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Founded in 1839, Anti-Slavery International is the oldest international human rights organisation in the world. We began fighting to eliminate the transatlantic slave trade and today, we're still fighting to end all forms of slavery and slavery-like practices around the world.

Our vision is to realise freedom from slavery for everyone, everywhere, always. We aim to do this by:

- Making the end of slavery everyone's concern;
- Acting as an ally to survivors and people at risk of slavery, elevating their voices and experiences to create radical change; and
- Challenging and changing law, policy and practice so everyone, everywhere can be free from slavery.

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200 years of bearing witness and demanding change

This year, we celebrate an extraordinary milestone: 200 years since the Reporter first gave voice to the movement for freedom. In 1825, abolitionist Zachary Macaulay founded The Anti-Slavery Monthly Reporter, not from the halls of Parliament, but from conviction. He believed that the truth, when shared widely, could spark change. His vision was simple yet revolutionary: document injustice and inspire action. Two centuries later, that mission endures.

Across its pages, the Reporter has chronicled humanity's long struggle against slavery, from the transatlantic slave trade to the hidden forms of modern exploitation. Generations of campaigners have exposed abuses, challenged indifference, and demanded accountability from those in power. It remains a powerful reminder that while the names and systems of slavery may have changed, the fight for freedom is far from over.

This special edition celebrates 200 years of bearing witness to slavery and its abolition. Inside, we revisit



Helen Moulinos
Anti-Slavery International
chief executive

the first issue, share survivor stories, highlight contemporary activists, and explore global campaigns, showing how the struggle against injustice continues today, and how each of us can take action.

As we reflect on this bicentenary, we honour the courage of those who came before us and the resilience of survivors whose

stories shape our work today. More than 50 million people remain trapped in conditions of modern slavery, in supply chains, domestic work, and conflict zones. Yet we also see hope in young activists leading new movements, in laws holding corporations to account, and in communities refusing to stay silent.

Our founding purpose still guides us, which is to bear witness, act with integrity, and ensure that freedom is not a privilege, but a right for every person. Together, we will continue this fight until slavery is ended everywhere, for everyone, always.

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The history of the Reporter magazine

Since its founding, the Reporter has recorded the challenges and progress of the anti-slavery movement, from the fight to abolish the transatlantic slave trade to the ongoing struggle against modern slavery and exploitation. The Reporter is not just a record of the past, but a reminder that the fight against slavery is far from over.

First published in 1825 by abolitionist Zachary Macaulay, and originally named the Anti-Slavery Monthly Reporter, the publication gave voice to a growing movement calling for an end to slavery. Unlike other UK abolitionists of his time, Macaulay never spoke in Parliament. Instead, it was through his work as the founder and editor of the Anti-Slavery Monthly Reporter that he played an invaluable role in achieving the abolition of slavery in the British Empire.

In 1778 at the age of fifteen, Macaulay left for Jamaica, the largest slave island in the West Indies, where he would live for the next nine years. He found a job as a 'book-keeper' (a polite term for overseer of enslaved people) and witnessed the brutal realities of plantation life. He then moved to Sierra Leone in 1792, where he served for seven years as governor of the new settlement at Freetown, an experimental colony for formerly enslaved African Americans.

When he came back to Britain, he started to publish pamphlets about the horrors of slavery that he'd witnessed in the colonies. His writing paved the way for the launch of the Anti-Slavery Monthly Reporter in 1825. The publication gave anti-slavery campaigners the evidence they needed to take into Parliament and helped to build support for abolition from the wider British public. Throughout the 1820s and 1830s, the Reporter documented the cruelty taking place in Britain's colonies, tracked the progress of the anti-slavery campaign and championed the voices of those demanding justice.

The facts set out in its pages were used directly in parliamentary debates and by local anti-slavery committees across the country. It made it both a record of abuses and a rallying tool for action. Many abolitionists didn't want women to be part of the anti-slavery campaign. But Macaulay strongly supported women's involvement in the movement – something he reflected in the Reporter.

