

CPG on Human Trafficking - Minutes – 4th December 2013

Present:

Jenny Marra, Labour Party MSP (Co-convenor)
Patrick Harvey, Green Party MSP
Jean Urquhart, Independent MSP
Andy Bevan, International Justice Mission UK (Secretary)
Ross McKenzie, Office of Jenny Marra
John Merralls, Migrant Help
Neil McCulloch, Scot-Pep
Kathy Betteridge, Salvation Army
Neil Whettam, East Lothian Council
Hazel Watson, ACTS
Euan Fraser, Stop the Traffic
Paul Rigby, University of Stirling
Bronagh Andrews, CSG/TARA
Catriona MacSween, Guardianship Service
Sean Bell, City of Edinburgh Council
Emma Grindulis, Together
Euan Paige, EHRC
Sofia Liaquat, North Lanarkshire Muslim Alliance
Rebekah Wallace, Robert Gordons University
Karen Wylie, Robert Gordons University
Kirsty Thompson, Legal Services Agency
Lorrain Cook, COSLA strategic migration partnership
Tony Connor
Graham O'Neill

Phil Knight, Just Enough UK
Jeremy Angle, Just Enough UK

Apologies:

Christina McKelvie, MSP (Co-convenor)
Louise Johnson, Scottish Women's Aid
Janice Wilson, Soroptimists International, Crieff
Marion Miller, Soroptimists International, Aberdeen
Jenny Kemp, Zero Tolerance
Alexa Anderson
Charlie Bevan
Jim Laird

MINUTES:

1. Open meeting

JM invited round the table introductions

2. Adopt the minutes from our meeting on 4th September 2013

Moved by JM and seconded by BA – adopted.

3. A presentation from Phil Knight, Founder and CEO of Just Enough UK, followed by Q & A

PK started with a rhythm exercise

Explanation of who 'Just Enough UK' are:

Just Enough UK is a leading educational charity, established in 2009, working on behalf of the Metropolitan Police service amongst other organisations to provide educational services to children on the problems associated with trafficking and slavery. The charity plans to launch in Glasgow in December of this year and will be educating up to 300,000 children throughout the UK in 2014. Phil and the team raise awareness of trafficking with children through a number of creative means - this has included music, drama, comedy, playing drums for four and a half days non-stop and even being locked in a container for two weeks, reflecting the plight of many trafficked throughout the world.

Initially, invitations to present were coming in from local schools - It has now gone national.

Demonstration of the workshop with schools:

Beginning:

Rhythm Exercise – as above

Middle:

Interactive/practical illustration and story outlining the reasons that people are trafficked

- Poverty
- War
- Dreams

Signs of Slavery:

- Suspicious adult guarding them
- Local language is a struggle
- Advertising themselves for money – not able to use sex or prostitution
- Victim of physical abuse
- Emotional trauma

What to do if you ever expect anything:

- Never compromise your own safety... Ever
- Believe someone if they approach you for help
- Call the MPS Trafficking Hotline on **0800 783 2589**
- Alternatively call the Police in an emergency on **999**

End:

Introduce the concept of the flyer and mobile phone App:

Explanation:

The Anti Trafficking App allows you report any signs you may suspect of trafficking or slavery quickly and safely in you town or city. The information comes straight through to

us and the Metropolitan Police's trafficking department. The HELP! Button is just like dialing 999 and will be treated as such. If pressed we will assume you need help and will contact you immediately! No matter what you may see, even if you feel it not important, we would always rather hear from you... You are the way to help stop slavery!

The Look Out button tells you the signs of modern day slavery that could be happening in your town or city.

The Camera can be used to send us an instant image and location report that can then be used as evidence to convict Traffickers if you ever suspect anything

The Location Report allows you to send an email instantly to let us know where you are. It will also send through your mobile number so we can phone you back to make sure your ok.

The HELP! Button is if you feel threatened or see something that requires an emergency response as it does go straight through to the Metropolitan Police Service and Just Enough UK.

Every child goes home with a flyer

Close of Presentation

JM facilitates the Q & A

Open up the floor to questions:

BA - question

Camera – do you do safety training for kids taking pictures?

PK

Yes. Parents need to give permission to download the app. We're not going for a mass roll out as yet – it's still a very new initiative. We might have to omit the camera feature and stick with location

JA

There is an initial login required.

NM - question

What is the relationship with the MET Police?

