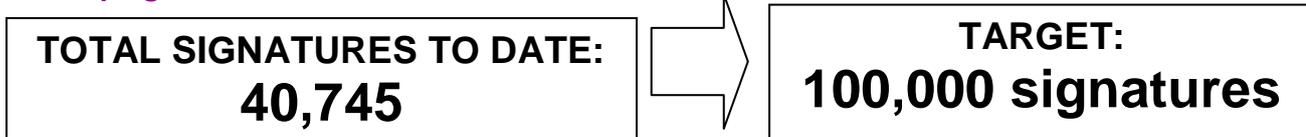


PTC ANTI-SLAVERY DAY SPECIAL Nov 2016

Campaign to ban “sex for sale” adverts:



Petition forms are still coming in following Anti-Slavery Day events held up and down the UK. Many thanks to clubs in Anglesey, Barnstaple, Canterbury, Cambridge, Chester, Birkenhead, Heswall, High Wycombe, Nantwich, and Rugby, for working so hard to collect signatures – we really can’t do this without everyone’s help, which we value greatly. If you collected signatures and haven’t sent them in yet, please do, together with a summary of your event and a picture if possible – we love to celebrate success. The postal address is on the bottom of the form. **Check out the Bar Chart** to see the amazing UK coverage so far. Why not look to see where your club is on the chart and encourage your members to raise the bar between now and International Women’s Day on 8th March?

Very interesting Government and NGO partnership arrangements were publicised on Anti-Slavery Day – you may find these of interest and as a club may want to get involved through raising awareness and working with your partners locally:

- **The Salvation Army needs more volunteer drivers – can you help?**
 Volunteer drivers are essential for transporting victims safely to Salvation Army contracted safe-houses around the country. The Purple Teardrop Campaign have worked with the Salvation Army Anti-Trafficking Unit to confirm that their Volunteer Driver scheme includes training, insurance, support and guidance so that Soroptimists and others will feel safe in supporting this vital work. For more information on this important network, take a look at our [guide](#) for more information, and to sign-up complete and send off this [application form](#).
- **Police are to receive an £8.5 million cash injection** to bolster the fight against modern slavery. The announcement comes after concerns were raised about efforts to tackle the crime. To read more click on <http://home.bt.com/news/uk-news/85m-fund-to-help-police-tackle-modern-slavery-11364106263010?platform=hootsuite#>
- **UNSEEN and Polaris announced the development of a Modern Slavery Helpline and Resource Centre**, supported by BT and initially funded by Google who are providing £1 million to cover Unseen’s start-up and operating costs to establish the enhanced UK helpline and Polaris’s role as a technical partner. The helpline is provisionally set to be launched in late 2016. For more info go to <http://www.unseenuk.org/about/projects/uk-modern-slavery-helpline-and-resource-centre>
- **NHS England are developing awareness-raising programmes for health professionals** – for more information go to <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/10/hillary-garratt/>
- **ECPAT** are most concerned that the press are publicising the location of children dispersed from the Calais jungle and are calling on the media to stop this via their petition <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-the-sun-identifying-calais-children>
- **Kevin Hyland, the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, launched his first Annual Report on 12th October.** View at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-anti-slavery-commissioner-annual-report-2016> . It was good to see so many NGOs and charities present to hear his report of his first year, and his priorities for next year, which include:

 - Improved victim identification and care
 - Protection of trafficked children, and children at risk of being trafficked, through engagement with the Home Office and NGOs to ensure that the new model of Independent Child Trafficking Advocates is implemented.
 - Improved law enforcement and criminal justice response, through the redesign of the NRM data collection system, the establishment of an analytical hub responsible for the recording of National Referral Mechanism data linked to crime records and intelligence, and review of the National Crime Recording Standards and Home Office Counting Rules.
 - Collaboration with the Director of Labour Market Enforcement, the reformed Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority, businesses and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Human Trafficking to encourage compliance with supply chains legislation and accountability.
 - The continuation of strong collaborative relations with key partner countries

Soroptimists in Action for Anti-Slavery Day:



SI Kenilworth & District wanted to do something to mark Anti-Slavery Day this October. PAO Anita writes

“We approached our local council for permission to put up PTC stickers in public toilets and leisure centres across the district. To our delight the council not only granted permission, but also organised and funded the placing of the posters and stickers. A big thank you to Warwick District Council for their support.”