Two hundred years on, the Reporter remains a tool for exposing injustice and mobilising action against slavery in all its forms.



Drawing of Zachary Macaulay by Joseph Slater from 'Life and Letters of Zachary Macaulay' by Viscountess Knutsford (London, 1900).



Left to right: the very first edition and issues of the Reporter over the years.

A look back at the first Reporter

Historian Dr Ryan Hanley revisits the very first issue of the Reporter to consider how anti-slavery campaigning has changed, and what we can learn from the achievements – and mistakes – of the past.

The inaugural issue of the Reporter, published as The Anti-Slavery Monthly Reporter on 30 June 1825, is a fascinating historical artefact. One of the longest-running charity magazines the Reporter was first created and published by the London Committee of the 'Society for the Mitigation and Gradual Abolition of Slavery throughout the British Dominions'. This was 14 years before the Anti-Slavery Society – which went on to become Anti-Slavery International – was founded.

Complex debates

We tend to think about the slavery debates in 19th century Britain as having two clear sides: the anti-slavery camp wanted to free all enslaved people immediately, while the pro-slavery camp wanted to maintain or expand it. Yet, at least in the 1820s, the terms of the debate were a bit more complex. While there were many committed radicals such as Elizabeth Heyrick and Robert Wedderburn

advocating for immediate abolition, the more 'respectable' philanthropic organisations took a different approach. The 'Society for the Mitigation and Gradual Abolition of Slavery' was originally formed in January 1823. As their rather lengthy name suggests, their aim was to work with the British government – and sometimes, with slaveholders in the colonies – to only very gradually replace slavery with other forms of free labour.

Needless to say, this is a rather different strategy from the one Anti-Slavery International pursues today. The first few issues of the Reporter gestured towards this in the 'address' printed at the beginning. One aim of their new publication, the Committee claimed, was to counter 'the misconceptions which have occasionally been formed

respecting the design and objects of the Society, but more frequently respecting the means which are deemed by the Committee most desirable to be employed'. The best way to do this, they reasoned, was by sharing as much information

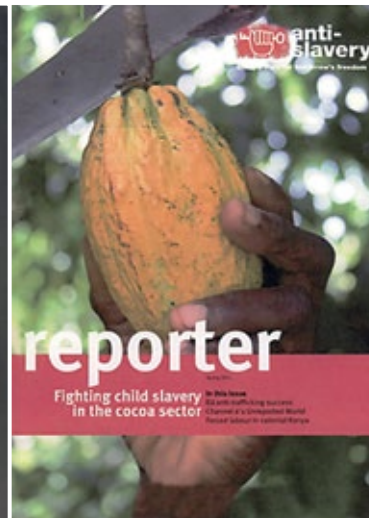
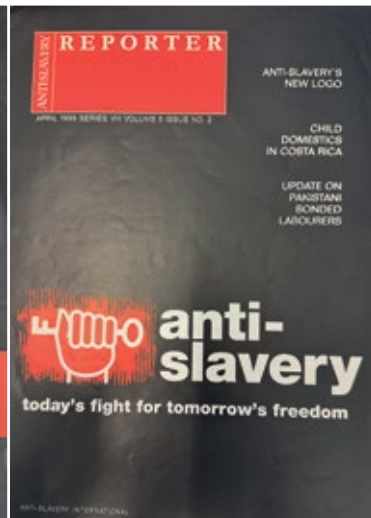
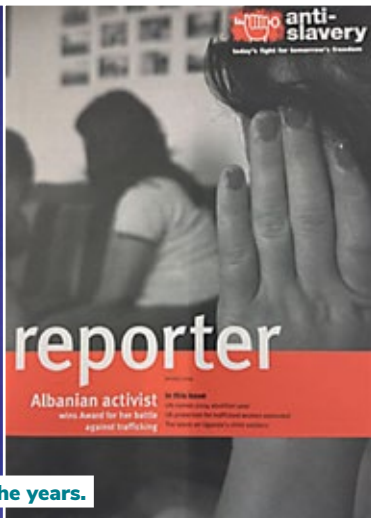
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It makes sense, then, that the first issue consisted entirely of an account of the speeches given at the annual meeting of the Society – only their second public assembly since they were founded. Reading it back today, the record of this important meeting certainly shows its age. The total absence of women among the speakers is telling,



