

## Human Trafficking

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<b>Action Required</b>	Information
<b>Resolutions</b>	58/1. The Council receives the report as the report of the task group to the 2019 Conference. 58/2. The Council encourages churches to use the resources referred to in the report and to increase their awareness of human trafficking and what they can do to prevent it.

1. The 2018 Conference passed Notice of Motion 2018/207 on human trafficking and:
  - iv directed the Methodist Council to appoint a task group in conjunction with the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT), to review the existing available resources and, drawing upon them, produce a set of easily accessible theologically reflective and practical materials (to be made available via the Methodist Church website) which can be used to raise awareness among Methodists, to assist in individual and collective decision making, and to influence government policy at a local and national level in response to the reality of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.  
  
and required the task group to report to the Conference of 2019.
2. The Methodist Council, meeting in October 2018, appointed a working group<sup>1</sup> made up of the signatories of the notice of motion who had indicated they would be willing to take on this work. They worked with Bethan Laughlin, the ONE Intern working with the Joint Public issues Team (JPIT), to put together the resources requested by the Conference.
3. A webpage has been created within the JPIT website which will be launched in time for the Conference.
4. Due to the immense amount of work being done by many anti-slavery/trafficking organisations, the web-page predominantly signposts people towards other resources. These will help individuals, classes, ministers, young people and congregations get involved with learning, acting and praying to end modern slavery, exploitation and human trafficking. Resources include: information on the scale of modern slavery nationally and internationally; theological reflection; sermon ideas; videos/media that could be shown in services; resources for young people, youth leaders and children's workers; and ideas for political action.
5. There will be some new video interviews with organisations such as Adavu, giving people an insight into the work done by anti-trafficking organisations.
6. Additionally, a number of posters will be available for churches to download. These will aim to help people to "Spot the Signs" of exploitation and modern slavery in the UK and know how to report it and help.

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<sup>1</sup> The Revds David Hardman, Paul Worsnop, Ian Rutherford, Sheryl Anderson, Cathy Bird