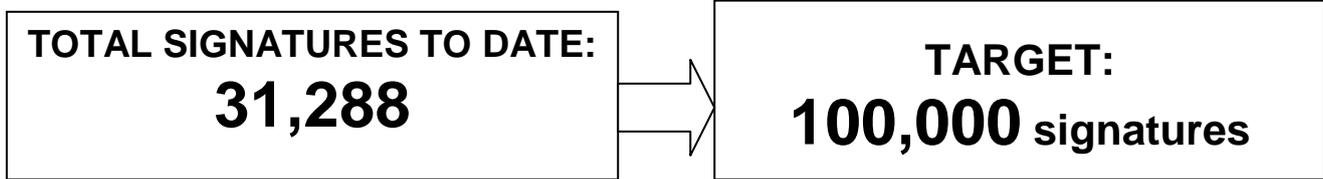


PROGRESS REPORT

Campaign to ban “sex for sale” adverts:



Over 31,000 signatures to date – can we get to 33,000 after International Women’s Day in March? We can if you can! Check out the Bar Chart to see the amazing UK coverage. Since our last Progress Report we have had signatures from SI clubs in Cwmbran, I Runcorn Frodsham & Dist, the Exeter area, Nantwich, Blackburn, Newtownards & District, Downpatrick, Wolverhampton and others - thank you all. If we’ve left you out of this list, we very much value your support – when you send in some more signatures please let us have the name of your club or organization, so we can say thank you.

International Women's Day

Use our free sample Resource Pack (inc pin badge)

to run an event to mark International Women’s Day around 9th March – raise awareness, give out our pin badges for a donation, and collect petition signatures. Just send your name and postal address to us at purple.teardrop@ntlworld.com for your free sample resource pack, containing 4 posters, 2 handouts, a pin badge, a Love Me/Love Me Not bookmark, a petition form, and an order form in case you need more resources.

Modern Slavery Bill

All clubs via their PAOs have received a copy of our [summative report](#) regarding the progress of the bill through Parliament, including a recommendation on how to proceed with our MPs.

“Not just balanced but a very positive explanation of where we are and where we are trying to get to” A compliment doesn’t get better than this! Caroline Aston from SI Burton on Trent, emailed a copy of the Report to the MP for South Derbyshire, Heather Wheeler, and forwarded Ms Wheeler’s very positive and motivational comment to us – thank you very much

In case Clubs in **Northern Ireland and Scotland** have not seen Jackie Paling’s report in January 2014 edition of PAM, here’s the extracted paragraph re the Bill reference NI and Scotland:
This draft Bill extends to work to England and Wales only. However a consultation exercise is to take place in Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Assembly will consider the most effective means of legislative provision. The Scottish Government intends to explore whether the Bill could be used in legislation there. Soroptimists in the UK may wish to urge their local MPs to support the Bill. For more info see: <http://www.humantraffickingfoundation.org/>

Billie Weallens (Regional PAO for Scotland North) has emailed us with further helpful info re Scottish legislation, when we asked whether we should send updates on the Bill to clubs in Scotland. She indicates that “there is no problem in sending info as there are certain reserved issues involved across the board like the border agency, advertising sex for sale and I think the transparency in supply chains. However, much of the legislation is devolved in Scotland ... and I will keep you posted as to developments after the consultation on the Holyrood Bill, which can be sourced on the Scottish Parliament website – thank you Billie

PTC Resources: Since January 2011, we’ve sold 7 CDs, 1400 pins, 777 leaflets and 5,000 posters to 45 organisations. Pretty impressive we think! Thanks to all clubs who make use of our resources to raise awareness and funds to support victims of trafficking.

FOR ACTION?

TEACHER RESOURCE PACK - HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Hazel Holmlund, NI Immediate Regional Past President, from SI Ballymena, in her capacity as Soroptimist representative on the Department of Justice's Engagement Group on Human Trafficking, has alerted us to their Resource Pack for Teachers on the issue of human Trafficking. The resource pack was developed by Freedom Acts on behalf of the NI Department of Justice and the Engagement Group on Human Trafficking and is approved by the Department of Education. Following the official launch in Stormont in August, Ballymena is the first district to support the initiative of bringing the Resource Pack to the attention of local schools.

