June 20, 2019: PLASP Meeting

Some points from the meeting are listed below.

Freedom Days (Roadshows) and other events where PLASP will feature:

- June 29th. The Ormskirk Roadshow is now the 29th June and not the 22nd. It will run from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
- July 6. Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioners’ event. We have permission to field the Freedom Bus outside the Anti-Slavery Museum in Liverpool. We will have one stall and the Modern Slavery Helpline will give us some media support.
- July 13. Holy Cross College, Bury, Parish Social Action Day. We will have the Freedom Bus and a Caritas Anti-Trafficking/PLASP stall.
- TBA. Blackpool – perhaps in August.
- September 21, Lancaster
- October (TBA), Burnley – hopefully to coincide with a Home match.

Three police cars – one for each Lancashire division – will be liveried with the Modern Slavery Helpline number but not the PLASP logo. Other possibilities discussed for promoting awareness were a flag, a kite, something for Blackpool illuminations. We need to explore possibilities.

The latest revision of the PLASP Toolkit is finalised and waiting to be signed off. It is receiving positive feedback from front line staff.

Onjali Q. Raúf spoke to a small group of PLASP partners at Fullwood Methodist Church on June 7 - see entry for June 7 below. Onjali is a useful contact.

Supply Chains – a pledge of some sort could be represented in a standardised form on the bottom of emails. The aim must be to indicate more than compliance. Victim friendliness and an openness to the concept of fair and robust employment practices are key.

Blackpool Pleasure Beach recognised the potential for labour exploitation early and was one of the first employers to issue an anti-slavery statement. Bearing in mind that such places are potential sites for exploitation, we were referred to a case where a man was taken by a Fairground in Clitheroe and escaped five years later when he returned to the locality and recognised where he was.

Within Lancashire there have been training sessions including a multi-agency event in Lancashire with police, prison and probation delegates, and there have been many one hour sessions for the Police. Danielle Hague who led the PLASP training subgroup has left which leaves a void to be filled and we also need more trainers.

Hope for Justice have used a theatre company event to highlight modern day slavery on a stage setting where the play takes place on the back of a truck. Theatre was also referred to by Onjali and is a powerful means of propagating awareness. It is something for us to explore.

Clewer training for schools now covers all 5 key stages.