Issues of the Reporter over the years.



especially when we consider that it was women who led the massive boycotts of sugar grown by enslaved people throughout Britain during the 1790s. Women would also go on to assume an even more central

role in the popular campaigns of the 1820s and 1830s. Enslaved or formerly enslaved people themselves were not invited to share their stories either. With Prince William Frederick, Duke of Gloucester and nephew of King George III as chairman at the meeting, it was all rather an exclusive affair.

But if we scratch beneath the surface of this first issue, we can also see that the organisation was taking on a more public approach that eventually went on to secure the Society's

objectives, including the passing of the Abolition of Slavery Act in 1833. All the speakers, for example, stressed how important the support of 'the people' would be for the cause, with one declaring 'that if the people of

England did but will it to be so, slavery would cease'. The issue of resistance and revolution by enslaved people also hung over the meeting, though not everyone was keen to acknowledge it.

The Irish statesman Daniel O'Connell openly praised the Venezuelan revolutionary leader Simón Bolívar for liberating enslaved people in South America. O'Connell even said that when enslaved Africans saw 'warriors and statement of his own race', as in, for example, post-revolutionary Haiti, then universal liberation could not be far off.

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Today's anti-slavery movement

Clearly, anti-slavery work looks very different now from how it did when the first issue of the Reporter was published. Today at Anti-Slavery International, we work directly with survivors, holding corporations and governments to account and investigating supply chains and legal loopholes that allow modern slavery and human trafficking to continue. The anti-slavery movement today is far more inclusive and diverse than it was during the days of the all-male, all-white London Committee. But perhaps what is most striking when we read the first edition of the Reporter is how many of the issues facing anti-slavery activists remain relevant today.

As sceptical as we might be of their methods, it is undeniable that these Georgian philanthropists were committed to the idea that slavery was incompatible with human dignity. As a voluntary organisation,

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the Society of 1825 sought to balance its commitment to working within existing structures in the short term, with the desire for more sweeping legal and

structural changes in the longer term. It's clear that they also recognised the need for support from both well-connected and influential individuals and of 'ordinary' people. That much, at least, still holds true today.



Anti-Slavery Day 2025: Slavery never ended

On 18 October, we marked Anti-Slavery Day with a powerful national campaign to expose the truth that Slavery Never Ended.

While slavery is illegal in every country, around 50 million people worldwide are still exploited in modern slavery, in factories, fields, and homes, producing the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the technology we use every day.

Modern slavery takes many forms, including human trafficking, forced labour, debt bondage, descent-based slavery, and domestic servitude. Despite legal abolition, millions of people remain exploited through systems that prioritise profit over human dignity.

This year, we set out to shine a light on what the world has chosen not to see. On Anti-Slavery Day, a striking projection illuminated Westminster Bridge, revealing the uncomfortable truth that abolition failed to end slavery but went underground. The projection invited the public to confront the hidden exploitation that persists in global supply chains and to recognise

It's illegal to 'own' people in all countries in the world, but in almost half of them, it isn't criminalised, and authorities do not always enforce anti-slavery laws.



that freedom remains out of reach for millions of people.

The projection marked the beginning of Anti-Slavery Week, a period of reflection and action that included an in-depth panel discussion with human rights experts, activists, and academics exploring why abolition failed and how we can end slavery for good.

As we look ahead to the upcoming centenary of the 1926 Slavery Convention, we're reminded that international laws alone are not enough. True abolition requires action, from governments enforcing stronger protections to individuals choosing ethical consumption and supporting anti-slavery movements.

