The Rights of a Child Labourer

Do you ever think of a child labourers human rights? Do you ever wonder if they have the same freedom as you do? Did you know millions of children have their rights denied and are forced to work and go into slavery? Do you know how many kids will never have a childhood because their human rights are denied? This essay will discuss a child’s right to an education, a child’s right to play and have fun, and how we can raise awareness to the rights of a child labourer, Over 200 million child labourers (D’Adamo,V) have their rights denied , but we must raise awareness to this injustice in order to help them gain their freedom

The millions of child labourers in the world do not get the right to a good education. The United Nations Human Rights Articles says that, “You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can” ( children’s rights article, article 28). Many children live far away from teaching facilities, so instead of going to school, they work (free the children child labour article, page 4). In Iqbal the protagonist was sold to the carpet industry to buy medical care for his sick brother (D’Adamo,19). Every child’s education should help them develop and use their talents and skills (children’s rights, article 29). If the children are deprived of their education they lose a large part of their lives. We must raise awareness to this injustice so the children can gain a chance of survival in our harsh world.

We get the right to play everyday in our community but many child labourers do not even know the meaning of playing. Article number 31 in the UNICEF human rights article clearly states that, “You have the right to play and rest” (children’s rights, article 31). In our schools and at home we are constantly encouraged to play during breaks, in phys .ed classes and just enjoy ourselves, but many children, labourers or not, can not even afford to think of playing. In the novel Iqbal, when the children get to the bonded liberation front of Pakistan headquarters they have a day all to themselves so they are told to play. They children have forgotten how to play and enjoy themselves because they have never played any games in the years they were working so they felt awkward (D’Adamo, page87-88). It is terrible the children don’t even remember how to play but if we work as one we can overcome this obstacle and make the world a better place.

We need to come together as one to raise awareness to the lack of and denial of human rights of a child labourer. To help we can hold small fundraisers and donate the money earned to a worthy cause. There are also many websites on the internet like UNICEF and Free the Children that people can go to, to inform themselves about the many problems in our world. Many organizations have also started to make ads and commercials that you can see on television, the internet, and sometimes you can see some ads plastered to the side of a bus. We must raise awareness to this terrible act and return the voices of the silent ones.

We must raise awareness to the 200 million child labourers who are being silenced so we may bring them freedom and courage to fight. This essay has covered the topics the right to a good education, the right to play and have fun, and how we can raise awareness to the children’s rights. People young and old have been denied their rights and that is not right. Would you like it if that have happened to you? Would you like your rights taken away? We must come together as one and take action or their voices will be forever lost and the world will never be at peace.