In Plain Sight

A Conference to promote Catholic responses to Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking

Date: Tuesday 15th October 2019, 10.00am – 4.00pm
Venue: CCLA Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET
Organiser: Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) and members
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Introduction
Many dioceses and parishes are awake to the de-humanising impact of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in England and Wales. Leadership from our bishops and action from many religious congregations and Catholic charities has enabled the Catholic Church to play its part in beginning to eradicate in the UK one of the world’s most organised, profitable and criminal activities that causes so much misery and long-term damage to its victims.

The Conference will help equip delegates through shared practical experience and planning to combat Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking at a diocesan and parish level. A session on supply chains will help diocese, businesses and organisations to operate ethically in their procurement and purchasing practices.

Aims
- Share learning and good practice from Anti-Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery organisations and practitioners
- Identify key areas for future activity using the Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking developed by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- Agree effective action that contributes to the eradication of Modern Day Slavery
- Evaluate the conference with a view to developing a national strategy

Conference delegates will gain:
- An appreciation of the scale and depth of the problem
- Insights into the range of activities and services tackling Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery by the Church and others
- Understanding of the need to check supply chains and guidance on making progress on making more ethical decisions on purchasing and investment
- A clear vision and guidance to assist dioceses and parishes in developing services
- A support network to assist in developing action plans

Lead organisations delivering the conference
Caritas Diocese of Salford, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), Caritas Westminster (including Caritas Bakhita House), CCLA, Jesuit Refugee Service UK (JRS), Medaille Trust, women@thewell.
Programme

10.00 Registration & coffee

10.30 Opening prayer and welcome
Phil McCarthy CEO CSAN and Peter Hugh Smith CEO CCLA

10.45 Kevin Hyland (Senior Adviser to the Santa Marta Group/Chair of the Institute of Human Rights & Business Leadership Group): Facta non verba!

11.00 Anthony Brown (Caritas Salford): A Parish Initiative to combat human trafficking

11.15 Beatrice Grasso (JRS: Jesuit Refugee Service): Supporting victims of trafficking in immigration detention centres

11.30 Break

11.50 Karen Anstiss (Caritas Westminster): the work of Caritas Bakhita House

12.05 Zoe Smith and Mark Pearson (Medaille Trust): The Medaille Trust’s awareness strategy

12.20 Caro Hattersley (women@thewell): Women exploited in the sex trade – taking a systems approach

12.35 Summary and preparations for lunch

12.40 Lunch

1.30 Sion Hall (Pan Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership): The impact of the public in fighting organised crime

1.45 Andrew Adams (CCLA): Modern Slavery in company supply chains

2.00 Workshops: Luke de Pulford (Arise Foundation): Developing strategies, networks and partnerships

2.45 Plenary: Luke de Pulford (Arise Foundation): towards a strategy to combat Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

3.45 His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols: Reflections and closing prayer

4.00 Depart

Note: Dr Anna Rowlands, St Hilda Associate Professor of Catholic Social Thought & Practice will prepare a follow-up paper on Modern Day Slavery and Catholic social thought.