



Invitation EU Regions, Tackling Human Trafficking Together

- Two hundred years ago, the Yorkshire and Humber region of the UK was at the forefront of tackling slavery, when William Wilberforce, MP for Hull, led the fight to abolish the slave trade in the UK.
- Today, Human Trafficking is the modern day slave trade. On behalf of the UK, the Yorkshire and Humber region is taking the lead again, with the Sheffield based United Kingdom Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC) being responsible for co-ordinating the UK approach to tackling this issue.
- It is an issue that can only be tackled by collaborative working across the EU. There is much to learn on all issues including its economic impact, its effect on communities and how interventions can be evaluated and good practice quickly shared.
- New more innovative ways of working together are needed and funding opportunities maximised. The need to develop and extend the current UK research capacity on Human Trafficking is acknowledged and the formation of a partnership with other EU universities and research establishments will ensure real European added value is achieved.
- To commemorate the work of Wilberforce and as part of the EU year of equal opportunities, the UKHTC and Yorkshire Forward, the regional development agency invite you to the first event of its kind on “EU Regions, Tackling Human Trafficking Together”

Where: Yorkshireurope - Avenue de Cortenbergh 118 -1000 Brussels - Belgium

When: Thursday 22nd March 2007

Between 0930hrs and 12.30hrs ending with a networking lunch

To reserve a space at this event, please email your full details to european.office@yorkshire.be by 1st March at the latest. The conference will be in English.



Aims

- To highlight issues surrounding the need to tackle modern day slavery - human trafficking;
- To raise the profile of anti-Human trafficking work undertaken in the UK and the Yorkshire and Humber region;
- To seek closer working relationships from across the EU to address all aspects of human trafficking, including community and economic issues;
- To develop a UK Human Trafficking centre research group to include EU partnerships with other academic research institutions, to share best practice and maximise funding opportunities.

Programme

- 09.30 am** Registration and coffee
- 10.00am** **Thea Stein, Executive Director of People, Yorkshire Forward**
- Welcome to Yorkshireurope
- Regional connection to Wilberforce
 - The damage to the community
 - The need to work together
- 10.10am** **Deputy Chief Constable Grahame Maxwell**
UK National police lead on Human Trafficking issues
- the issue from a UK perspective (UK action plan)
 - the new national anti-human trafficking centre in Sheffield
 - the Yorkshire and Humber perspective of human trafficking
- 10.40am** **Detective Chief Supt. Nick Kinsella - Head of UKHTC**
- the need for a coordinated EU approach /EU action plan
 - the importance of EU research and the need to engage Universities, other research bodies and businesses
- 11.00am** **Judge Maria Grazia Giammarinaro**
DG Justice, Freedom and Security Human Trafficking Section
- A European perspective of Human Trafficking

- European Best Practice
- Forced labour and Domestic Servitude issues
- EU Funding opportunities from DG JFS

11.30am

Coffee Break

11.50am

**Brian Taylor Chief Anti-Trafficking Centre
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

- the role of the United Nations
- the EU action plan

12.30pm

Closure and questions

12.45pm

Lunch

13.30

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