



## Training, Programs and Events

### Save the Date – November 13-19, Ottawa/Gatineau. HT Awareness Showcase.

AlterEgo, in association with the RCMP Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre, PACT-Ottawa and Crime Prevention Ottawa, will be presenting a number of special showcase performances of their highly-acclaimed awareness raising play “Chelsea’s Choice” in schools (to children aged 12+), to parents and professionals. Throughout the week the play will be performed in both official languages.

Since its first tour in the UK in 2011, “Chelsea’s Choice” has proven highly effective at raising awareness regarding the issues of human trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation. The production has been seen by thousands of professionals, police officers, law makers, teachers, and social workers and well over 600,000 young people throughout Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

“Chelsea’s Choice” tells the story of a group of three students who discover the diary of a girl named Chelsea. Chelsea was a typical 15 year old girl who, having had a falling out with her friends and family, met Gary. Gary was kind, understanding, had a nice car, his own apartment, and listened to her. Unfortunately, Gary was not what he seemed to be! Chelsea is very quickly isolated from her friends and family and a well-rehearsed and methodical combination of compliments, rewards, threats and punishment is used to groom her and then sexually exploit her. Chelsea’s story is played out and examined by the

three students who, along with their teacher, attempt to understand what happened to Chelsea and how it could have been prevented.

The 45 minute performance, is based on real life events, is followed by a 30 minute-long actor facilitated post-show talk exploring the issues raised in the play. AlterEgo has worked with the RCMP and with PACT-Ottawa to adapt the content of the play for a Canadian audience to ensure that the stories and language used are relevant and effective.

All within the Anti- Human Trafficking community are invited in an effort to facilitate engagement and develop continued partnerships for future productions throughout Canada. Invitations to this event will be sent out once the dates are confirmed. All scheduled production dates will be held in Ottawa/Gatineau area during the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please note that although Federal Government offices will be closed on November 13.

Should you have any questions or suggestions of who to invite, please contact [htncc-cnctp@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:htncc-cnctp@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

### November 11-12, 2017, Winnipeg. Reveal: Understanding and Responding to a Sexually Exploitative, Pornified Culture.

Learn more about Canada’s sexually exploitative and pornified culture, along with practical ways to respond through awareness, advocacy, and aid.

Defend Dignity is pleased to host its REVEAL event in Winnipeg at Cornerstone Alliance Church, Saturday morning, November 11, 2017,

and at The Bridge Church Sunday evening, Nov. 12, 2017.

This event will feature workshops on key issues, such as: Parenting and Pornography; the Effects of Pornography on Relationships; Pornography as a Public Health Crisis, as well as others. For more details, got to <http://defenddignity.ca/reveal/>

### **October 16, 2017, Vancouver, BC. Seattle tackles demand side of commercial sexual exploitation.**

Canada's Bill C-36, *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act*, became law in December 2014, with the provision that it would be reviewed in five years. Before the review begins, it is critical to shed light now on the gravity of the issue around the purchase and exploitation of people in Canada's communities.

On October 16, Valiant Richey, Senior Deputy Attorney for King County, Seattle, will share his city's experience and lessons in tackling the demand side of commercial sexual exploitation, and how the city is enforcing the law. It is necessary to educate the community and others on this topic that puts those marginalized at risk.

This event is free and open to the public, and details can be found below:

Date and Time: October 16, 2017, 7-9 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)

Location: Vancouver Public Library, 350 W. Georgia Street

*Registration will be required for this event. RSVP HERE: <https://www.picatic.com/endexploitation>*

## **Resources & New Initiatives**

### **Defend Dignity launches Choose Change Campaign**

Defend Dignity exists to end sexual exploitation in Canada and believes that ending sexual

exploitation means addressing the root causes. A major root cause is the demand that exists for purchasing sex. Pornography fuels this demand for sexual exploitation and is a form of sexual exploitation itself, as people are trafficked into the pornography industry.

The goal of the "Choose Change" campaign is to reduce the ease of access to violent, sexually explicit images – pornography – which is accessible and available everywhere.

"Choose Change" identifies five Canadian organizations that through their practices and policies are facilitating sexual exploitation.

