

7.0 RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

There are plenty of resources and materials available to help your group learn more about slavery and carry out your activities. You can find more information about what is available here at

www.antislavery.org/english/resources/default.aspx

For any event, activity or meeting you are planning make sure you have plenty of materials. To order any of the resources or materials below, please use the order form in this pack to specify which ones you would like.

Alternatively, you can download resources or order them online at

www.antislavery.org/english/what_you_can_do/free_campaigns_resources.aspx

News and campaigns materials

Freedom fighter leaflets: These leaflets offer a good introduction to modern slavery, explaining what the issues are and how Anti-Slavery International tackles them. These also include a donation or Direct Debit form, and an option to join the campaigns network.

Action Briefings: Our letter-writing action briefings outline the issue we are campaigning on and give guidance on what to write in a letter. The same information and actions are also available on our website at

www.antislavery.org/english/campaigns/default.aspx

Fact sheets: These are available on; slavery and what we buy, slavery past and present, trafficking in people, bonded labour, child labour and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

The Reporter: Anti-Slavery International's quarterly magazine containing news, campaign and event updates, and features on our work. As an Anti-Slavery group you will automatically receive a copy of this but we can send you some additional copies for stalls.

Additional materials to raise awareness or run a stall

- Anti-Slavery posters- you can put these up to raise awareness- see 4.4
- Collection boxes- a must for all stalls!
- Fundraising buckets
- Stickers- to give away free or for a small donation
- Wristbands- to give away free or for a small donation

Exhibitions

You may wish to organise an exhibition to raise awareness of slavery. You will need to think about what type of space you will need to accommodate an exhibition, depending on which one you choose to borrow.

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Forced labour in the UK

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Modern slavery continues to exist in the UK. Some of the British products we buy today and the services we receive may have involved the use of forced labour. These workers are sent to be through various means including debt bondage, the removal of passports and the use of violence, intimidation and threats.

Anti-Slavery International estimates that in addition to the thousands men, women and children who are trafficked (transported away from their communities through coercion or deception) for forced labour to the UK at any one time, hundreds more people who have not been trafficked are estimated to be working in conditions of forced labour or servitude in the UK. They do not have specific legislation reducing forced labour and servitude punishable penal offences.

Anti-Slavery International's own research has found many people, including children, in forced labour across a range of sectors, including domestic servitude, agriculture, construction, food processing and packaging, catering, hospitality, and the restaurant trade. As an example of the diversity forced by a single community, Chinese migrant workers have been found in forced labour as DVD sellers, in factory work, in Chinese restaurants and in clothes packing.

The current legal framework currently in the UK prosecutions for forced labour are limited to cases where a person has been trafficked.

The UK Government introduced the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act in 2004 which made trafficking for all forms of labour exploitation a criminal offence. However, under this legislation the trafficking element of the case is vital to the success of the prosecution, therefore making it impossible to obtain a conviction where trafficking is difficult to prove.

In these cases, where forced labour is clearly evident, a dedicated criminal law would allow police and prosecution to pursue cases and seek justice. Anti-Slavery International is aware of one case of a domestic worker in forced labour where the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to charge on the basis that the trafficking element of the case could not be proven.

The UK's international obligations Under article 4 of the European Convention on Human Rights and the ILO conventions against forced labour the UK is bound by international law to criminalise forced labour and provide protection from slavery, servitude and forced labour.

Given the gap in legislation, the UK is in danger of being in breach of its international obligations and vulnerable to challenges in the European Court of Human Rights. To avoid the Court finding France in breach of its obligations because it failed the criminal legislation to protect it from its women from domestic servitude.

Proposed legal amendments Forced labour will remain a reality in the UK unless adequate legislation is put in place and enforced. The existing legal provisions fail to protect victims or ensure that the perpetrators of these crimes are brought to justice.