PK

Collaboration is so important. Looked at the systems in already place.

JM - question

To put the above question in another way, who funds you?

PK

We're not funded by the MET. We are funded by individuals, trusts and corporate sponsorship

JA

We follow a specific order – firstly, we speak to the local authority, then the MP and finally local businesses for funding.

? - question

Have you been in a Scottish school?

PK

We have secured funding to launch in a couple of schools in Glasgow

JM - *question*

Have you met with Police Scotland?

PK

Yes, met with them yesterday. We want to make sure that any initiatives we set up are police supported

NW - *question*

What are you doing with international organisations? Prevention is greatly needed in other countries as well.

PK

Understanding of the source/transit countries needs to be improved. For example, the Moldovan Government has recently said that the governments of destination countries need a better understanding of source countries and their cultural practices/norms.

BA - *question*

Do you present that this might affect UK individuals as well?

PK

Yes, everyone is affected by it. We don't go in to deep details with kids

KT - *question*

How long have you been doing it? And how are you evaluating the success?

PK

I have been going round schools for 4 years. Just Enough UK became a charity in February 2013. We evaluate success through connections with teachers and getting the kids and teachers to fill out questionnaires.

KT - *question*

Follow up question – How do you actually evaluate what works and what doesn't?

PK

The leadership has monthly meetings to reflect and discuss going forward. For example, we made a decision that the workshop had to be done in a class setting rather than at an assembly.

NM - *question*

The app. How long has the SLAVE identification been working? The process of identification is hard enough for an adult, let alone a child. Does the App not cause affront to civil liberties?

JA

We've had the app for three months and haven't spoken to others about the civil liberty implications.

PK

'PanicCam' helped develop the app - PanicCam has been used by the police for years. The camera might be the part of the App that has to go. We're not officially rolling it out until everything's ready

PR - *question*

What background research have you done in Scotland?

PK

To be honest, it came completely out of the blue that we're going to be in Scotland. The opportunity initially arose through a donor and then Glasgow council and police

demonstrated interest.

JA

The main purpose of what we do is to raise awareness as to trafficking.

JM - *question*

Have you spoken to the Scottish Government?

JA

Spoke to Helena Kennedy QC and she was very interested.

PK

We're keen that it will be Scottish lead – we have a Scottish policeman as a trustee.

GO - *comment*

Following on from KT's point, I would hope that an effective evaluation process would be in place for any publically funded project.

SB - *question*

Are you in Edinburgh? Who in Edinburgh council

PK

Meetings haven't worked out yet...

BA - *question*

We must ensure consistency in teaching in how we teach schools/pupils about trafficking. Who are you speaking to in Glasgow City Council?

PK

We are currently speaking to Alison Logan, GCC. In approaching Scotland, she advised us to imagine we were in France... Scotland is very different from England. I also worry that other people have butchered presenting on Human Trafficking and would agree with the need for consistency.

JA

There is appropriate teaching for kids at three different stages.

4. Update on the Human Trafficking (Scotland) Bill as the period of public consultation comes to an end - Jenny Marra, MSP

JM

Consultation period extended to the 6th January - UNICEF want to respond but need more time. There have been 70 response so far – mixture of substantive and votes of approval. The more responses the consultation gets, the more authority it has.

JM and GO went to Westminster to present the bill. They were quizzed by a committee lead by Frank Fields MP – 7 or 8 MPs in attendance.

GO

Good chat about advocacy service and the need for statutory protection for survivors Very supportive and GO was happy with their level of engagement

JM

The vision of the Modern Slavery Bill and Human Trafficking (Scotland) Bill working hand in hand looks good to go ahead.

BA also gave evidence to the panel. There's a bit of concern surrounding victim and

survivor protection – they want a narrow/basic bill that needs announced in the Queen’s speech. There are certain reservations in the bill. For example, the NRM is not tied in to the 45 days.

5. Alexa Anderson, briefly introducing the topic of her Research Masters focusing on Human Trafficking

Unfortunately had to pull out at the last minute – rescheduled for our next meeting.

6. AoB

The Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group has published their report. **BA to send a link round the members.** Concerns about the disparity between EU and Non EU survivors

Anti-trafficking monitoring group to present at June meeting.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th March, 5.30-7pm, Scottish Parliament – Gunilla Ekberg will be presenting on a gender equality approach to combating Human Trafficking.

7. Close