

Slave Britain

various photographers

As Britain commemorated 200 years since the abolition of the slave trade, Panos produced an exhibition to reveal how human trafficking is a bitter reality for thousands of women, men and children in the UK today. Slave Britain artfully documents the ordinary lives and everyday locations caught up in trafficking and calls for an end to this illegal 21st century trade. The show was produced by Panos Pictures in partnership with Amnesty International, Anti-Slavery International, Eaves and UNICEF UK.

The photographs, by Panos photographers Karen Robinson and David Rose, represent a rare and intimate insight into the mechanics of this fastest growing form of modern day slavery and explore the devastating impact it has on people's lives.

The exhibition sought to expose the reality of trafficking in the UK and the action needed to tackle it and was used to lobby the UK government to make good on its recent promise to sign and ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings in order to guarantee minimum standards of protection

and support for trafficked people. The exhibition achieved its aim with the government signing up to the convention later that year.

The photographs were challengingly mounted on a cage-like structure which was specially designed for the imposing and inspiring setting of St Paul's Cathedral. The exhibition was also shown in Edinburgh, Hull and Warsaw.

The images begin with Karen Robinson's portraits of those who have been enslaved by trafficking. Further on, you will see David Rose's panoramic photographs of the ordinary British streets where the stories of modern-day slavery have been played out. Rose also made portraits of the modern-day abolitionists - the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings.

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Sheila (20, Ugandan) was a victim of human trafficking. After being orphaned at 15, she was taken from Uganda by a family friend and sold to a man in the UK for sex. She escaped, but not knowing where or to whom to turn, was forced to sell her body to survive. Pregnant and desperate, she was directed to the Home Office. "It was only from then I started getting some help. The Home Office gave me details of the Refugee Council and they got me a solicitor and I was referred to the NSPCC. They have helped me so much. I had no friends or family. Now I feel like I have a family. My daughter is four now and I am pregnant again. If I have a problem or if I want to kill myself or something or if I am depressed I know I can go to my key worker. It has made me feel like a human again. Before, I used to feel like a monster; now I am a human."

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United kingdom

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Divia (28, Indian) is a former domestic slave. She received help from Kalayaan, an NGO that campaigns for justice for migrant domestic workers.

"trouble began when the Kuwaiti family I was working for suggested I come to England to look after their son and his family. The woman there told me I would sleep on the floor in the utility room. It was stone-cold in winter. I became sick. My eyesight started failing. I think it was from hunger. They wouldn't let me eat their food. I could cook it. But not eat it. I couldn't stand the shouting and the hitting. After six months, I crept out. I went to the police, but my English was poor. They couldn't understand. They told me to go away. After that I had to go to the park to sleep and it's been like that for most of the seven years since. A job for one week, one month, whatever. And now I am an illegal immigrant."

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Daina (20, Lithuanian) was a victim of human trafficking. "I was 19 years old when I was sold by my boyfriend. I had been with Petras for over two months when he suggested we move to England together." Daina flew to the UK ahead of Petras, and was met by a Lithuanian woman who sold her on. She was made to work as a prostitute immediately. Men would pay more for unprotected sex and she was forced to have an abortion after becoming pregnant. Eventually she escaped, and was referred to POPPY, who run the UK's only shelter for trafficked women.

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Louisiana (26, Lithuanian) was a victim of human trafficking. She saw an advert for cleaning and waitressing jobs in the UK, and travelled to England with a man from the job agency. "I had my own passport. But when we arrived he took my passport away and told me I had to work as a prostitute. He said I owed him money for the travel and I would pay him back this way. I was shocked. I would never have chosen this. I did not know what to do. I don't feel able to talk properly about what happened to me after that, not even to my support worker. I was very unhappy. I escaped before I had been there too long and am now with the POPPY Project [who run the UK's only shelter for trafficked women.]"

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Jiera (19, Lithuanian) was a victim of human trafficking. "My life has been ruined by two men I thought were my friends. They trafficked me into prostitution when I was 17." What Jiera thought was going to be a holiday in London became a year-long nightmare before she escaped with the help of a Lithuanian punter. He took her to the police but they said they couldn't help, so he took her to the Lithuanian Embassy. From there she was referred to POPPY, who run the UK's only shelter for trafficked women. She has taken refuge in drink and drugs. "I want to go back home, but I am afraid of what people will say. Even if my friends don't judge me for what happened, they will always know what I did. They will never forget, and neither can I."