The photo shows from left to right - Councillor Felicity Bunker, who is also a Kenilworth Soroptimist, Tricia Weinbren SI Kenilworth President, Peter Baker WDC Housing Department, and Anita Hornbrook Chair of SI Kenilworth Lobbying Group.

Did you know that the Purple Teardrop Campaign sends an e-certificate to say thank you for donations received to support our Victim Support Programme? It looks good framed and celebrated at Regional and Club meetings, and hung in church and school halls.

SI Bridgend: PAO Carys held a fund-raising breakfast for Anti-Slavery Day and raised £171 through her efforts. She said “It was a lovely event with members of SI Bridgend and friends from my church”. Thank you Carys and friends for your generous donation – rest assured that this goes directly to our Victim Support Programme to help rescued victims of trafficking.

SI Nantwich & District Soroptimists marked Anti-Slavery Day with a Purple Teardrop Event outside St Mary’s Parish Hall in Nantwich Town Centre. PAO Lesley writes: “There was a tea-room in the church buildings next to our Purple Teardrop stands & the ladies running it were from my local church & very keen on anti-trafficking. As it was a cold day they got people staying over their cups of tea so I took them the petition form as we had a captive audience with fingers warm enough to hold the pen! It raised a lot of local awareness”.

SI Barnstaple PAO Irene emailed us to say:



Just to update you, we members of SI Barnstaple have done a couple of presentations on Human Trafficking lately, one to a Lions club and one to a WI, showing an Unchosen film each time.

We also manned a stall in our Pannier Market on Anti Slavery Day and, together with some signatures that we gained when having a display at local libraries, have another 154 on your petition to send you.

SI Poole linked up with SI Thames Valley and SI High Wycombe at an event on Saturday 15th October. The event, celebrating the International Day of the Girl, was organised by Thames Valley Police, and aimed to inform the multicultural population of women and girls living in the High Wycombe area about facilities available for them.

Sue, PAO from SI Poole writes: “The event attracted hundreds of participants and we were kept very busy distributing leaflets and information about the Purple Teardrop Campaign, and Soroptimist International.

The High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Millie Soames, spent a long time at our stand, learning about our initiatives. Another important participant was Angie Sarchet, who works for Buckinghamshire County Council, who have a really excellent presentation about ‘Exploitation’, covering topics such as slavery, child sex abuse, and trafficking. I gave her samples of Purple Teardrop materials and she promised to get in touch.

We also learned a lot. We chatted to the stands nearby, which included Rape Crisis, MIND, NHS, Thames Valley Police etc, and heard about their initiatives.

- *If you have an anti-trafficking thing going on, please let us know Enquiries@purpleteardrop.org.uk or purple.teardrop@ntlworld.com and don’t forget to send us a photo too!*
- *[Here](#) is where you can summon up an **order form** if you want resources*
- *[Here](#) is where you can download a **multi-signature petition form***
- ***On-line Petition** – ask friends to sign if this is easier than using the petition form!*
- *Mobile Phone Service Providers campaign: check the blog on www.purpleteardrop.org.uk to see the report and summary analysis – many thanks if you participated. We are in the process of considering how best to take this campaign forward, following a meeting with the IASC, Kevin Hyland – further details will follow in early 2017.*



KEEP UP THE WONDERFUL WORK – PUBLIC AWARENESS LEADS TO BETTER MEDIA COVERAGE AND MORE GOVERNMENT ATTENTION – PRESSURES WHICH EFFECT CHANGE