



Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation

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ENDING TRAFFICKING BEGINS WITH YOU.

Welcome from Imelda Poole, IBVM, President, RENA TE.

Nearly every day something incredible happens on the streets of Europe. This event is unnoticed by the passers-by. How could another minor be sold for street work by her family/friend to a trafficker and it goes unnoticed? Do we want to be sensitive to this event taking place? Do we look for signs of this crime? Have we ever reported anything strange relating to trafficking in our neighbourhood? What are some of the signs of being trafficked?



A young girl/boy who is:

- With an older man/ a women/ a group of men/ women, who are unknown.
- Someone who is obviously under the control of someone else.
- An infant/ juvenile who has physical (e.g. bruising), or sexual abuse signs on the body.
- A child who travels alone or with an unknown adult.
- An infant who begs and always has an adult nearby who is controlling this child.
- An infant/ juvenile who frequently goes to places known for illegal activities; (drug-dealing, prostitution, exchange stolen goods, etc.).
- An infant/ juvenile who begs and looks neglected: who is poorly nourished, dressed inappropriately for the weather or for their age.
- An infant/ juvenile who has left his home or place of care, with clothes that are unusual for juveniles to wear.
- Someone who looks as if they have been drugged.

In Denmark recently I met a wonderful Baptist Pastor from Sweden who, as part of a network against trafficking, has developed a series of tents through which you could travel to hear their story and become alerted to the signs of those who have been trafficked.

Can we become part of this extended network across Europe against trafficking? We invite you to think about this issue and to ask yourself – What can I do? This newsletter tells you some of the stories of RENATE's response to this cry of the voiceless today.

'A network takes time to become effective, but I have the impression that RENATE is becoming more and more a network.'

I very much appreciated the whole week."

Begona Inarra.

RENA TE Training on
Advocacy and Campaigning– Budapest,
March, 2016.

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RENAME Training on Advocacy and Campaigning.

RENAME members and staff from a total of 17 countries across Europe, gathered together at the Mater Salvatoris Retreat and Conference Centre, to train on Advocacy and Campaigning, with a view to giving '*a voice to the voiceless*'.

It was a week of prayer, activities and capacity building, comprising presentations, discussions and active engagement. The week provided participants with an opportunity to share best practise, familiarise ourselves with the local context and get to know one another as a Network.

Following the annual meeting of the Working Board, on Monday, 7th of March, Ivonne Van de Kar core group member of RENAME, delivered the two-day training programme on Advocacy and Campaigning.

Throughout the training, there was an emphasis on the importance of observing detailed structures when advocating and campaigning. Participants shared their understanding of the terminology & the advocacy work undertaken by the various organisations represented at the training.

Full report available at www.renate-europe.net



Drama and multi-media useful in awareness- raising campaign in Croatia.



The multi-media drama and forum SEE ME! HEAR~ME! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1pJrgowZUs> was showcased in Zagreb, on May 17th, to help give voice to the voiceless.

Kathleen Ann Thompson, Belleherst Theatre, created surreal portraits of victims, traffickers and defenders.

Stanka Oršolić, RENAME, together with Marija Znidarčić and Kathleen Ann, facilitated discussions after the show.

For more about the event: <http://narod.hr/kultura/umjetnoscu-protiv-trgovanja-ljudima-u-svijetu-je-vise-od-30-milijuna-zrtava-koje-su-bez-glas-a>; <http://www.dsng.hr/trgovina-ljudi/hrvatska/njihova-patnja-ne-smije-biti-skrivena-od-ljudi>



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Scandinavian visit by RE-NATE members, opens up new pathways to membership.

Read about how Religious congregations and lay communities opened their doors and hearts to Imelda Poole, IBVM and Adina Balan, CJ, who visited Norway and Denmark in early May, to invite RE-NATE membership from the Scandinavian countries.

Imelda and Adina explored the possibilities for mutual collaboration in the fight against human trafficking.

Full report at www.renate-europe.net



RE-NATE at Katholikentag, Leipzig, Germany, 2016.

RE-NATE members presented on the work of RE-NATE, during the Katholikentag festival, 24-29 May, 2016.

Joined by Gabriela Bottani, CMS, Director Talitha Kum, the Sisters spoke about the various initiatives under way to heighten peoples' awareness about human trafficking and the ongoing prevention efforts. More at www.renate-europe.net

'We continue to trust that 2016 will see us all firmly and confidently engaged, on different levels, in the pursuit of justice and peace.'
Pope Francis, XLIX World Day of Peace, 1st January, 2016.

"Ending Human Trafficking by 2030: The Role of Global Partnerships in Eradicating Modern Slavery".

RE-NATE was amongst a number of guests invited by The Holy See to speak at a Vatican sponsored symposium hosted at the UN, on the 7th of April, 2016.

Imelda Poole called for international co-operation and collaboration to combat human trafficking in three specific areas which she considers require urgent attention:

- ◆ The issue of demand - adopting legislation that criminalises the perpetrators and does not treat victims as criminals
- ◆ Examine and address the systems of corruption which give rise to human trafficking
- ◆ Address the problem of Internet trafficking and criminal behaviour that is carried out on the net.

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Innovative Awareness-Raising initiative in the UKRAINE.



Instead of quashing young people's initiatives to earn money during their holidays, Sr. Valentyna Ryabushko is piloting a campaign to heighten peoples' awareness to the dangers of being solo-traders at fruit and vegetable stalls, on remote highways in the countryside. She aims to create a more structured and safe situation whereby young people can earn some income, selling seasonal fruit and vegetables.

More at www.renate-europe.net

ANDANTE General Assembly, 2016.

ANDANTE, a European Alliance of Catholic Women's Organisations, agreed at its recent General Assembly, to prioritise human trafficking and modern slavery, in its Strategic Plan 2016-2019. Plans for a Summer School on Human Trafficking are already underway.

For more, see www.andante-europa.net

RENA TE member from Malta, contributes to Art Exhibition, hosted by Anonymous Ways, Budapest, 29-30th April.



Women at the shelter for victims of domestic violence in Malta, work with Sr. Margaret Gonzi, to use art to

express their hope in the future. Combining phrases like "Reach for the stars" and "Look to new horizons and beyond," and symbols such as an unlocked padlock, keys and broken chains, they celebrate and share their personal progress along the road to recovery.

More about the Anonymous Ways Foundation exhibition at www.renate-europe.net

Modern Slavery Garden wins gold at the Chelsea Flower Show, May 2016.

Awarded gold, Juliet Sargeant's Modern Slavery Garden drew considerable attention to the topic.

At the heart of the Modern Slavery Garden is an oak tree, similar to the one (still alive in Sussex, UK) under which William Wilberforce stood when he dedicated his life to ending slavery, symbolising hope. A series of front doors such as you see on every street led to a path of freedom planted with a riot of colour, to uplift and give hope. You can see and hear Juliet Sargeant speak about the garden at:

<http://www.itv.com/news/update/2016-05-17/designer-brings-modern-slavery-garden-to-chelsea-flower-show/>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-36367792>