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United kingdom

Wakefield, Yorkshire, England, Great Britain, UK

Elizabeth (24, Nigerian) was a victim of human trafficking. She is pictured holding the bible. "In 2001 my father introduced me to a woman who said she would take me to Italy to be a hairdresser. When I arrived I was taken to a house with a few other Nigerian girls. I kept asking where I was going to learn hairdressing. Instead, some of the girls in the house, who were all dressed up, gave me some revealing clothes and told me to put some make-up on and go out to work with them. I started screaming and crying because I realised my father had sold me into prostitution." Elizabeth escaped to the UK where she is under threat of deportation back to Nigeria. She is afraid of the consequences, because she ran away from her traffickers before she had paid her 'debt' to them.

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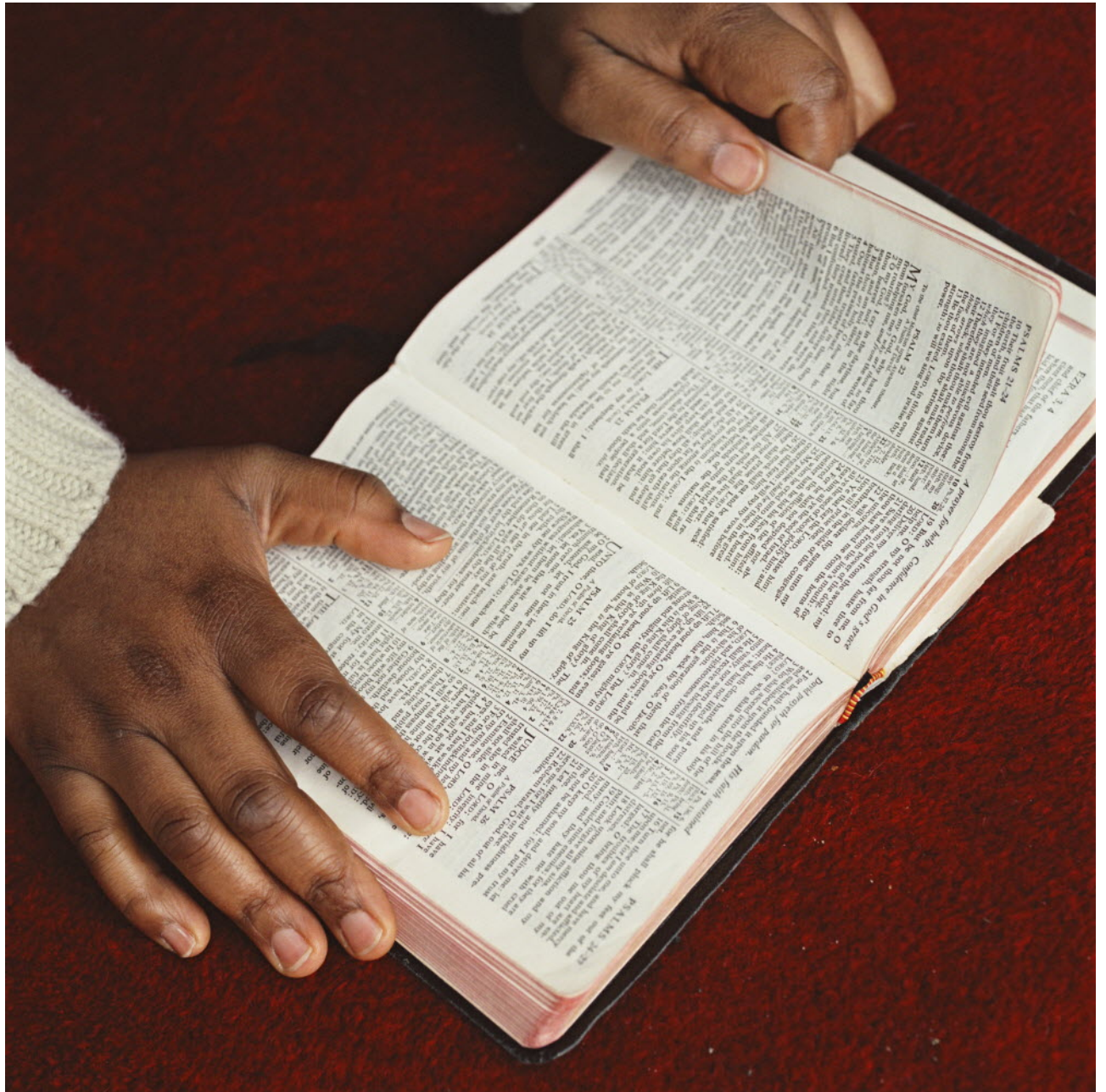


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Ona (30, Lithuanian) was a victim of human trafficking. She was forced to become a prostitute in the UK, but later escaped and was helped by POPPY, who run the UK's only shelter for trafficked women. She finds it hard to talk about what happened to her, but has expressed her feelings in poetry (poems available on request).