As well, the "Choose Change" campaign will be celebrating organizations that have pro-actively changed practices and policies to reduce the ease of access to violent, sexually explicit images through the Change Maker List.

The public is invited to join Defend Dignity in "Challenging the harms of sexually violent images", by contacting the identified companies through a prepared email to the CEO's of each organization found at <https://choosechangecanada.org/> to encourage these organizations to change harmful practices and to embrace practices that will promote the overall health of Canadians.

### **Defend Dignity's Fund to assist Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation**

Defend Dignity has a Survivor Support Fund to provide accessible financial support to individuals, age 16 and over, who have experienced sexual exploitation in Canada in any form, including prostitution, sex trafficking, escorting, working in massage parlours and/or strip clubs, survival sex, and/or involvement in pornography.

A Survivor would access this fund through a referral from a church or non-profit agency. The maximum amount that could be accessed would be \$2,500 per person per year.

More details and the application form can be found at <http://defenddignity.ca/survivor-support-fund/>

The next round of applications opens Oct. 1, 2017.

### “Buying Sex is a Crime” Campaign



In June and July of this year, billboards went up in eleven Canadian cities to remind people that buying sex, or attempting to buy sex, is illegal in Canada. The “Buying Sex is a Crime” campaign is supported by a wide cross-section of groups from across the country, including Crime Stoppers, and united in the desire to see an end to sexual exploitation in Canada; and that it is critical that the federal government maintain and encourage enforcement of the current laws to ensure that Canada has a real chance of being a global leader in ending this type of exploitation.

For more information, visit  
<https://buyingsexisacrime.ca/>

### Trafficked!

Students are learning about the dangers of luring and sex trafficking from Trafficked! a school presentation for Grades 7-12 delivered by Covenant House Toronto in the Greater Toronto Area. The presentation was first offered last year and has already been presented to almost 6,000 youth.

Trafficked! presents sex trafficking as a domestic issue, impacting communities and young people.

The interactive presentation describes how victims, usually teens just like the students, are lured online, in malls and from schoolyards to be trafficked. Students learn that youth from any background, most often girls and sometimes as young as the age of 13, are lured by predators often posing as romantic partners or friends. They are given signs to watch for, tools to protect themselves, and ways to help friends in that situation.

“Many of the students seem surprised and recognize some troubling patterns in their own circles and experiences,” says Fiona Jack, Sex Trafficking Prevention Trainer. “We have been pleased with the response to the presentations. We’re looking forwards to speaking to even more students this coming school year.”

Covenant House Toronto will also be launching a training program for the hospitality industry to help them prevent and recognize sex trafficking incidents in their establishments.



To book a presentation, please go to  
[www.covenanthousetoronto.ca/presentations](http://www.covenanthousetoronto.ca/presentations)

### Policy Brief on Challenging Trafficking in Canada

“Challenging Trafficking in Canada” presents information about human trafficking interventions as they impact sex workers, Indigenous women, migrants, youth, and other marginalized groups.

Drawing from established research and consultations with organizations around the

country, the policy brief analyses how anti-trafficking policies, laws, and practices often cause violence and harm to those they are intended to help, especially Indigenous, racialized, and migrant sex workers. It offers an alternative to misinformation, exaggerations and unfounded claims that often circulate through the media and public discussion. The brief presents recommendations to guide policy making and action that will support human rights and justice for all.

<http://cfr.info.yorku.ca/files/2017/06/Challenging-Trafficking-in-Canada-Policy-Brief-2017.>

### **A Formidable Task: Reflections on obtaining legal empirical evidence on human trafficking in Canada**

This article explores the experiences, challenges and findings of two empirical research studies examining Canada's legal efforts to combat human trafficking. The authors outline the methodologies of their respective studies and reflect on some of the difficulties they faced in obtaining empirical data on human trafficking court cases and legal proceedings. Ultimately, the authors found that Canadian trafficking case law developments are in their early stages with very few convictions, despite a growing number of police-reported charges. The authors assert it is difficult to assess the efficacy and effects of Canadian anti-trafficking laws and policies due to the institutional and political limitations to collecting legal data in this highly politicized subject area. They conclude with five recommendations to increase the transparency of Canada's public claims about its anti-trafficking enforcement efforts and call for more empirically-based law reform.

