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What made me really get involved with Halton Alive was my ignorance of the important issues of abortion and euthanasia. I have a good handful of Atheist friends who are pro-choice and I wanted to find better arguments to defend my case instead of just saying "well the bible says abortion is bad"... That's not a good enough argument, or at least not in this day and age. If I really wanted to stand up for what I believed in, I knew I needed to get well informed on the issue, so, I came to Halton Alive.



I took their 5 week course "Alive & Kicking 101" and I'm happy to say that I can now give a rational, reasonable argument as to why it's wrong to destroy a human life in the womb. I have found many opportunities to share my knowledge with friends in person, and online. Most of my conversations end on a good note, with each of us giving each other new information and greater understanding as to where our differences lie on the topic of abortion. Even with a controversial issue like this one, we're able to maintain respect. I'd like to thank Elea and the Halton Alive crew for equipping me with this powerful knowledge that I hope to spread around the world.

What motivates me to continue pro-life activism are the victims of abortion. I'm not only talking about the millions of murdered lives, I'm talking about the parents too. I have a friend who lost his fatherhood to abortion. He and the mother made a few mistakes one night and then they broke up for unexplained reasons. Around a year later she told him that she had gotten an abortion and that he was the father. I don't know what the outcome was after he had learned this but I know to this day he drinks every night, goes to parties, fools around with girls, has trouble sleeping at night, has depression etc. I never want abortion to affect one of my friends again like it did with him. I continue pro-life activism not only to make abortion and euthanasia illegal, but to make it unthinkable.