Traditional Filipino Folk dance in Modern Day Society

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Filipino Domestic Helpers in Hong Kong

5% of population are domestic helpers

Approximately 51% of domestic helpers from Philippines, 46% from Indonesia

“Workers are workers, not slaves”

UNDERPAID

MISTREATED

LONG HOURS

PHYSICAL ABUSE

How is Dance Relevant?

FIGHT ISSUES OF ISOLATION, OBJECTIFICATION, INVISIBILITY

EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL BENEFITS

IDENTITY/ CONNECTION TO HERITAGE

UNITING A COMMUNITY

PROTEST/ CULTURAL RESISTANCE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yypQDegFH9o&list=PLV0jLYEzH9RA7ab3elmnaipzJRiLhWYN&index=1
http://hongwrong.com/millions-migrants-mobilising/
How is traditional Filipino Folk dance significant to issues the modern day Filipino domestic helper faces in Hong Kong?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Di_snPqjxw
SYMBOLS IN FILIPINO DANCE

EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS

CHOREOGRAPHY

CULTURAL RESISTANCE
Methods

1. Read books and articles and watch live performances of Filipino folk dance to learn about the cultural and historical aspects of Filipino Folk dance
2. Take Filipino folk dance classes
3. Interview and observe Filipino domestic helpers in Hong Kong (2-3 weeks).
4. Reach out to Filipino domestic helper organizations, that put on performances: UNIFIL, Mindanao Workers’ Federation
5. Choreograph piece

Members of Mindanao HK Workers Federation performing a form of Filipino Folk Dance
References