The resource pack has been designed to equip teachers with a clear and comprehensive set of lessons that will help classes to explore and understand the challenging issue of human trafficking. It aims to support teachers to meet the Key Stage 4 statutory requirements for Local and Global Citizenship and the Local and Global Citizenship module for the GCSE qualification (CCEA). In particular, it covers the area of human rights and related issues. It includes guidelines for dealing with sensitive issues, teachers' notes and a wealth of materials covering a range of areas including Human Trafficking and Human Rights, Forced Labour, Domestic Servitude and forced Criminality.

The Teacher Resource Pack can be downloaded on [http://www.octf.gov.uk/Publications/Human-Trafficking---Teacher-s-Resource-Pack-\(1\).aspx](http://www.octf.gov.uk/Publications/Human-Trafficking---Teacher-s-Resource-Pack-(1).aspx). Susanne Bradley, from NI Organized Crime Branch, says they are happy for it to be shared beyond NI, but would be grateful for information on where and when it is used, for their own records. You can contact Susanne on **Susanne Bradley** | Organised Crime Branch | Protection and Organised Crime Division | DoJ

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We think that all clubs could draw the attention of this pack to their local secondary schools and colleges, in particular to the PSHE co-ordinator, and we would be glad to hear of any club who has been successful in doing this, so that we can get a picture of how widely it is being disseminated through Soroptimist efforts.

Many thanks to Hazel and SI Ballymena for drawing our attention to this very useful resource. Are there any other teacher resources on human trafficking out there? Please let us know if you have come across one that is used in schools and colleges so we can share this information also.

**LET'S DO IT – some women just can't say no
– they need us to speak out**

SOROPTIMISTS WORKING TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Cathy Grove, PAO for SI Stafford, sent this report on their Black History showcase event, where they made good use of the PTC free sample resource pack:

SI Wales South was well represented at the Black History Month showcase event in Cardiff's Millennium Centre on 19th October 2013. We put together new display material, including resources from the Purple Teardrop Campaign, and our stand was manned by members from Tenby, Swansea and Cardiff Clubs. Cathy said: We were able to introduce Soroptimism and to highlight our campaigns such as modern day slavery, trafficking, violence against women and the BIG project, as well as showing members from across the region taking part in fundraising and lobbying activities. The Purple Teardrop Campaign petition gathered two pages of signatures and there were a number of enquiries about our work and about possible membership.

Pictured (from right): SI members from Cardiff (Cathy Grove), Tenby (Anne Kelly) and Swansea (Anthea Symonds), with visitors to the SI Wales South stand signing the PTC petition at the Black History Month showcase event in the Cardiff Millennium Centre, October 2013.



Wanda Wright from SI Medway Towns has been working hard raising awareness of trafficking at a local level – something we can all do if we support each other to get into action. Wanda writes:

Re Police - I think we may be getting somewhere regarding training locally - our local police are now organizing training for some local hotels (Travelodge's nationwide monthly training programme this month is on Human Trafficking) . I've suggested to them that we could contact other hotels and encourage them to have training. This all started because three girls made themselves known to reception staff at a local hotel and reported that they had been trafficked.

To be honest I think it was my meeting with the police officers the day after that and my suggestion that the staff have training that started it all. They did admit that they get so bogged down with the day to day dealing with present problems that they never get the chance to step back and see the big picture. I'll soon be meeting again with local police and also a DCI from Special Branch Investigations who has special interest in Trafficking so I'll bring up the subject of training police officers.

I've now got permission from Medway Council Licensing Office for taxis to display the STT stickers. They are being very helpful - they'll distribute our letter of explanation and the stickers to the taxi offices and actively encourage them to display the stickers. They'll also get their Enforcement Officers to carry some with them when they go out on visits.

My brief conversation with the DCI brought up the subject of landlords being informed - we'll talk about that at our next meeting and I'll let you know what his suggestions are.

And finally, we love this:

Business of the House (9 Jan 2014)

<http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2014-01-09a.449.0&s=speaker%3A11915#q454.1>

Fiona Mactaggart: International Women's Day is on 8 March. At a time when the women of the world do two thirds of the world's work and earn only 10% of its income, when rape is used daily as a weapon of war and when the Prime Minister admits that he has failed to reach his target for promoting women to the Cabinet, may we have a debate in Government time on international women's day?

"the measure of a woman is what she does with power on behalf of other women" - Kay Koplovitz