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Theresa (53, Indian) is a former domestic slave. "For a couple of years I worked as a maid in India. Then the family told me of a job in Britain with a friend of theirs. I travelled to England and arrived in Hell. From day one I was told by 'Madam' that I would sleep in the corner of a downstairs room. I should roll up my mattress during the day, no trace of me to be seen. It was normal to go to bed around 2am. My wake-up call would be Madam kicking me. I averaged maybe four hours' sleep a night for the next three years. Finally, I escaped and an Indian friend took me to Kalayaan, the charity helping migrant workers like me. They gave me clothes, £100 and a safe-house where I could stay a while. Since then I have worked for another nine employers. Some have been better than others. But none were as bad as that first one."

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London, England, Great Britain, UK

Rajan (27, Nepalese) is a former domestic slave. He received help from Kalayaan, an NGO that campaigns for justice for migrant domestic workers. "I was working in India, for two years, for a family. They were very kind to me. They treated me like a son. One day they told me they were going to London. They said I was coming with them. When I got here I realised I wasn't just working with my family any more. I worked 14-15 hour days, cooking, gardening, cleaning, ironing. I worked between two houses. They held on to my passport but twice in the four years I was with them I was allowed to go home to see my family in Nepal. In October, when I came back to England, I didn't go back. I don't want to complain about my family. They weren't bad people. I don't have a job at the moment. It's hard without a reference. But I'm free. I like being in the park. I'm breathing nicely now."

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Lithuania

Vilnius

Danielle (18) was trafficked to the UK to work in the sex industry. "My life was normal before I was trafficked at the age of 15. My friend was offered a summer job in London and I decided to go too. At the airport we were met by some men who handed £3,500 to the guy who'd travelled with me. To my horror I realised I'd been sold. I was taken to Birmingham by the man who bought me. He raped me then took me to a brothel and said I had to have sex with customers. I was too terrified to refuse. One of the other girls working there said 'Don't think about trying to escape, wherever you run they will find you.' I worked in the brothel for several months before I escaped. Clients could see that I was distressed but none of them ever offered to help. I'm trying to rebuild my life. But what they did has changed me forever."

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Lithuania

Kaunas

Maria (19) was trafficked to the UK to work in the sex industry. "At the age of 16, I fell in love with a boy and we began a relationship which lasted for two years. Then we split up. But a few months later he came looking for me and said he wanted us to get back together and that he'd like to take me on holiday to England. But when we arrived in London my boyfriend disappeared and the other couple in the car took me to an Albanian man and sold me. I was in a complete state of shock and could not believe that my boyfriend would do something like this to me. I never found out how much my boyfriend got paid for me. The Albanian man took me to a hotel and introduced me to my first client. Afterwards, I ran out of the room and into the street looking for someone who could help me. A kind woman took me to the police station. They passed me on to social services, and I came home a couple of weeks later."

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Lithuania

Liuciunai, Kaunas region

Stasa (68). "My older daughter Inga was trafficked to Germany and then England, and my younger daughter Marla was trafficked within Lithuania. I've lost them both. A couple of times Inga has managed to send money home. I don't think she will ever escape because they watch her all the time. If she does come home this region is full of men looking out for vulnerable women like her. They'll do it again. When she escaped from Germany, they were waiting for her at the bus station. She's been trafficked five times, three times to Germany and twice to the UK. I have one wish and that's for my daughters to come back, but after what they've been through I don't believe they'll ever be able to live a normal life again."

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Lithuania

Kaunas

Egle (23). "In the last four years I've been trafficked five times - twice to Germany and once each to the UK, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic. I worked in different cities but I never knew the names of them. I had a lucky escape in the UK. My traffickers took me to a clinic for a pregnancy test but weren't allowed to come in to see the doctor. I told her I had been trafficked and she called the police. I'm sheltering in a convent at the moment but will soon be going back to my home town. I don't see how I will ever be safe again. I've got a three-year-old daughter. How will I ever be able to raise her safely when the traffickers are all around?"

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Lithuania

Nr. Kaunas

Karolina (24) was trafficked to the UK to work in the sex industry. "I had a job in my village working as a gardener. I went along to a picnic one day and met a guy who told me he could get me a job in England earning a lot of money. He said I would be working in a bar, chatting to men and encouraging them to buy drinks. I travelled to London on a bus with two other women. The man who met us took me to a flat where a woman handed me underwear and some high-heeled shoes and told me to put them on. I had never worn anything like that before. I realised what had happened to me and started crying. Another girl whispered to me that she would help me to escape. I was expected to work 12 hours a day. After about a week the woman helped me slip out of the brothel. I ran to the police and they took me to the POPPY Project, which shelters trafficked women. I'm back in Lithuania now. Nobody knows what really happened to me when I went to work in London, not even my boyfriend. If anyone found out the truth it would bring great shame on me. I'm trying my best to put the past behind me and get my life back to where it was before I was trafficked."

