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Bio:

Valerie Ellery has dedicated 30 years to the field of education in various roles as a National Board Certified Teacher, Curriculum Specialist, Mentor/Coach, International Educational Consultant and Best-Selling Author. Her books *Creating Strategic Readers & Sustaining Strategic Readers* have been used internationally in classrooms and universities to inspire educators to motivate and engage today's whole learners. She has coauthored two secondary curriculums in the area of self-worth and human trafficking for *A21: Bodies Are Not Commodities* and *ShineHope*, impacting young adults in 37 Nations. In addition, she helped align a Primary Prevention Curriculum for Thailand and is working with South Africa to bring *Bodies Are Not Commodities* Curriculum to two million students. She is currently A21's Education Curriculum Specialist.

Title:

Bodies Are Not Commodities: A21 Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Educational Strategies

Abstract:

We are all the New Abolitionists. Our mission. Abolish slavery everywhere, forever. Slavery is the fastest growing organized crime in the world. It's real, hidden in plain sight, and tearing at the social fabric of every nation and economic structure. But that's why we exist— 21st century abolitionists determined to bring change. A21 Campaign is fueled by radical hope that human beings everywhere will be rescued from bondage and completely restored. We work with you to reach the vulnerable, free slaves, and disrupt the demand.

Education about human trafficking is key to ending slavery. We prevent slavery from ever happening by engaging people through events, student presentations, and education programs. We know when students are educated, they are empowered.

During the session, attendees will learn motivating and engaging prevention strategies and techniques that are age-appropriate, well-designed resources, that are immediately applicable for members of their community ages 12 and up. They will also learn how to bring awareness of the crafty and tricky methods that human traffickers use, identifying vulnerability traits, and actions to take when others are in danger.

It's vital that the younger generation is informed and equipped to combat human trafficking. A21 educational curriculum is designed for everyone who would like to share prevention and awareness strategies in their communities, schools, and/or churches to help eradicate slavery now. A21's Founder Christine Caine said, "When a lot of people do a little, it adds up and makes a difference." The time is now. Let's create history together.

Objectives:

- To explore ways to bring awareness and action against injustice to schools;
- To empower all with human trafficking prevention and awareness standards-based strategies;
- To ensure more participatory and sustainable solutions to injustice issues;
- To equip anti-trafficking advocates with pathways of engagement to be a part of the solution to end slavery;