

Abolition 200 Series



Combating Contemporary Forms of Slavery

Friday 15 June 2007

Arnolfini, Bristol 10.00 - 15.30

Presentations and debate on contemporary slavery to mark 200 years since the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act.

It is possible to attend the full programme or just the morning or afternoon session.

This event is **FREE** but it will be necessary to reserve a place.

(Main picture) 3 x Child Domestic workers Benin. For girls trafficked into domestic work, life can be isolated and lonely. They live in the families' homes but remain outsiders. While the children of the household go to school, they are forced to stay at home and work. Many children face physical violence, rape and mental abuse. Without the love and support of their own families they become traumatised and are left emotionally scarred for life. When girls reach their teenage years, employers often find them more difficult to control. Fearing the possibility of a domestic worker becoming pregnant, many employers turn their teenage workers out onto the streets and replace them with younger children. Few have the money to make their way home, and prostitution is sometimes the only choice they have for survival. *(Credit: ESAMI/Anti-Slavery International)*

(Right image in above box) Boy bonded labourer Pakistan (Sindh Province) A person becomes a bonded labourer when his or her labour is demanded as a means of repayment for a loan. The person is then tricked or trapped into working for very little or no pay, often for seven days a week. The value of their work is invariably greater than the original sum of money borrowed. The United Nations Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery estimated in 1999 that some 20 million people are held in bonded labour around the world. *(Credit: Shakil Pathan/Anti-Slavery International)*

(Left image in above box) Niger Slave girl at well. The anklet denotes her status as slave caste. *(Credit: Romana Cacchioli/Anti-Slavery International)*

10.00 - 12.30

Forms of Contemporary Slavery

Mr Aidan McQuade,
Anti-Slavery International, London

Dr Christien van den Anker,
University of the West of England

Ms Jacqueline Healy,
Migrant Rights Centre, Ireland

14.00 - 15.30

Policy responses

Ms Fernne Brennan,
Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

Dr Tim Braine,
Chief Constable of Gloucestershire

Dr Bridget Anderson,
Centre on Migration, University of Oxford

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