If adopted, amendments like and city to the Criminal Justice Bill, which is currently before Parliament, would create two new criminal offences for holding someone in servitude and for subjecting someone to forced or compulsory labour. These new offences include penalties that reflect the severity of this crime and ensure that vulnerable people are fully protected from this abuse.

Forced labour and slavery

Forced labour is any work or service which people are made to do against their will under threat of some form of punishment.

Forced labour is a contemporary form of slavery, which has a number of key characteristics:

- forced to work, through mental or physical threat
- controlled by an "employer", under the threat of some form of punishment;
- not acknowledged, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as "property";
- physically constrained and has restricted placed on their freedom of movement.

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Abolitionists

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Individuals like Granville Sharp, Thomas Clarkson, William Wilberforce and Olaudah Equiano all helped to build an effective campaign against the slave trade. Equiano was a former slave who bought his own freedom and then campaigned against slavery around Britain. His autobiography was incredibly popular and went through eight editions in his lifetime. One newspaper of the time described Equiano as "the champion and advocate" for ending the slave trade.

www.antislavery.org

Campaigning against Slavery, from the 18th to the 21st Century

This 16-panel exhibition takes the audience on a visual journey through history from the time of the Transatlantic Slave Trade to slavery in contemporary society. It also looks at how slavery has been challenged through popular campaigning and by the development of international standards to prohibit them.

It is available in A2 (42cm x 59.4 cm) size Foamex panels which will need an exhibition stand in order to attach the Velcro panels. It is also available for free on CD to print in A3 (30cm x 42cm) colour. Any local printers will be able to print these off and laminate them for a very small cost.

Human Traffic

Human Traffic is a 16 panel (51x41cm) black and white exhibition, which documents the trafficking of children in Benin and Gabon, West Africa. It is a testament to the extraordinary bravery and courage of children who have been manipulated, deceived, beaten and raped by the adults who enslave them. It reaches behind the headlines, looking at the people who are fighting for these children's rights and asks what can be done to bring an end to this horrific trade.

It is available in A2 (42cm x 59.4 cm) size Foamex panels which will need an exhibition stand in order to display the panels with Velcro.

Recovered Histories: Reawakening the narratives of enslavement, resistance and the fight for freedom

This 17-panel A2 (42cm x 59.4 cm) exhibition looks at the Transatlantic Slave Trade, the enslavement of Africans in the Caribbean, and their fight for liberation and their emancipation. It focuses on the narratives of the enslaved, enslavers, abolitionists, parliamentarians, clergy, planters and rebels. It is based on Anti-Slavery International's collection of 18th and 19th century literature which was recently digitised and made available at: www.recoveredhistories.org

Speakers and talks

Anti-Slavery International may be able to provide for your group, depending on availability and travel costs. To request a speaker you can send us back the speaker request form within this pack.

If you wish to give a talk on slavery yourself, Anti-Slavery International can provide you with a speakers pack containing a PowerPoint presentation on modern slavery.

DVDs

Anti-Slavery International can provide your group with a free copy of Hell on Earth: Slavery Today. This 15-minute film contains footage from Niger and the Philippines, and interviews with those directly affected by slavery practices. It also features extended interviews with anti-slavery activists from different countries and with those who have been subjected to slavery.

Take a look at section 4.3 for information on other films and DVDs (not produced by us) which you could use.

Publications, reports and briefings

Anti-Slavery International has a vast amount of reports and other publications available to help you learn about modern slavery. Many of these are available to purchase at the shop online at:

www.antislavery.org/english/shop/default.aspx.

You can download some reports and briefings for free at: www.antislavery.org/english/resources/reports/default.aspx

You may wish to sell some of our books on a stall. For instance A Taste for Freedom (fundraising recipe book) or Slave: The true story of a girl's lost childhood and her fight for survival. To find out more about selling books on a stall please contact us.

Images

If you are creating your own flyer or poster, Anti-Slavery International can provide you with a CD of images for free.

How to order resources:

You can either use the order form in this pack or contact Gemma Wolfes, g.wolfes@antislavery.org, 0207 501 8936.