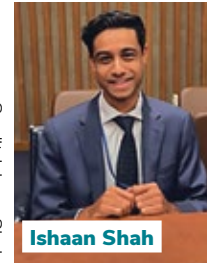
Anti-Slavery Day was a reminder that, although progress has been made, our work is far from over. Together, we can keep up the fight by spreading awareness, challenging injustice wherever we see it, and supporting the movement for freedom.

See our projection on Westminster Bridge for Anti-Slavery Day.



Credit: Double Take Projections for Anti-Slavery International

Meet the new generation of changemakers



Credit: Ishaan Shah

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Reporter, we're reflecting not only on our history but also on the inspiring young leaders shaping the future of the anti-slavery movement. One of them is Ishaan Shah, co-founder of Stolen Dreams, a youth-led collective he launched at just thirteen. We spoke with Ishaan about his journey and his vision for a world free from modern slavery.

What first motivated you to get involved in the fight against modern slavery?

I was thirteen when I first learned that slavery had not ended with history books. At school, I'd been taught it was abolished; a relic of the past. Then I discovered that modern slavery still exists in the clothes we wear, the foods we eat, the technologies we use, and even on our own high streets. In 2017, the information available was overwhelming and inaccessible for young people, so we decided to change that. That's how Stolen Dreams was born.

Can you share a little about your organisation and the impact it's having internationally?

Stolen Dreams is a youth-led collective raising awareness, driving advocacy, and supporting the movement to end modern slavery. Today, we work locally with governments to engage young people in civic life, both nationally with civil society to embed youth leadership in anti-slavery efforts, and internationally with the United Nations to give young people a formal seat at the table.

What do you think people most often misunderstand about modern slavery today?

People think it is entirely 'modern', when in fact it is rooted in centuries of historic inequalities and injustices. They also believe nothing can be done, when the truth is we can end it by bringing together different communities, generations, sectors and organisations.

What keeps you hopeful in the face of such a challenging issue?

What gives me hope is the spark I see in children and young people when the shock of modern slavery existing transforms into a determination to act. That, alongside the wisdom and solidarity of intergenerational partners, fuels this fight.

How can our readers play a role in addressing modern slavery in their own communities?

Everyone has a role to play. We must ask questions, hold governments accountable, support ethical brands, fundraise, advocate together, and above all, champion young people as leaders in the movement to end slavery.

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Drawing a red line for Gaza

In June 2025, in response to the atrocities in Gaza, Anti-Slavery International joined Red Line or Gaza, a coalition standing in solidarity with Palestinians. A ceasefire is now in place, though the situation remains fragile.

We are standing together in solidarity with Palestinians and demanding that MPs do everything in their power to protect Palestinians and end the genocide. The situation in Gaza is appalling. The UK must take urgent action to pressure the State of Israel to end its genocidal acts in Gaza.

Why we have joined this movement

Cases of enslavement and other forms of exploitation are reported in most conflicts and situations of extreme violence. But often these abuses, which may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, are only revealed many years after the conflict.

By joining this movement, we continue our two-century commitment to

“We all deserve to live in freedom. But currently, Palestinians in Gaza are facing one of the most egregious assaults to their lives and human rights on record. With the number of people being killed in Gaza climbing daily, Palestinians are also faced with a heightened risk of exploitation in modern slavery driven by violence and instability.

Helen Moulinos, CEO of Anti-Slavery International

dignity and respect for all people, human rights and freedom.

The international community, including the UK, has a responsibility to stop the atrocities in Gaza. But they are not doing enough to end the genocide and support the Palestinian people in finding freedom and safety.

We stand with our partners in this campaign and in solidarity with Palestinians living through occupation, apartheid and genocide.

The risk of modern slavery in Palestine

Violence and instability are known drivers of modern slavery. We know that they lead to rises in human trafficking, forced marriage, sexual slavery, child slavery and more, with children being particularly at risk.

