **Teen Vogue** coverage (2017)

FAST FACTS

- SOS conceived of in **2011**
- SOS Summit established in **2013**
- **136** students have attended the Summit to date
- Students have participated from **23 countries** around the world
- Our presenters have included experts from:
 - Polaris Project
 - Good Weave International
 - US Departments of Education and Health and Human Services
- Students stay involved and spread awareness in their communities by:
 - Starting local SOS chapters
 - School-wide assemblies
 - Film-screenings
 - Art installations
 - Clothing drives
 - Concerts



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