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Lithuania

Kaunas

Jolanta (35). "I live in a village of 20 houses. I was one of seven women trafficked from this tiny place. I was farming here when a man told me that in Germany I could earn much more money for the same work. He sorted out the travel arrangements. Two men met me at the bus station in Germany. I realised they were pimps. Coming home has been very hard for me. There isn't much farming work now and I've got problems with alcohol. I've had five children since I came back but wasn't able to take proper care of them. Social Services put them in a children's home. Men who traffick women like me don't care how much damage they do to us for the rest of our lives."

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Lithuania

Kaunas

Jovita (30) was trafficked to Germany to work in the sex industry. Jovita's best friend from childhood sold her to a Turkish trafficker who took her to Germany when she was 21. She was a single parent and was struggling to make ends meet when her friend told her she could get her a well paid job as a chambermaid in a German hotel. She jumped at the chance, planning to stay away for a few months and build up some savings. She left her son with her mother. The man her friend introduced her to drove her overland to Germany from Lithuania. She was horrified when she arrived at a hotel in Hamburg and found that rather than making beds she was expected to lie in them with a procession of German men. She was resold several times and was taken from Germany to Montenegro. She eventually escaped and made her way back to Lithuania at the beginning of 2006. She has found a job in a shop and is slowly trying to rebuild her life and her relationship with her son.

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Lithuania

Liuciunai, Kaunas region

Dovile (20) with a photograph of her daughter. A male acquaintance suggested that she take a job in Kaunas where she would be paid a lot of money simply for spending a few evenings chatting in a bar to wealthy businessmen. She readily agreed and was told a man would meet her at the bus station and take her to the bar where she would be working. The bar turned out to be a flat where she was told she would have to work as a prostitute. "I was horrified and said I hadn't come to do this sort of work. But the man was waiting outside while the customers came so I couldn't escape." After a few weeks a man who she thought was a customer came to the flat. He turned out to be a police officer on an undercover operation and rescued her. She has now returned home and has been reunited with her beloved daughter.

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Lithuania

Kaunas

Dovile (20, left) and Egle (23, right) have both been trafficked to work in the sex industry. Egle says: "In the last four years I've been trafficked five times - twice to Germany and once each to the UK, the Netherlands and the Czech Republic. I worked in different cities but I never knew the names of them. I had a lucky escape in the UK. My traffickers took me to a clinic for a pregnancy test but weren't allowed to come in to see the doctor. I told her I had been trafficked and she called the police. I'm sheltering in a convent at the moment but will soon be going back to my home town. I don't see how I will ever be safe again. I've got a three-year-old daughter. How will I ever be able to raise her safely when the traffickers are all around?"

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Lithuania

Kaunas

Egle (23) being comforted by a nun.
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United kingdom

Sheffield, England, Great Britain, UK

A British Muslim women wearing a veil walks past a speed camera in Burngreave Road. A one-bedroom flat in Burngreave Road was at the centre of a high-profile court case which led to the prosecution of two men and a woman for sex trafficking offences in 2005. A 19-year-old Lithuanian woman was rescued from this address. She had been made to work on the streets, bringing clients back to the flat which was also used by her traffickers. The female gang member often accompanied her on the street to help attract punters. The woman was regularly raped and tortured at this address. A Kosovan man was found guilty of rape and jailed for 21 years; an Albanian man was given 16 years for sex trafficking offences and a Lithuanian woman was sentenced to 11 years for false imprisonment. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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United kingdom

Portsmouth, England, Great Britain, UK

Flats in Malthouse Road, Portsmouth.

In May 2005, a police raid was conducted at an address in this street which was believed to be a brothel.

As a result of this and a subsequent long-term investigation both in the UK and abroad, a 24-year-old Chinese man was arrested and charged with four counts of trafficking for sexual exploitation. The investigation is still ongoing in order to bring other person(s) to justice. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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United Kingdom

Cardiff, Wales, Great Britain, UK

West Bute Street was the location of one of three brothels in Cardiff which were at the heart of the first prosecution for trafficking offences in the UK, since the law against trafficking for sexual exploitation was introduced in 2003. A Lithuanian woman was shipped between the three addresses, starting work early in the morning and continuing into the early hours of the following day. She would see up to seven clients a day, earning more than £500, which was shared between the brothel owners and the traffickers. Two Albanian men were found guilty of trafficking offences and sentenced to six and four years respectively in November 2005. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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Woodville Road was the location of one of three brothels in Cardiff which were at the heart of the first prosecution for trafficking offences in the UK, since the law against trafficking for sexual exploitation was introduced in 2003. A Lithuanian woman was shipped between the three addresses, starting work early in the morning and continuing into the early hours of the following day. She would see up to seven clients a day, earning more than £500, which was shared between the brothel owners and the traffickers. Two Albanian men were found guilty of trafficking offences and sentenced to six and four years respectively in November 2005. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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A house for sale in Whitchurch Road, near the location of one of three brothels in Cardiff which were at the heart of the first prosecution for trafficking offences in the UK, since the law against trafficking for sexual exploitation was introduced in 2003. A Lithuanian woman was shipped between the three addresses, starting work early in the morning and continuing into the early hours of the following day. She would see up to seven clients a day, earning more than £500, which was shared between the brothel owners and the traffickers. Two Albanian men were found guilty of trafficking offences and sentenced to six and four years respectively in November 2005. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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United kingdom

