

Caritas Anti-Trafficking Review 2019

In Plain Sight Conference

This conference was initiated by Caritas Salford who were largely responsible for the format and steered the follow on now in the hands of Luke de Pulford of Arise. The partnership ethos from the conference will shift our emphasis a little from diocese to inter-diocesan working. So far we have initiated or been approached by 5 dioceses we will work in partnership with – Birmingham, Westminster, Liverpool, Arundel and Brighton, and Southwark. Partnership working will be mostly about parish level initiatives but also on raising awareness on the link between human trafficking and the homeless

- May 3, 2019: Discussion of a joint conference on Modern Day Slavery
- June 17, 2019: Proposal for a joint conference for diocese and parishes on Modern Day Slavery
- July 5, 2019: Planning meeting for an inter-diocesan conference on human trafficking
- August 27, 2019: Update on Inter-Diocesan Conference on Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery
- October 7, 2019: Skype meeting with CSAN and CCLA
- October 15, 2019: In Plain Sight – A Conference to promote Catholic responses to Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking
- November 13, 2019: *In Plain Sight* Conference follow on

Clergy

Meetings with clergy is currently on hold awaiting the action following the October Conference but following a talk by Sister Imelda Poole of RENATE and St Mary Loreto at Heywood, Fr Paul Daly, Episcopal Vicar for Formation has offered his parish as a pilot for a diocesan initiative. Fr Peter Hopkinson, Vicar General, and Episcopal Vicar for Dialogue has always supported us so we met to discuss ideas for the future. Seven of the eight rural deans have changed in the last 12 months or so we need to make contact with these seven.

- October 2, 2019, Meeting with Fr Peter Hopkinson
- December 14, 2019: Sister Imelda Poole talk on human trafficking at St Joseph's, Heywood

Talks to Christian groups

- February 7, 2019: Sabden Baptists Church
- January 26, 2019: Conference of Religious at Manchester University
- January 26, 2019: Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre (formerly Tabor), Preston
- March 25, 2019: Love Clitheroe (Charitable arm of Clitheroe Christians in Partnership)

Anti-trafficking Stations of the Cross

- April 2, 2019: The Way of the Cross interlinked with the experiences of victims of human trafficking (St Michael and St John's, Clitheroe)
- April 5, 2019: As above (St Mary's, Sabden)

Talks to non-Christian adult groups

- February 1, 2019: Trafficking Talk at Probus (Burnley)
- April 22, 2019 Rotary, Clitheroe

Schools awareness raising

We haven't proactively developed a schools programme this year, aiming instead for awareness at diocesan level and have explored resources for modern day slavery including County Lines, for awareness raising and safeguarding in both primary and secondary schools

- November 14, 2019: Newman College, Preston

Employers

MDS in supply chains is a big issue which are exploring with view to a Diocesan approach to ensure ethical procurement and investment. We have mainly met with Libre Solutions who are our main source of knowledge but we have also met with Peter Fahy, Salford Diocese and Caritas Salford trustee who is also a trustee of Hope for Justice who have a Slaver Free Alliance programme. Ethical procurement will be part of our strategy from now till 2025

- January 18, 2019: Meeting with Libre Solutions
- March 22, 2019: Meeting with Libre Solutions
- May 24, 2019: Meeting with Libre Solutions

Greater Manchester Police

We have developed a stronger link with Greater Manchester Police via their Challenger Programme and the Modern Slavery NGO Forum. This has enabled an understanding of the situation in Greater Manchester and the outcome of one of our NRM referrals. We have made useful contacts made with the Bolton Destitution Centre, Afruca and City Hearts

- February 8, 2019: GMP Modern Slavery NGO Forum
- May 8, 2018: GMP Modern Slavery NGO Forum
- July 5, 2019: Meeting with Operation Challenger
- October 17, 2019: Hidden Voices (Manchester Cathedral)

- December 20, 2019: GMP Modern Slavery NGO Forum

Lancashire Police

Lancashire Police are our strongest partner. They provides up to date information on cases used in talks and provide us with a direct line with the Police for suspicious sightings referred to us by the people made aware via our awareness raising. They are our main link with Clewer and Faith Based organisations via the Faith sub Group and also Cumbria Churches in Action and Alastair Redfern. We are part of the publicity sub-group to which Caritas has funded the Freedom Bus and part funded Journey to Freedom and we take part in the roadshows which mainly centre round these two features. So far we have supported the roadshows in Blackburn, Preston, Ormskirk, Lancaster and Blackpool, the latter three in 2019. We are part of the Victim Support Group and Caritas introduced PLASP to victim support charities - Home Start and Hope at Home

- January 24, 2019: PLASP Meeting
- December 18, 2019: PLASP Meeting
- February 11, 2019: PLASP Faith Sub Group Meeting
- February 15, 2019: Table Top Event, Lancashire Police Headquarters
- February 26, 2019: Meeting with Home Start
- February 28, 2019: PLASP Meeting
- March 27, 2019: Meeting with the Clewer Initiative and Cumbria
- March 28, 2019: PLASP Business Event
- March 29, 2019: PLASP Meeting
- April 3, 2018: Telephone meeting with Hope at Home
- April 25, 2018: PLASP Meeting
- May 9, 2018: Onward Homes' Avenham Awareness Event
- May 23, 2019: PLASP Meeting
- June 29, 2019: Ormskirk Roadshow
- July 13, 2019: PLASP and Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioners Event in Liverpool
- November 21, 2019: PLASP Meeting
- June 20, 2019: PLASP Meeting
- July 25, 2019: PLASP Meeting
- September 21, 2019: Lancaster Roadshow
- September 25, 2019: PLASP Meeting
- October 12, 2019: Blackpool Roadshow
- October 24, 2019: PLASP Meeting

Medaille Trust

Our strongest partnership is with the Medaille Trust with sharing of resources from 2017 on prayer cards and the 2018 Day for Life initiative. We are currently liaising by telephone on our parish approaches in Salford and Birmingham and they were part of the presentation team for In Plain Sight. During 2018 we worked with the English education part of Medaille in identifying victims for the Sheffield/Leeds Faith Based Organisation research on anti-trafficking services.

- May 14, 2019: Marc Pearson, Medaille Trust Community Engagement Co-ordinator
- October 28, 2019: Secret Art – hide to survive At St Crystostoms , an opportunity to meet with victims and support the English class

Partnerships with other organisations

Our Strategy Group comprises Caritas Salford, Lancashire Police, Santa Marta Group, Medaille Trust, Clewer Initiative and the Salvation Army but during the year we have approached or been approached by Hope for Justice, Home Start, Hope at Home, Afruca, amongst others to numerous to mention at PLASP and the NGO Forum

- January 18, 2019: Fieldings Porter Solicitors
- March 8, 2019: AFRUCA/Manchester City Partnership Project
- March 22, 2019: Hope for Justice Conference
- June 7 2019: Presentation by Onjali Q. Raúf at Fulwood Methodist Church