



PURPLE TEARDROP CAMPAIGN

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Anti Slavery Day 2013 newsletter

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October 18th is the annual Anti Slavery Day in the United Kingdom. Up and down the country a great deal of events will mark the day and draw attention to human trafficking, which is modern day slavery. This newsletter highlights some of the many happenings to watch out for and get involved in. Some are running in conjunction with the Purple Teardrop Campaign, others by other groups involved in the fight against modern day slavery.

But first an article written by Councillor Judy Butts, to show the level of concern about modern day slavery and support within the Borough of Poole for our campaign against it. Poole Soroptimists have been working hard on our behalf with the council to achieve this outcome. We now have councils in different parts of England and Scotland who are backing our campaign and displaying posters in their toilets. Could you take the initiative in your area to approach your council and make the same thing happen?

Support from Borough of Poole

Borough of Poole has pledged its support for the Purple Teardrop Campaign, and accepted in July a proposal to raise awareness of the initiative by fixing posters to the backs of ladies' toilet doors across the borough.

We are focusing on public toilets because this is one of very few places where trafficked women can be alone. However, we recognise the need to spread the message as widely as possible and, as such, are looking at children's centres, community centres, libraries and other council-owned buildings as potential locations for publicity. We will also encourage private companies in Poole to get involved and spread the message of this campaign.

We have agreed to incorporate human trafficking into our wider strategy to tackle violence against women and girls and we will actively look for opportunities to raise awareness of the issue wherever possible.

It is incredibly difficult to reach the victims of human trafficking, many of whom are kept away from the rest of society and have only a basic understanding of English. This is why the work of the Purple Teardrop Campaign is so important. The campaign has made huge inroads into the public's awareness of this problem, and continues to fight on behalf of those women trapped in modern day slavery. I have attended several awareness-raising events and have seen first hand the important work being carried out day in, day out to tackle this hideous crime.

I want to use this opportunity to thank Soroptimist International for the work they put in to raise awareness of trafficking, and to assure the campaign's supporters that I and my fellow councillors are fully behind this campaign.

Councillor Judy Butt, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Public Engagement and Participation, Borough of Poole

Events to mark Anti Slavery Day this year

Raising Awareness Day by Bangor Soroptimists, 18

October, 10am – 5 pm - An information stand in the shopping centre in Bangor, Northern Ireland aiming to raise public awareness about modern day slavery and collecting signatures.

Raising Awareness Day by Barnstaple, 18 October, 10am – 4 pm

in Barnstaple Pannier Market, raising awareness of human trafficking by distributing information leaflets and collecting signatures to support campaign to ban 'sex for sale' advertising.

Online anti-slavery campaign run by Dublin Soroptimists

from September through October to raise awareness and mark Anti Slavery Day.

Poole Soroptimists Say NO to Human Trafficking,

in Poole's Dolphin Shopping Centre on 18th October. Purple Teardrop Campaign stand with information and sign up sheets for the campaign to ban 'sex for sale' advertising.

Stop The Traffik Gift Box is hosted by Yorkshire Soroptimists' Anti Slavery group, 16-17 October, Chrystal Peaks Shopping Centre in Sheffield. You are welcome to drop by and help build the Gift Box, which is a unique way to raise awareness about human trafficking, as its large walk-in street sculptures invite you inside with promises and offers, but once inside you are presented with a different reality.

The Gift box is hosted by Soroptimists in St Helen's from 19th to 26th October, to raise public awareness about human trafficking.

The A21 Campaign's FREEDOM CHALLENGE cycling campaign

covers 10 countries in Eastern Europe, including 1250km of difficult terrain and steep climbs. This is a unique opportunity to raise awareness in some of the highest rated human trafficking source countries in the world. The race starts in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 6th October, with a core team of determined cyclists, and finishes on 16th October, in London.

Parliamentary launch of Hazel Thompson's

"TAKEN: Exposing Sex Trafficking and Slavery in India"

a photo documentary iBook exclusively on iTunes, 5pm, 16 October, House of Commons, Invite Only. Award winning photo-journalist Hazel Thompson spent over 6 months living in Kamathipura and gained unprecedented access into one of the largest sex districts in Asia. Her investigation goes behind the locked doors of Kamathipura's brothels and captures the hidden, dangerous underworld of modern slavery that has never been seen in this depth before. TAKEN features 300 images, 3 short films, an interactive map, 6 articles and a call to action. Those taking part in this event include Lord Alton of Liverpool, Fiona Bruce MP, Hazel Thompson and Marc Carey from Hard Rock Café.



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Parliamentary Launch of the Review of the Care Arrangements for Trafficked Children, 15 October, 4pm - 5.30 pm, Invitation Only. This review has been carried out jointly by the Children's Society and the Refugee Council and was commissioned by the Home Office, following debates in Parliament around the care needs of trafficking children last year.

City Hearts Freedom Cube will be placed in the main atrium of the Museum of Liverpool on 21 October, 11am - 4pm. City Hearts together with the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool and the Museum of Liverpool's education department are inviting people to come and write or draw on the outside or inside of the cube what freedom means to them.

Global Online Counter Child Trafficking Conference, 16-18 October - the first event of its kind that will run for 3 consecutive days and across time zones uniting delegates from across the globe in a series of live and pre-recorded webinars and interviews around Child Trafficking issues. The aim is to facilitate the connection of the global Counter Child Trafficking community through a dedicated on-line Conference where those involved can network, share learning and resources, good practice, innovation, research and ideas, as well as to provide them an opportunity to share and promote their services, projects and initiatives.