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Kingsley Road, Hounslow. A missing person's hunt for a 16-year-old Lithuanian woman led police to investigate brothels in this and other West London streets and a gang of Albanian people traffickers. The girl was found at a flat in Kingsley Road which was being used as a brothel. The girl had been tricked into leaving her village after being befriended by a young man. Once in the UK she was sold on to a group of Albanians and told she would have to work as a prostitute to cover the money they had paid for her. She was forced to have sex with as many as ten men a day, earning her pimps as much as £800 a day. Five Albanian men were convicted of sex trafficking offences in November 2005 and jailed for 18 years. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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Pears Road, Hounslow. A missing person's hunt for a 16-year-old Lithuanian woman led police to investigate brothels in this and other West London streets and a gang of Albanian people traffickers. The girl was found at a flat in nearby Kingsley Road which was being used as a brothel. The girl had been tricked into leaving her village after being befriended by a young man. Once in the UK she was sold on to a group of Albanians and told she would have to work as a prostitute to cover the money they had paid for her. She was forced to have sex with as many as ten men a day, earning her pimps as much as £800 a day. Five Albanian men were convicted of sex trafficking offences in November 2005 and jailed for 18 years. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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United kingdom

Reading, England, Great Britain, UK

A cleaner working in a hotel. Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation, many of them working in the cleaning and catering trades.

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United kingdom

Enfield, London, England, Great Britain, UK

A young man on a park bench in Cracknell Close, Enfield. In July 2005, two Lithuanian women aged 18 and 20 were trafficked into the UK believing they had been offered well-paid bar work. They were met at the airport by their traffickers who told them they would be working as prostitutes in order to earn enough money for their return airfare to Lithuania. The women were separated and one was sold immediately to a Kosovan man for £4,000. He took her to his three-bedroom flat in a modern residential dwelling in Cracknell Close. He held her here for a week and raped her on several occasions. Eventually he sold her back to the original traffickers when he became aware that she had alerted friends back home. She was held captive for a further three days before managing to escape. Her friend had been taken to work in a brothel in Manchester but was rescued from her ordeal when a member of the public became aware of her plight. A police investigation led to the arrest of six Albanian men and one Lithuanian woman on suspicion of trafficking the two women. In December 2006, the gang was convicted and sentenced to a total of 63 years imprisonment. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.



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United kingdom

Lincolnshire, England, Great Britain, UK

An agricultural field in Lincolnshire. Many people are trafficked to the UK to work on farms, often picking fruit and vegetables. Despite the scale of the problem, there have been no anti-trafficking operations on farms or other areas where forced labour is used. There is no incentive for workers to come forward and report their situation. There is no system of protection or help and no compensation or legal redress. Many are deported before they can even get hold of information on what they can do. Immigration authorities offer no protection to whistle-blowers who complain about their illegal treatment. Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation.

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United kingdom

Birmingham, England, Great Britain, UK

Traffic on Wash Lane, Birmingham. In July 2004, a 15-year-old Lithuanian girl was trafficked to the UK. The day after her arrival, she was sold for £4,000. She was raped by the man who bought her and subsequently taken to Birmingham by him. Every day, for ten days, she was taken to a privately rented house on this road. Here she was made to perform sexual services to at least five clients, every day. She had to hand all the money paid to her to the man who bought her. Over a period of eight weeks before she escaped she was sold seven times to different men and transported around the UK. A Macedonian man was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment for trafficking offences, an Albanian to five years imprisonment and a Kosovan to 15 years imprisonment for rape and trafficking offences. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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United Kingdom

Leicester, England, Great Britain, UK
Narborough Road, Leicester. In July 2004, a 15-year-old Lithuanian girl was trafficked to the UK. The day after her arrival, she was sold for £4,000. She was raped by the man who bought her and made to perform sexual services to at least five clients a day for ten days. She was then sold to an Albanian man who kept her at his home address for a week before putting her to work at premises in this street in Leicester. Over a period of eight weeks before she escaped she was sold seven times to different men and transported around the UK. A Macedonian man was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment for trafficking offences, the Albanian to five years imprisonment and a Kosovan to 15 years imprisonment for rape and trafficking offences. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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United kingdom