Even before the latest escalation, Palestinians faced risks of forced labour, human trafficking, and other

While Israel continues to perpetrate war crimes, including the crime of genocide against Palestinians, the UK Government is not doing enough to put an end to these atrocities. Anti-Slavery International joins the Red Line for Gaza movement to stand firm in humanitarian principles, in solidarity with the Palestinian people, and to demand a permanent ceasefire.

forms of exploitation. This aggression, ongoing for over 20 months, has displaced families, destroyed livelihoods, and cut people off from food, water, medical help, and cash, forcing impossible choices to survive.

Without safe alternatives, Palestinians are at high risk of exploitation, including debt bondage and forced labour.

Support Palestinians in Gaza

A ceasefire has been announced, but this is only the beginning. Countless red lines have been crossed.

The ceasefire offers a fragile pause, but the risks for Palestinians remain high. Help ensure the UK Government acts to protect human rights, prevent further harm, and support lasting safety.

**Will you join us?
Email your MP.**





Human rights abuses and environmental harms are no picnic

Too many products sold in the UK are linked to human rights abuses and environmental harm. The UK's current patchwork of legislation cannot adequately protect people or the planet from corporate abuse. It's time for a new law.

On 19 June 2025, we handed the Prime Minister a petition for a new law to tackle human rights abuses and environmental damage in UK company supply chains.

This joint campaign with the Corporate Justice Coalition, Friends of the Earth, Transform Trade, Labour Behind the Label, Eko, and Freedom United, began in 2022. Together we've shown how current laws are not strong enough to stop multinational companies profiting from forced labour and environmental damage.

It's time to stop companies washing their hands of these abuses. We're calling for a Business, Human Rights, and Environment Act that would:

- Require companies to conduct meaningful and transparent due diligence of their supply chains
- Hold companies accountable for failing to prevent harm to people and the planet.

There's widespread public support for this law. A whopping 145,480 of you signed our call for a new Business and Human Rights Act. We all want to be sure that the goods we're buying are not made through exploitation or environmental harm. The UK Government must take urgent action to prevent the UK from becoming a safe haven for corporate abuse.



Read the letter we handed to the prime minister alongside the petition and stand with us to demand a fairer, more transparent world:



Tune in to our BBC Radio 4 Appeal

We're delighted to share that Anti-Slavery International has been selected to feature in the BBC Radio 4 Appeal, which will be broadcast for the first time on Sunday 2 November 2025.

The Radio 4 Appeal is one of the UK's most prestigious fundraising opportunities for charities. Each week, one organisation is given just three minutes of national airtime to tell its story and to inspire listeners to donate. For us, it's a powerful platform to raise awareness of modern slavery and share the stories of survivors.

Telling Tahya's story

In a small town in northwestern Mauritania, Tahya now lives a free and quiet life. She owns a small plot of land and has built a simple wooden cabin. For the first time, she can choose where to live.

Tahya isn't sure how old she is, but she knows that her life today could not be more different from how she grew up. Because like her mother before her, Tahya was born into slavery.

For nearly 40 years, Tahya was under the control of one family in the Tagant region of central Mauritania. From morning till night, she fetched water, herded livestock, cooked and cleaned. If she slowed down, she was beaten. Tahya has two children. We don't know the circumstances, but they too, were considered the property of her "masters." And that's why, about ten years ago, Tahya knew she had to escape. One day, pretending to take the goats out, she fled to the town of Atar. There she learned about SOS Esclaves, the local partner of Anti-Slavery International.

After sharing her story, the charity worked with the authorities to free Tahya's children. Once reunited, SOS Esclaves also helped Tahya rebuild her life, providing funds to buy land and build her home.

Today, Tahya earns a small income working with a survivors' network. She meets other women who've escaped, shares experiences, and helps them understand their rights.

This is the life Tahya hoped for – a safe home, freedom and a future for her children.



Credit: Daouda Correia



Lucy recording the Radio 4 appeal.

Credit: Anti-Slavery International

A powerful voice

The BBC Radio 4 Appeal will be presented by Lucy Watson, a journalist and broadcaster with ITV News. Lucy has long supported Anti-Slavery International, from hosting supporter events to taking on fundraising challenges. She's presenting this appeal because she believes no one should be born into slavery, and wants to use her voice to help more survivors rebuild their lives in freedom.

