

Concepts of Truth, Inc. NGO  
CSocD57 Side Event, 19 February, 2019  
9:45-11:00 AM. Conf. Rm 12 UNHQ  
***Social Protection Through Education: Sustaining Families in Holistic Health***

**Concept Note**

While social protection is designed to prevent poverty and support social inclusion, social policies must address such multidimensional forms of material and emotional poverty as limited access to education, vulnerability, isolation and emotional suffering. Concepts of Truth International (COTI) thus aims to educate the whole person to make healthy life choices, reduce vulnerability to sexual exploitation and unwanted pregnancies, and empower future generations to address the complex issues of inequality and social inclusion.

COTI's side event will feature a panel of passionate youth collaborating with experts to explore the means by which education supports social protection. The panel will encourage the need to sustain families in holistic health and specifically address the dangers of pornography and the resulting victimization of women through human trafficking, sexually transmitted diseases, forced abortion and sexual trauma. COTI will share its resources for compassionate and liberating counseling for women, men and children who have experienced reproductive loss or sexual trauma, who seek holistic health through the grieving process, and who attain healing, comfort, and peace as they teach others about holistic health, equality and social inclusion.

**SPEAKERS**



1. ***Social Protection through Education: Sustaining families in Holistic Health***  
Panelist: Peter Wolfe, age 17 lives in Pennsylvania and is a home school senior. He teaches religious education to 6<sup>th</sup> gr. students in his local parish, founded and ran a project to raise money for a hospital in Peru, is active in DFW speech and debate as a tournament champion, intern, and published author. He is also a published contributor to *Enter Stage Right*. This is his first year as a UN youth representative for COTI.  
Mentor: Josephine Tyne, B.A., J.D., UN Representative, Concepts of Truth International



2. ***Social Protection through Education of Youth***  
Panelist: Sofia Romeo, age 18 is a home school student from NJ. She has been involved in numerous COTI events and now works as the UN Activities Representative. She enjoys reading, writing, and playing with her dog.  
Mentor: Millie Lace, MSE, LPC, Founder Concepts of Truth International  
<https://www.conceptsoftruth.org>



3. ***Social Protection through Education in Reproductive Loss for Men and Women***

Panelist: Samantha Martinez, age 19 lives in NJ and is a home school alumni in her second year of college studying social work. This is her second year as a UN youth representative for COTI and she is excited to share her passion for enacting change in the world. She also loves music, spending time with her family, and cuddling with her dog.

Mentor: Jared Pingleton, Psy. D., Clinical Psychologist, Author, Speaker



4. ***Social Protection through Education in Sexual Trauma***

Panelist: Christine Bianca, age 18 attends Hawthorne Christian Academy in NJ. She has been involved in her school's student government as head chaplain and this is her first year as a UN youth representative for COTI. She enjoys running as well as reading at coffee shops.

Mentor: Cynthia Collins, Founder, Speak Hope, International Speaker, Writer & Advocate

<https://www.speakhope.net>



5. ***Spoken Word***

Nina Romeo, age 17 lives in NJ and is a home school student. She has been involved in speech competition, performance, and theater throughout high school. This is her first year as a UN youth representative for COTI and she hopes to continue using her performing arts passions to influence social change.



6. ***Spoken Word***

Michaela Greco, age 18 lives in NJ and is currently obtaining her TEFL certification.

This is her first year as a UN youth representative for COTI. She also teaches Spanish at the pre-school level, enjoys being a leader on her dance team, and looks forward to studying International Relations and Diplomacy in the fall.



7. ***Moderator***

Cayson Maino, age 16 is from Arkansas and in his Junior year of homeschooling. This is his first year as a UN youth representative for COTI. He is involved in youth ministry at Wynne Baptist Church and enjoys spending time reading, writing, and telling stories.