Coventry, England, Great Britain, UK

A house for sale in Mason Road, Coventry. In July 2004, a 15-year-old Lithuanian girl was trafficked to the UK. The day after her arrival, she was sold for £4,000. She was raped by the man who bought her and forced to perform sexual services to at least five clients, every day. She was then sold to an Albanian man who kept her at this address before putting her to work. Over a period of eight weeks before she escaped she was sold seven times to different men and transported around the UK. A Macedonian man was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment for trafficking offences, the Albanian to five years imprisonment and a Kosovan to 15 years imprisonment for rape and trafficking offences. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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United kingdom

Sheffield, England, Great Britain, UK

A housing estate at Norwich Row, Sheffield. In July 2004, a 15-year-old Lithuanian girl was trafficked to the UK. The day after her arrival, she was sold for £4,000. She was raped by the man who bought her and made to perform sexual services to at least five clients a day for ten days. Over a period of eight weeks she was sold seven times to different men and transported around the UK. This was the last address at which she was held before she managed to escape. She was held here for seven days and raped daily by the same man who originally met her at the airport. A Macedonian man was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment for trafficking offences, an Albanian to five years imprisonment and a Kosovan to 15 years imprisonment for rape and trafficking offences. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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United kingdom

Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England, Great Britain,

A post box and boarded up house in Gadsby Close, Nuneaton. In July 2005, two Lithuanian women aged 18 and 20 were trafficked into the UK believing they had been offered well-paid bar work. They were met at the airport by their traffickers who told them they would be working as prostitutes in order to earn enough money for their return airfare to Lithuania. The women were separated and one was sold immediately to a Kosovan man for £4,000. He held her for a week and raped her on several occasions. Eventually he sold her back to the original traffickers when he became aware that she had alerted friends back home. She was held captive in Gadsby Close for a further three days before managing to escape. Her friend had been taken to work in a brothel in Manchester but was rescued from her ordeal when a member of the public became aware of her plight. A police investigation led to the arrest of six Albanian men and one Lithuanian woman on suspicion of trafficking the two women. In December 2006, the gang was convicted and sentenced to a total of 63 years imprisonment. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.



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United kingdom

London, England, Great Britain, UK

Hyde Park Street, central London.

This prestigious address was involved in a multi-million pound prostitution network run by a Vietnamese ringleader and his Malaysian wife which brought hundreds of young Malaysian women into the UK to work as prostitutes. Nineteen women were rescued from a high-class brothel in Hyde Park Street. Many of the women and girls, aged between 16-24, were tricked into coming to Britain with the promise of jobs, then told on arrival that they had to pay off a debt-bond of around £3,000. They had to pay rent and were also fined half their day's wages if they did not abide by strict house rules. On average they were made to have sex with 50 clients a week to pay off their 'debt', before they were eventually sent home. A phone call from a woman being held in one of the brothels run by the gang, prompted a five-month surveillance operation which led to the arrest of the gang members. In total, six people were charged with trafficking offences and controlling prostitution. All received sentences of between five and 18 years. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.



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United kingdom

London, England, Great Britain, UK

Avenue Road, north west London.

This prestigious address was involved in a multi-million pound prostitution network run by a Vietnamese ringleader and his Malaysian wife which brought hundreds of young Malaysian women into the UK to work as prostitutes. An exclusive penthouse flat in this street with an indoor swimming pool was used as a brothel and the gang leader's home address. Many of the women and girls, aged between 16-24, were tricked into coming to Britain with the promise of jobs, then told on arrival that they had to pay off a debt-bond of around £3,000. They had to pay rent and were also fined half their day's wages if they did not abide by strict house rules. On average they were made to have sex with 50 clients a week to pay off their 'debt', before they were eventually sent home. A phone call from a woman being held in one of the brothels run by the gang, prompted a five-month surveillance operation which led to the arrest of the gang members. In total, six people were charged with trafficking offences and controlling prostitution. All received sentences of between five and 18 years. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.



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Sheffield, England, Great Britain, UK

A housing estate at Long Henry Row, Sheffield. A 21-year-old Lithuanian woman was trafficked to the UK believing she would be working as a waitress. She was brought to a flat on this estate where she was held against her will, raped and forced into prostitution. Two men were arrested and convicted of these and other offences. One of a series of photographs of ordinary British streets where trafficked women were forced to work in the sex industry.

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United kingdom

Reading, England, Great Britain, UK

A cleaner working in a hotel. Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation, many of them working in the cleaning and catering trades.

