



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## *The Abolitionists* Documentary Screening

Join The HEART Initiative in the **Procrastinator Theater** at **6:30 pm on April 11** for *The Abolitionists*. After the film we will host a discussion about the **controversy** of creating new demand through rescue missions highlighted in the documentary. Also, female children are not the only survivors - people of **all genders** and **ages** are trafficked - and sex trafficking is just **one of many forms** of trafficking.



## Take Back the Night and MMIW

April is Sexual Assault Awareness [Month](#). This year's **Week of Action** is in collaboration with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) to **raise awareness** and **raise our voices against all violence** in our community. Visit the Take Back the Night 2018 [Facebook](#) page for more information. This is the schedule for **Thursday, April 5:**

- **9:00 am - 5 pm:** Art Display & FACES Project Gallery Opening in SUB Ballroom B
- **5:30 pm:** Survivor SpeakOut in MSU's SUB Ballroom B
- **7:00 pm:** Rally for MMIW in front of Montana Hall at MSU
- **7:30pm:** Take Back the Night March will depart from Montana Hall, heading North on 8th Street, ending at the Baxter Hotel
- **8:00pm:** Celebration at the Baxter Ballroom with DJ

## Sustainabilabash

On **Friday, April 21 from 11 am to 2 pm**, Sustainabilabash is happening on the mall to **celebrate Earth Day**. You will have the opportunity to learn about different organizations that participate in sustainability, outdoor recreation, and organizations that are environmental advocates. **The HEART**



## Join Us: Community Task Force

We are **collaborating** with **organizations** and **individuals** to form a Gallatin County Anti-Trafficking Task Force. Your skill and passion can help end trafficking in our community and beyond. **Email us** for more information and **to get involved**.

## Service Saturday

**April 7th** marks the next Service Saturday for MSU. Service Saturdays are designed to **foster relationships** between students and the community while working to **enhance** Bozeman. A few of April's **projects** include working with BridgerCare, the food bank, and Habitat for Humanity. **Join us** in volunteering!

## ASMSU Elections

The General Election for **Presidential** and **Senate candidates** opens April 10th and closes April 11th. Vote [here!](#) [Learn](#) about candidates and ASMSU.

## Organization Spotlight

[ArtWorks for Freedom](#): This organization applies the **power of art** to raising awareness and combating human trafficking. Through **partnerships** and **community-based projects**, they help launch powerful campaigns, like [this photography exhibit](#) in Washington, D.C. What will you do to **creatively** combat inequality and exploitation?



**Initiative** will be at Sustainabilabash! Stop by for information about sustainably and ethically sourced goods and more about how **human trafficking** relates to **sustainability**.

## PAST EVENTS

### This is Congo

The [Bozeman Doc Series](#) screened [This is Congo](#) on Sunday, March 4 at the **Emerson Center**. It showcased **Africa's longest ongoing conflict** and the **resilience** of the Congolese people.

### Sack Lunch Seminar

On Wednesday, March 7, a member of The HEART Initiative discussed **trafficking in India** and **women's rights** in a **global context**. Watch this [video](#) by KTVH News to learn more.



mascots, Standing Rock, MMWI, and more. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, **"Unity has never meant uniformity."** We value diversity, respect, and enjoying life.



**Thank you** to our sponsors for the crucial services they provide in our community and their continued insight and support to strengthen the fight against human trafficking.


Interested in becoming a sponsor or hosting a training? Email us at [theheartinitiative406@gmail.com](mailto:theheartinitiative406@gmail.com) to start the conversation.



## Connect:

### Human Trafficking + The College of Agriculture

By Tessa Sawyer

A **common myth** associated with human trafficking is that it involves only sexual exploitation. Trafficking is much more pervasive than that, however. **Public awareness** has been growing in recent years about how many areas of our **daily lives** are connected to **slavery**. 

**Forced laboring** in agriculture is gaining national attention. Within the last few years, industries such as **Malaysia's palm oil industry** have been exposed for their use of forced labor. Foreign nations are not the only ones who harbor slavery within their borders. Organizations dedicated to eradicating slavery have uncovered **forced labor in agricultural industries in the U.S.**

For decades, farms and fisheries were the **least regulated industries** in the nation and were even excluded from laws regarding minimum wage. Consumers are becoming more aware of the **supply chains** responsible for agricultural products they use and insisting on new legislation in the agricultural industry. With further **citizen advocacy**, real changes can be wrought in this system to end exploitation. For further reading, check out [this](#) piece by NPR.

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