

Unite the union Lobby 8 March 2010

"Nobody
knows
what goes
on
behind
closed
doors."

**SPEAK
OUT
against
human
trafficking**

**On International
Women's Day**

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Human trafficking is a horrific crime against millions of people especially women and children. It hurts, humiliates and is physically and mentally damaging. Using human beings as commodities and depriving them of their dignity should not be tolerated.

90 per cent of trafficking victims are women and children. Trafficking relies on poverty and lack of work opportunities and thrives on deception and violence. At least 2.5 million people are trafficked for the purpose of forced labour and sexual exploitation around the world, including in the UK. It generates billions of pounds in profits for criminals and is the third largest growing criminal activity in the world, after arms and the drugs trade.

SUPPORT THE UNITE LOBBY OF PARLIAMENT

International Women's Day – 8 March 2010

Assemble 2 pm

At St Stephen's Entrance to the Houses of Parliament

Meeting 2.30 – 4 pm

Unite Against Trafficking

"I can't sleep and have nightmares, I am afraid of people and do not like to leave the house. I don't trust anybody... I will never forget."

A trafficked woman who has escaped and was supported by the Poppy Project

Support for women who have been trafficked

- Ensure expertise of Human Trafficking Units eg in Metropolitan Police not lost, and trafficking not sidelined by other serious crimes
- Continued funding and support for the Poppy Project and others to provide housing, medical care, legal advice and counselling
- Further action to support strong implementation of the European Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, the Government's Anti-trafficking and End Violence against Women and Girls Strategies.
- Support Amnesty International's End Violence against Women campaign and Anti-Slavery International's Anti-trafficking Monitoring Group

Support action to prevent trafficking

- Keep the overseas domestic workers visa in the UK, including the right to change employer and recognition as workers and extend to cover to migrant domestic workers who accompany diplomats; campaign for an ILO convention on "Decent work for Domestic Workers"
- Keep the Gangmasters Licensing Authority to protect agricultural workers and extend to other workers in eg hospitality, construction and agencies offering personal care to elderly and disabled people.

International action including through trade unions

Unite campaigns strongly on these issues and is part of the international trade union movement.

"Although they speak different languages, women share the same vision of a world founded on respect, peace, equality and solidarity, and without violence, harassment and discrimination. For women .. who have been trafficked ... this vision lies far beyond the truth of their daily lives. As social inequality rises across and within countries that engage in the global economy, so does the need to redress these wrongs."

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