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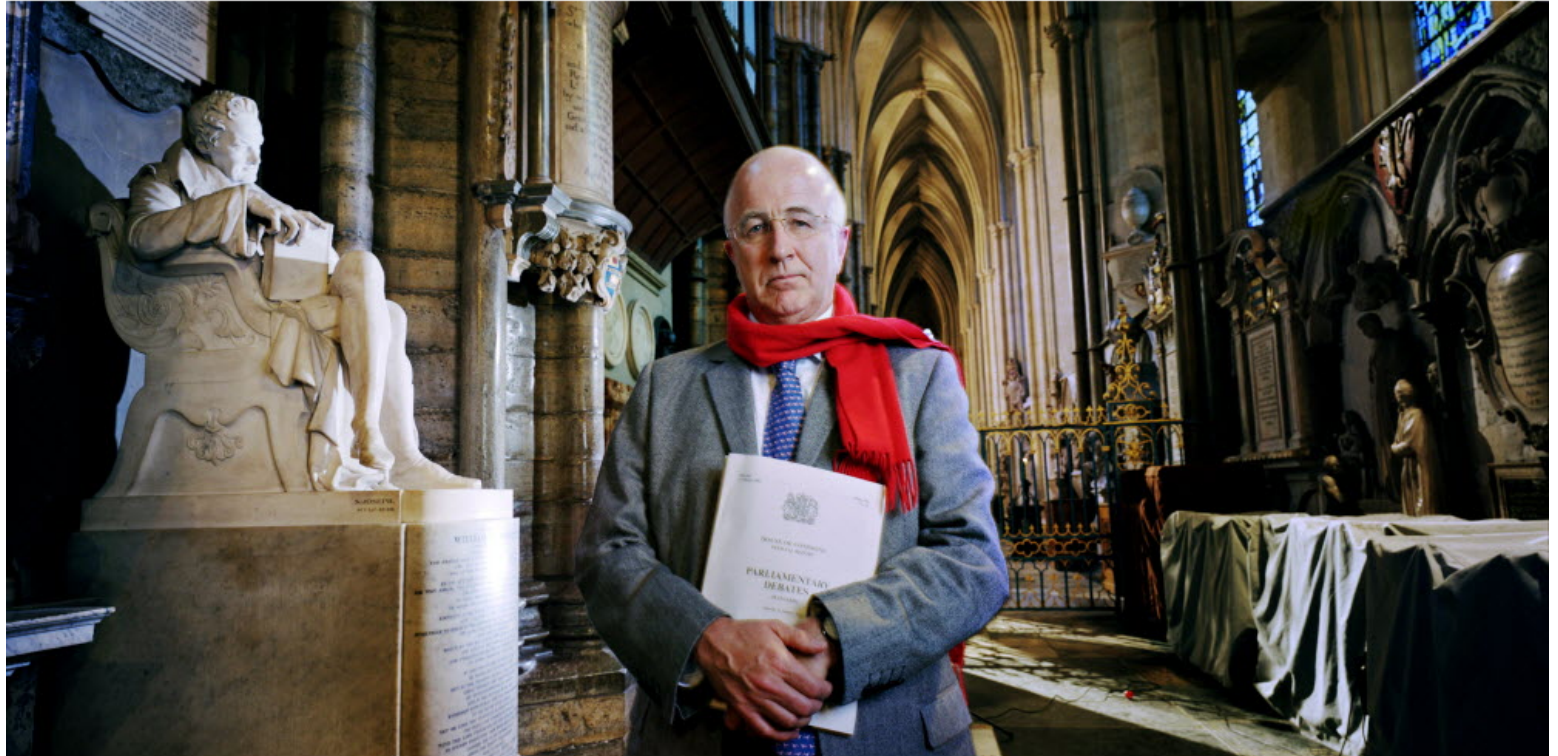


United kingdom

London, England, Great Britain, UK

Labour MP Dr Denis MacShane at the tomb of William Wilberforce in Westminster Abbey. "If Wilberforce were alive today I believe he would be a giant Parliamentary champion to abolish sex trafficking, which is one of the worst forms of modern slavery. I don't like moralising, preaching or pretending to be holier than thou. But until demand is reduced and the men - not the women - are branded as the criminal accomplices of the human traffic industry, alongside the pimps and brothel-keepers, this form of slavery will continue to grow." Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation. These portraits are just some of the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings - the modern-day abolitionists.

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United kingdom

London, England, Great Britain, UK

Tony Smith filmed and produced a series of high profile reports on people trafficking for BBC television, focusing on cases of women brought from Lithuania to the UK and forced into prostitution. "Our journalism raised awareness of this issue at a time when the authorities seemed unaware of the extent of the problem. On a more human level, our information allowed the police to locate two girls trapped in brothels in the UK. One of these girls, only 16 years old, was being held against her will in a brothel in west London. Another was being routinely beaten and abused in a massage parlour in Cardiff. Both of these women were rescued and reunited with their families." Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation. These portraits are just some of the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings - the modern-day abolitionists.