Raising Awareness Day - film showing 'TRAFFICKED', 14 October, The Spread Eagle Pub, 39-41 Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX. There will be two showings, at 2.30 and 8pm of Trafficked released in 2011 with director Ciaran O'Connor. running time 85 mins.

Gig at Matthews Yard, 16 October from 7.30pm, £5 on door, 1 Matthews Yard, Off Surrey Street, Croydon CR0 1FF, with a line up of local musicians including the choir Kitsch In Sink and Sasha Fanthome. Contact Anna Arthur 07733 221949 for more information.

Edinburgh Airport Limited and UK Border Force Awareness Raising Conference to make Edinburgh airport and Scotland a hostile environment to trafficking 18th October, 11am-3pm, Edinburgh Airport conference room. A series of short films will be screened by the awareness raising charity Unchosen. Speakers include: TARA; Gangmasters Licensing Authority; National Crime Agency, Police Scotland. Topics shall include sexual exploitation, forced labour and domestic servitude. To secure your place contact Bryan.McNeill@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Finance Against Trafficking (Stop The Traffik) Annual conference, 17 October, 4-8pm, HUB Westminster, New Zealand House, 80 Haymarket, SW1Y 4TE. An opportunity to highlight the important role business can play in combating human trafficking and an opportunity to hear from those who are leading the way. Join speakers, leaders in the field and business people for this exciting event. Book your free ticket at: fatconference.eventbrite.co.uk

Reception at the Speaker's House and Media Awards Ceremony, 15 October, 6.30-8pm. Invitation only. To mark Anti Slavery Day and to acknowledge the work of those in the media who have highlighted the nature of human trafficking. In partnership with the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Human Trafficking, Anti-Slavery International, Marsh Christian Trust, AwardCo Group, etc.

Migrant Help - An information sharing day for both professionals and members of the public, 18 October, 10am - 2pm, Dover Town Hall. The event aims at bringing together people from all walks of life with either a personal or a professional interest, to highlight the important link between Anti-Slavery Day and the town of Dover - key port of entry for victims of trafficking within the UK. Organized in partnership with Kent Community Against Trafficking, Kent Community Safety Partnership and Tilmanstone Salads.

Chichester Anti-Slavery Weekend, 18-20 October, Chichester Cathedral Green -The event is being organised in partnership with LouLou Morris, artist in residence, and features 3 public artworks: a United Nations/STOP THE TRAFFIK Gift Box; a picture comprised of fingerprints in lipstick given by hundreds of members of the community; a release of 'seeds' at 4.30pm on Sunday 20th October to symbolise hope that victims trapped in the community will be recognised and released as a result of the event.

Identification and Protection of Trafficked Children training, 11 October 2013, 10am - 3pm, Freedom House, Lower Bristol Road, BA2 1EP - Training is open to professionals and volunteers from government and non-government organisations who could work with or come into contact with children who may have been the victims of human trafficking; including teachers, social workers, police, charity workers, church leaders and homeless teams. Training will be given by Philip Ishola who created the impetus for developing the Trafficked Children Toolkit, which provides tools to aid in the identification and protection of child trafficking victims. If you are interested in attending please email: admin@trc-uk.org, including your name, organisation details and contact details.



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Unchosen's Human Trafficking Short Film Competition Awards Ceremony, 8 October, RichMix, London, by invitation only. Unchosen is announcing the winners of the first Human Trafficking Short Film Competition, launched in February 2013, for amateur and professional film-makers to make a short film based on one of 8 real life cases of survivors of human trafficking. The award ceremony will also start off the Unchosen Roadshow October 2013 – June 2014. The winning films will be taken on a tour around the UK and Ireland to raise awareness. Each event will provide opportunity to spark debate, engage key front-line agencies

and the wider community in tackling human trafficking. If you are an individual or organisation interested in getting involved in organising or exhibiting at one of the roadshow events, Unchosen would love to hear from you. info@unchosen.org.uk.

Everyman Cinemas will be screening excerpts from Unchosen's Human Trafficking Short Film Competition winning films before their main features on the 18th October.

Traffik Free Zone: Combating Human Trafficking in Swindon 21 October, 7.30pm, St. Joseph's Catholic College, Swindon. Screening shortlisted films from the Human Trafficking Short Film Competition, followed by discussion with local and national experts on human trafficking.

Traffik Free Zone: Anti slavery film show and talk by York Workshops and Prof. Gary Craig, 17 October 6.30 pm at City Screen in York in partnership with Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Leeds Women's Aid, Unchosen and Kalayaan. The event aims at raising public profile of contemporary slavery issues in York.

The West Midlands Regional Anti Trafficking Network (RAT) meeting, 18 October, 12.30 – 2.30pm Birmingham City Centre. The Network is open to front line practitioners from statutory and non statutory agencies who may encounter trafficked persons through the work they do, or whose work has relevance to trafficking. It meets to offer support to practitioners, discuss trends, share good practice and encourage the development of appropriate support and aftercare in the region. If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please contact info@adavuproject.org.

These are just some of the many events happening to mark Anti Slavery Day on 18th October. If you would like to do something to mark the day, or to get involved in helping to stop modern day slavery, there are more suggestions on our website.

We hope this newsletter has given you some insight into what people are currently doing to raise awareness of trafficking. If there is anything you are doing, then please tell us about it. We would love to hear from you.

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