Why the appeal matters

The BBC Radio 4 Appeal provides a unique opportunity not only to raise vital funds but to reach new audiences with the urgent reality of modern slavery. Donations from the appeal will help make sure that survivors like Tahya can access the support they need to rebuild their lives with dignity. That includes education, identity documents, vocational training and opportunities for decent work.

How you can help

Tune in to the broadcast to hear Tahya's story and share the appeal with friends and family to raise awareness.

Broadcast times:

- Sunday 2 November at 7:54am and 9:25pm
- Thursday 6 November at 3:27pm

Also available online via BBC Sounds.

Donate and double your impact

Thanks to a generous supporter, every pound you give will be matched, doubling the impact of your gift.

Donate online at antislavery.org/radio4appeal or send a cheque to Anti-Slavery International, The Foundry, 17 Oval Way, London SE11 5RR and mark the envelope clearly with Radio 4 Appeal.

bbc.co.uk/appeal/radio4.

Workers' rights under threat

Everyone deserves to live and work in freedom. Yet over 21 million people are exploited in forced labour around the world, producing the products and providing the services we use every day. Laws like the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) are an important step in eradicating forced labour from global supply chains. But a recent 'omnibus' proposal to amend the directive is a setback that lets down workers everywhere.



For decades, multinational corporations have profited from business practices linked to

human rights violations, labour abuses and environmental harms. When the European Union (EU) adopted the CSDDD in June 2024, it positioned itself as a world leader, showing a commitment to an economy that values shared prosperity, human rights and environmental protection. The law had the potential to improve the lives of millions of people in forced labour by driving better business practices.

But in February 2025, the EU announced an 'omnibus' proposal that would weaken this key corporate accountability law.

The 2025 Omnibus Simplification Package undermines the purpose of

What is an omnibus?

An 'omnibus' combines many small changes to existing laws into one. These can include updates, clarifications and simplifications, but they're all grouped together because they aim to achieve the same overall goal.

the CSDDD by reducing the duty to identify risks and limiting enforcement.

It aims to reverse key elements of the law essential for protecting people in forced labour – and it was done without any consultation with affected communities. This represents a serious setback in the fight against forced labour. Dismantling key protections in the CSDDD sends a dangerous signal: that corporate interests matter more than human rights.

In April 2025, we challenged the European Commission's undemocratic process for adopting the omnibus. People shouldn't have to choose between products that harm workers and the environment, and those that are safe and sustainable. It's the companies' responsibility to ensure there are no human rights abuses in their supply chains. And we will continue campaigning until governments put people and the planet before profit.

[Read more](#) about the risks of the omnibus proposal and our challenge to it.



Marching for change

In September, our CEO, Helen Moulinos, and head of UK and European advocacy, Sian Lea, joined allies on the Back to the Future march – a 95-kilometre journey from Maastricht to Brussels to deliver a clear message: **the EU must not step back from its duty to protect people and the planet.**

The march raised awareness of the EU's omnibus 'simplification' proposal – a sweeping move for deregulation, and a blow to the CSDDD.

Why is the omnibus a problem?

The CSDDD was designed to ensure corporate transparency and accountability. But the omnibus proposal could mean that fewer companies will be required to conduct due diligence of their business and supply chains, leaving millions of workers at risk of modern slavery, undetected and outside of legal enforcement.

Effective laws to identify, prevent and address modern slavery in supply

chains are critical. Weak regulation allows human rights abuses and environmental harms to go undetected and unaddressed. Profit must never come before the wellbeing of the planet and human dignity.

We must not look away

The International Labour Organization estimates that 27.6 million people are living in forced labour. Each year, forced labour generates around US\$236 billion in illegal profits, meaning EU laws can have a global impact. The EU is the world's largest single market, home to 23 million businesses. It's time to end practices that put profit above human rights.