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London, England, Great Britain, UK

Christine Beddoe, Director of ECPAT UK (End Child Prostitution, Pornography and the Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes).

"ECPAT is at the forefront of the campaign against the trafficking of children into the UK. The greatest barrier to securing their future is the uncertain immigration status that surrounds victims of trafficking. Many children are simply returned to the countries they came from with no assessment of the risk they face of being re-sold or exploited by the people who trafficked them in the first place. ECPAT UK is calling on the Government to withdraw its Reservation on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on immigration matters and to allow residency permits for victims of trafficking." Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation. These portraits are just some of the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings - the modern-day abolitionists.

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London, England, Great Britain, UK

Denise Marshall, Chief Executive of Eaves Housing, an NGO which pioneered the provision of safe houses for women who have been trafficked into prostitution. "I set up the POPPY Project at Eaves four years ago, because there was no provision for women who'd been trafficked into sexual exploitation. Through POPPY, women can now access accommodation and support services that help them regain control over their lives. When a woman comes to us she is traumatised. She has been betrayed, beaten, raped and exploited. When she leaves us, we hope she feels that she can once again make her own decisions. That is the biggest step she can take." Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation. These portraits are just some of the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings - the modern-day abolitionists.

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United kingdom

Sheffield, England, Great Britain, UK
Detective Chief Superintendent Nick Kinsella, head of the UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC), which co-ordinates the police response to trafficking. "I established the police unit which secured the first UK conviction for trafficking, and went on to launch Operation Pentameter - the UK's first national anti-human trafficking campaign. This initiative brought together a new and diverse range of partners and also engaged all 55 police forces across the UK. As a result of this operation, 84 victims who had been trafficked for sexual exploitation, 12 of whom were children, were recovered to places of safety. In July 2006, I was appointed head of the newly created United Kingdom Human Trafficking Centre." Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation. These portraits are just some of the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings - the modern-day abolitionists.

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United kingdom

London, England, Great Britain, UK

Sister Margaret Healy is co-founder and trustee of Kalayaan, an NGO that campaigns for justice for migrant domestic workers. "In 1980, I helped establish the Commission for Filipino Migrant Workers in London to tackle injustices in their living and working conditions. Soon domestic workers of all nationalities were coming to our centre having escaped from their employers. They had no passport, no money, sometimes having only the clothes they were wearing. All of them had suffered abuse, always psychological and very often physical as well. In practical terms they had been living in conditions of slavery, working 18-20 hours a day for no pay." Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation. These portraits are just some of the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings - the modern-day abolitionists.

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London, England, Great Britain, UK

Doris Sprigge unwittingly became involved in the issue of human trafficking when a woman who had escaped from domestic slavery knocked on her door. "Mary was brought from Malawi to the UK in 2000 by a rich family offering her work so she could support her children back home. When she arrived, her passport was confiscated and she was forced to work as a domestic servant, earning just £10 a week. For more than three months she had no contact with her family or the outside world. One day when the family were out, Mary escaped. She asked a passer-by for directions to a Catholic Church. My parish priest asked if I could give her a bed for the night. I looked after Mary for about a month before she flew back to Malawi." Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation. These portraits are just some of the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings - the modern-day abolitionists.

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United kingdom

Portsmouth, England, Great Britain, UK

Social worker Lynne Chitty. "In 1999 I set up a safe house for West Sussex Social Services for trafficked children, many of whom were Nigerian girls.

After four years the safe house was forced to close for lack of funding. No other refuge exists for child victims of trafficking. The children told me that after they were taken from their homes, the traffickers took them to the Juju (Voodoo) man in the bush. After making them swear to keep the promise, he cut their nails, hair, took some of their blood and made a parcel. He wrote their name on their parcel and said the Juju would follow them day and night and would know if they broke the promise. He said he would kill them if they didn't pay the money back." Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation. These portraits are just some of the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings - the modern-day abolitionists.

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London, England, Great Britain, UK

Debbie Ariyo, Director of Africans Unite Against Child Abuse (AFRUCA), holding a book by Olaudah Equiano, an 18th century merchant seaman and writer who was a leading influence in the abolition of slavery. AFRUCA aims to mobilise the African community in the UK against the abuse and exploitation of children.

"The false belief of a better life in Europe leads to the exploitation and abuse of many children who are brought here from Africa. At AFRUCA, we want to work with the community to safeguard our children and protect them against trafficking. It is depressing that, 200 years after the abolitionists, there is still a need for organisations like AFRUCA to carry on the work." Today in the UK, an estimated 5,000 people are enslaved as a result of human trafficking for forced labour and sexual exploitation. These portraits are just some of the people who are working to stop this trafficking in human beings - the modern-day abolitionists.

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