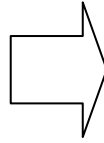


PTC PROGRESS REPORT & UPDATE August 2017

Campaign to ban “sex for sale” adverts:

TOTAL SIGNATURES TO DATE:
42,451



TARGET:
100,000 signatures

Since our last Progress Report we have had signatures from Chelmsford, Llandudno, Bootle, Winchester, Kidderminster, Kenilworth, and from the Weymouth area via the Thomas Buxton Society - thank you all – we really can't do this without your help, which we value greatly.

Check out the Bar Chart to see the amazing UK coverage so far, and please continue to collect signatures from the circles of influence you are in – apart from Soroptimist events, this may be a church, WI, Rotary, CWL or other community group; it may be at work, or social group who would be interested in learning more about trafficking and what encourages the demand – we find Sorops are very quick to spot an opportunity, and with Anti-Slavery Day coming up on 18th October, opportunities abound!



ANTI-SLAVERY DAY 18TH OCTOBER 2017

We hope clubs and organizations will once again make use of our **FREE SAMPLE RESOURCE PACK** to hold an awareness-raising event on this special day, or during the same week, as this is good PR for Soroptimists, brings in loads of new petition signatures, and is fun to do. If you would like one, just email Pauline at purple.teardrop@ntlworld.com giving your name, club or organization name, full address and postcode by 7 September at the latest – the quicker you let us have your details, the sooner we can organize our volunteers to send them out.

For ideas for Anti-Slavery Day click on our [Anti-Slavery Day page](#) and [events and actions](#). We hope you will join with us in raising awareness of this special day, and the reasons for it. Have fun planning your Anti-Slavery Day event – we look forward to receiving your request for our free sample resource pack asap!

! MODERN SLAVERY CONFERENCE 5TH OCTOBER

Thursday 5th October 2017 9am - 2:30pm at the Lighthouse,
Kingland Road, Poole BH15 1UG

This is a FREE ticketed event. Tickets available from <http://bit.ly/2tmgsSE>

In conjunction with Safer Poole Partnership (Poole Council) we are holding a modern slavery conference on 5th October as part of national Anti-Slavery week events; for details and registration click on <http://bit.ly/2tmgsSE>.

The conference aims to raise awareness, refresh knowledge, and share good practice, and is particularly offered to those who work on the front-line in the South, South West and South East, for local communities and the voluntary sector and those who have businesses who may need to be aware of the signs of trafficking.

Nazir Afzal is confirmed as our final guest speaker, adding to a prestigious list, the keynote speaker being the UK's Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Kevin Hyland OBE. You might recognise Nazir's name from BBC's Three Girls drama as the CPS prosecutor who overturned the decision not to prosecute the Rotherham sex trafficking gang. Nazir will focus on closing the gap between child sexual exploitation and trafficking. The profiles of all four speakers, and the dance company, can be found on the [Eventbrite](#) site, where you can also register for attendance.

Would you be able to share this information with others? - 800 attendees so far but there is room for lots more so please encourage your contacts to attend - this will be an excellent conference, the closing date for which is 27th September.

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MORE ITEMS OF INTEREST



On the weekend of June 17th & 18th, **SI Kenilworth & District** Club hosted a stand for the second successive year at the 39th Leamington Peace Festival in the Pump Room Gardens. It was the hottest weekend of the year, and many thanks must be given to our dozen or so members who helped us collect signatures for the PTC petition and who manned the stand.

This year, our stand not only featured the anti-trafficking work of the 'Purple Teardrop Campaign' but also our own club projects, such as fundraising to support nurse training in Malawi.

Our banners did a great job of publicising Soroptimism, leading to several membership enquiries from women looking to get involved in issues such as human trafficking. Amongst the many visitors to our stand, we were delighted to welcome Dave Coplin, who was a keynote speaker at the last SIGBI conference. We managed to collect a further 405 signatures for the PTC petition to ban 'sex for sale' advertising.

DID YOU KNOW:

Help for nurses to spot trafficking victims

The Royal College of Nursing has launched a new guide to help nurses to spot victims of trafficking and address the lack of modern slavery awareness training in the NHS.

[The new guide – designed to fit in the uniform pocket](#) – will be sent to nursing staff across the UK after it was revealed that 86 per cent of staff do not feel adequately trained. This is despite a fifth of victims admitting coming into contact with health care services during their time in slavery.

[The new pocket guide will be carried by nurses and midwives in key parts of the NHS](#) such as GP surgeries, walk-in centres, A&E and maternity.

LATEST ANTI-TRAFFICKING PUBLICATIONS

[Nobody Deserves to Live This Way](#) - This report, co-chaired by Rt Hon Fiona Mactaggart and Baroness Butler-Sloss, looks at the situation facing unaccompanied and separated minors in Europe, and the very real risk of trafficking. Contrary to the arguments put forward when the 'Dubs scheme' was closed, the inquiry found no evidence that providing a safe route for children to travel to the UK acted as a 'pull factor' or encouraged traffickers. Instead the evidence showed that leaving children without safe and legal options left them in limbo, stranded in dangerous and often violent situations.

[Brexit and modern slavery](#) – A briefing by the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group (AGMG) which considers the potential impact of the UK's withdrawal ('Brexit') from the European Union (EU) on efforts to tackle modern slavery. The purpose of this briefing is to review the extent to which the UK's membership in the EU has influenced national anti-trafficking efforts, and consider if and how Brexit may impact the UK's ability to combat modern slavery and protect its victims. Where possible, recommendations have been made on the steps to take to mitigate any potential risks posed by Brexit to UK anti-trafficking efforts.

[Criminal Exploitation of children and vulnerable adults](#): County Lines guidance - Guidance for frontline professionals on dealing with county lines, part of the government's approach to ending gang violence and exploitation.

And finally:

- Information on resources which we have developed to help others to raise awareness are available on our website www.purpleteardrop.org.uk under the "What you can Do" Tab, but for easy of reference here are some of our most recent aids to raising awareness:
- Our petition to ban Sex for Sale Advertising can be downloaded by clicking [here](#) or you and your social media friends can sign online at "[Ban 'Sex for Sale' Advertising](#)"
- Information on our Relationship Bookmarks can be found by clicking <http://www.purpleteardrop.org.uk/what-you-can-do/love-melove-me-not-bookmarks-and-cards/>
- Our order form for all resources can be downloaded [here](#)

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