How you can support

[Donate](#) to hold corporations and the EU accountable for protecting human rights in supply chains.



Finishing what he started

At 79, long-standing Anti-Slavery International supporter Simon John has achieved a feat of incredible determination, resilience, and commitment to ending modern slavery. This summer, he completed his extraordinary solo cycle pilgrimage from Walsingham in Norfolk to Lourdes in France.

Simon first attempted the 1,000-mile journey in 2023, but his ride came to an abrupt end after a traffic accident. He faced a long recovery before he was able to think about cycling again.

But giving up was not an option. Two years later, he returned to France, determined to finish what he had started. Simon got back on his bike and completed the route to Lourdes, raising over £5,000 to support

Anti-Slavery International's work along the way.

"I believe that everyone deserves to live a life free from exploitation," says Simon. "My hope and prayer remain the same: that this small act can help raise awareness and inspire people to support the fight against modern slavery."

Simon's courage, faith and persistence are truly inspiring. We're deeply grateful for everything he has done through this remarkable challenge and his tireless efforts to raise awareness of Anti-Slavery International.

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Reporter, Simon's story is a powerful reminder that our mission has always relied on the passion and commitment of supporters. His achievement shows that anyone, at any age, can take on a challenge to help end modern slavery.

Help Simon reach his fundraising target of £10,000 to support Anti-Slavery International **by donating via his fundraising page:**



Or if you prefer, you can send a cheque made out to Anti-Slavery International and write "Simon John Bike Ride" on the back. Every donation helps in the fight to end modern slavery.



Credits: James Markham



Q&A with Simon John

After completing his remarkable ride, we asked Simon to reflect on his journey, his commitment to the anti-slavery movement, and the advice he'd offer to anyone inspired to take on their own fundraising challenge.

What inspired you to take on such a demanding journey in your late 70s?

The idea of travelling and raising awareness on slavery came from Thomas Clarkson, who did so on a horse in the early 19th century. Age is no impediment to cycling.

What was the biggest challenge you faced, and how did you overcome it?

The heatwave in early July this year with temperatures of around 40c from early afternoon. I tried to avoid cycling in the worst heat by getting up at 5 am. Mentally, the challenge was the perversities of my cycling satnav that sent me miles down illusory shortcuts into fields and along cart tracks. A sense of humour was essential.

How did it feel to return to France and finally complete the ride after your accident and recovery?

I was certainly apprehensive, more so after a knee-scraping fall in the heat, but ultimately some sense of achievement.

What message would you like to share with others about modern slavery and why it matters today?

It's not that complicated: we can spot the signs and report; we can consume ethically. We can inform governments and big businesses that we won't tolerate it.

What advice would you give to someone thinking about taking on their own fundraising challenge, whatever their age or ability?

You can do it! Plan carefully and progressively, well in advance. Don't worry about any lack of fitness; getting fit for the event is one of the benefits. Incremental training brings endurance.

If you'd like to get involved, whether by running, cycling, baking, or doing something entirely your own, download our **Fundraise for Freedom pack** for ideas and tips on how to get started:





Leave your mark on history

From campaigns to abolish transatlantic slavery to today's fight against modern slavery in supply chains, the Reporter has witnessed both the challenges and victories of the global movement for two centuries.

Our progress has only been possible because people like you believe a world free from slavery is achievable. Generations of supporters have stood alongside us, ensuring that even as slavery has evolved, our movement has remained resilient and unrelenting.

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Timeline scramble

Can you match the dates with the key historical events?

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1833

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1825

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***Indentured labour** refers to a system where a person works for an employer for a specified period (an indenture) in exchange for a payment, typically the cost of travel, food, and lodging, to be repaid with labour. After the abolition of slavery, this form of contract labour became common in colonial contexts to provide workers for plantations and other projects, though the conditions were often exploitative and could closely resemble slavery.

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Sian Lea, head of UK & European advocacy, joined allies on the 95 km Back to the Future march from Maastricht to Brussels in September, calling on the EU to protect people and the planet.



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