



Trafficking in Persons

APT – Act to Prevent Trafficking

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What is trafficking in Persons?

The trade in,
and exploitation of,
human beings
by criminals
to make money.

Human Trafficking
threatens women, men
& children





"Throughout our evolutionary story the universe constantly generates new life. Anything which degrades that life violates the sacredness of all life".

– Prof. Mary Grey

***“Human trafficking is an open
wound on the body of
contemporary society,
a scourge upon the body of
Christ.
It is a crime against humanity.”***

Pope Francis 2014



Different forms of human trafficking

- **Forced labour**
- **Sale of human organs**
- **Sexual exploitation**



People are bought and sold as commodities

Smuggling Vs Trafficking

- Smuggling of migrants and human trafficking both involve moving human persons for profit
- Smuggled persons are left to their own devices on arrival
- Trafficked persons are under the control of others



Roots of trafficking

PUSH

1. Poverty
2. Inequality
3. Violence
4. Prior sexual exploitation
5. Lack of awareness about this crime

PULL

1. Job opportunities
2. Promise of freedom/independence
3. Chance of a better quality of life
4. Demand

Human Trafficking



Poverty

**Weak
legislation**

Globalisation

Denial

Gender Attitudes

Prostitution

Pornography

Debts

DEMAND

Key Facts

- **Human Trafficking is one of the top 3 most profitable illegal trades**
- **Fastest growing illegal trade**
- **20.9 million people per year globally – 4.5 million of these in sex trafficking**
- **150\$ billion per year globally – \$100 billion from sex trafficking**
- **Average annual profit per victim is \$80,000**
- **Ireland has been identified as a source, transit and destination country for trafficking.**

Who is trafficked?

Particularly vulnerable are:

- **Women and children**
- **People lacking money/opportunities**
- **People wishing to improve their lives, from all backgrounds, races, and classes**
- **Unskilled labourers**
- **Undocumented migrants**
- **Oppressed ethnic/cultural groups**



Who are the traffickers?

Traffickers can have many faces

- Male and female
- Members of organised gangs
- Boyfriends
- Family and friends



How are people trafficked?

Traffickers recruit through –

- Fake job adverts – care work, modelling, dancing, hotel/bar work/study/travel
- Casual acquaintance/ ‘friends’
- Grooming – often online

Extracts from profiles

Julia

Aged 17, was given clothes and boots and a bag of condoms and told to do anything that clients wanted. Forced to have sex with a minimum of four men per night.

Kiky

From Nigeria, was held in total captivity in a house in Ireland for two years.

Lydia

From Poland, was chaperoned daily to a brothel in Italy and her movements were controlled. When she returned each day, her trafficker raped her in the apartment. She was subsequently brought to Ireland and forced into prostitution.

Why don't trafficked persons escape?

- **Violence** – rape and beatings force them to comply
- **Threats/blackmail** – against their families back home
- **Debt servitude** – held in bondage and responsible to trafficker



Some statistics...

- **75% of all trafficking victims globally are women and girls**
- **76% of victims in Europe are trafficked for sexual exploitation (this figure is roughly the same for Ireland)**
- **Up to 97% of women in indoor prostitution in Ireland are migrant women (3-13% are Irish)**
- **There are at least 1,000 women (and girls) in indoor prostitution at any one time in Ireland.**

Effects on trafficked persons



- Lack of trust/Anger/Fear
- Insecurity/Confusion
- Shame/Guilt
- Depression/Helplessness
- Post-traumatic stress disorder –
e.g. flashbacks

Why should we care?

Trafficking –

- Is the most shocking form of human rights abuse and modern slavery
- It can happen anywhere, even in our own communities
- It could happen to someone you know



Trafficking Worldwide



Approximately 20.9 million per year

International Legislation to combat trafficking

- 1. The Palermo Protocol
and**
- 2. The Council of Europe
Convention**



UN Palermo Protocol, 2000

ACTION

‘the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons’

MEANS

‘threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power, or of giving or receiving payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person’

PURPOSE

Exploitation – including prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation

Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings 2005



- **A 'reflection period' of at least 30 days**
- **Safe and secure housing**
- **Psychological and emergency medical assistance**
- **Information in a language the trafficked person can understand**
- **Renewable residence permits to trafficked persons**
- **Compensation for the abuses suffered**

Ireland: current legal stance



The Criminal Law (Human Trafficking) Act 2008

PREVENT Trafficking - PROSECUTE Traffickers - PROTECT Victims

- It is a criminal offence to solicit or importune, in any place, for the purpose of prostitution, a person whom one knows to have been trafficked.
- The victim is allowed 60 days of recovery.
- Administrative procedures in place for protection of victim.
- Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) of Dept. of Justice models best practice for protection of victim.

Sexual Offences Bill 2014

- Criminalisation of the purchase of “sexual services” and decriminalisation of the selling of “sexual services” (the Nordic Model)
- New criminal offences to protect children from grooming, including online, and to tackle child pornography

Trafficking in Persons

**WHAT
CAN
WE
DO?**



WHAT CAN WE DO?

- **Become informed of human trafficking**
- **Report any suspicious events, happenings in your local area to local police**
- **Encourage people to talk to each other about this modern day slavery**
- **Promote non-violence in all situations**
- **Respect the dignity of each person**
- **Organise a speaker to your relevant groups**
- **Promote fair trade and check retailers supply chain**

List of Resources

Websites

www.aptireland.org

www.ruhama.ie

www.blueblindfold.ie

www.immigrantcouncil.ie

www.turnofftheredlight.ie

www.tirzah.ie

International Organisations

COATNET - Christian Organisations Against Trafficking in Human Beings


Anti Slavery International

Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW)

The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW) International

Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation





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October 18th

**European day
against
Human Trafficking**

**Remember
Pray
Help**

Victims need you

www.renate-europe.net

Reflection



Dear God

*No one is owned except by you
Who made us, loves us, owns us too.*

*And no one is made less than pure
By what the world makes them endure.*

*And no one is loved less by you
Through what they have been forced to do.*

*For no one is no one to you.
What ever life has brought them to.*

*And when they're freed to run to you,
They'll know, no one's no one to you. Lucy Berry*



Pope Francis 10th April 2014 Rome

Addressing an international conference in Rome on the issue of human trafficking,

"I exhort the international community to adopt an even more unanimous and effective strategy against human trafficking, so that in every part of the world, men and women may no longer be used as a means to an end, and that their inviolable dignity may always be respected."

Pope Francis is calling for people to see anti human trafficking efforts as ***prophetic ministry***.



**I have come that they might have life
and have it to the full... Jn 10:10**

