

AN INFORMATION EVENING

HOLD AN INFORMATION EVENING TO LEARN ABOUT MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

1. DO YOUR RESEARCH

Find out what modern slavery and human trafficking is happening in your community. You can search local and national press online and talk to people in your area about what they have heard.

2. ASK THE EXPERTS

Find people and organisations working to end modern slavery and human trafficking in your area. Organisations like The Salvation Army work nationwide, but there might be other local organisations near you working against modern slavery and trafficking. They might work with victims and survivors, or be raising awareness of the issue. You could also speak to your local police about the situation in your area.

3. INVITE THE COMMUNITY

An information evening is a great way for communities to learn more about modern slavery and human trafficking. You can spread the word to those outside your faith community by putting posters in local shops, and reaching out through any networks of volunteers you have. Those who help with foodbanks, helpers from night shelters, and anyone working with refugees are all people who would learn a lot from the evening. Charities are often happy to come and speak, and you could invite your local police to share their experiences.

4. SPREAD THE WORD

Share what you have done with us and with your friends and neighbours by posting about your event on social media with the hashtag #FreedomSundayUK. You can also contact us through our website: www.freedomsundayglobal.org

ONE CHURCH'S STORY

Two years ago some members of a church in Canterbury heard about modern slavery. They heard that there were now more slaves in the world than at any other time in human history and they felt convicted. They had two options: to be overwhelmed by the scale of the problem or to take one small step to be part of the solution.

So they took that first step. They knew that the first thing to do was to pray. To pray for clarity and discernment so they knew how to move forward. Then they did what every other abolitionist who came before them has done: they talked to others. Gradually they were put in contact with other people in the police, and with anti-trafficking and modern slavery charities. They started to gather other activists around them.

From there they set up a Stop the Traffik group and started to run awareness events. They worked alongside the police to help spot the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking in their local community. They don't know what the end of their journey looks like, but they've taken their first steps. Meanwhile, the conviction rate of traffickers in Kent has dramatically increased over the past year. Maybe it's the prayer, or the awareness raising, or maybe it's the encouragement they offered to the police. Whatever the reason, Kent has started to respond more effectively because a few courageous and faithful people took their first step.

Why not hold your own information evening and see what happens?

We can't tell you how your journey as an abolitionist will unfold, all we can do is point you to your first steps. In the 19th Century we saw slavery made illegal. Now let's work together to make it extinct.