<http://www.antitraffickingreview.org/index.php/atrjournal/article/view/225>

### **Human Trafficking Hotline**

The Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking is delighted to announce that it received full

charity status in May of 2017. As a national charity, the Centre is continuing to work collaboratively to create a national strategy for change by pursuing objectives to work with survivors, non-profit organizations, corporations, law enforcement and governments at all levels, who are undertaking critical work dedicated to ending human trafficking in Canada.

The Centre has been working closely with experts from the Washington, D.C., based Polaris, a non-for-profit, non-governmental organization, on the design and implementation of a National Human Trafficking Hotline/Textline. The Centre's efforts have been sustained by a foundational grant from an anonymous donor initiating the creation of a national hotline. This Canada-specific hotline will support persons in crisis by providing an immediate, case specific, localized response. It will provide 24/7 support to survivors of trafficking and their families and serve as the go to tip-line for the Canadian public to report suspected incidents. Key data, gleaned from the hotline operations, will serve to identify human trafficking "hot spots", illuminate strategic paths for law enforcement interventions and uncover needs in service provision.

The Centre has also been developing the National Human Trafficking Network, a collaborative effort to identify, link and map a coalition of like-minded organizations working on human trafficking and related issues across Canada. This tool will assist individuals and organizations across sectors to connect and share resources, information and best practices. This database will be an extremely valuable tool as hotline staff will work to establish partnerships in the community and build referral protocols with service providers, law enforcement and other hotlines across the nation. If your organization would like to become a member, please apply at <http://www.canadiancentretoendhumantrafficking.ca/national-network-2/>

The Centre continues to focus energy towards ending this human rights abuse across Canada by providing strength and support to stakeholders, by enhancing cross sectorial collaboration, by

engaging in public education efforts and through advocacy for public policy reform. For further information please contact [info@cceht.ca](mailto:info@cceht.ca) or by calling 437-993-STOP (7867).

## New Brunswick's Human Trafficking Guide

The Government of New Brunswick has created a human trafficking guide for the province. This guide offers information on the indicators of human trafficking, along with an extensive list of service providers tailored towards victims of crime, including human trafficking.

[http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Department\\_s/eco-bce/WEB-EDF/Violence/PDF/en/HT%20Guide%20-EN-2017.pdf](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Department_s/eco-bce/WEB-EDF/Violence/PDF/en/HT%20Guide%20-EN-2017.pdf)

## World Day against Trafficking in Persons



July 30, 2017 marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual World Day against Trafficking in Persons, which stems from the United Nations Blue Heart Campaign against Human Trafficking that was launched in 2009 to raise awareness about the millions of victims of human trafficking and rallying support to combat this deplorable crime:

<https://www.unodc.org/blueheart/>

Public Safety Canada and other key departments such as the RCMP, Global Affairs Canada, and CBSA developed and implemented mutually reinforcing social media strategies to commemorate this day and raise awareness to the Canadian public on the signs of human trafficking. Public Safety Canada's social media campaign reached **163,076 twitter users**. A total of 13 tweets, in both official languages, were posted via Public Safety Canada's twitter account during the week of July 24-30. The series of tweets included a poll on victimization in Canada, links to FINtrac's Operational Alert:

<http://www.fintrac.gc.ca/guidance-directives/overview-apercu/operation/oai-hts-eng.asp>, general information on the signs of human trafficking, and the following infographic,

which was Public Safety Canada's most popular tweet:

Public Safety Canada  @Safety\_Canada Following

Let's work together to fight #HumanTrafficking. #BeAwareoftheSigns

### Human Trafficking Signs

- He/She is unable to communicate freely with others
- He/She shows signs of physical abuse such as bruises or scars
- He/She isn't free to leave or come and go as he/she wishes
- He/She avoids eye contact
- He/She doesn't know what city they're in and can't specify their living address

If you think someone is a human trafficking victim call 911; if you wish to report it anonymously, call Crime Stoppers National Tipline @ 1-800-222-TIPS.

5:00 PM - 30 Jul 2017

If your organization launched an innovative or well-received campaign this year for World Day against Trafficking in Persons, Public Safety Canada would be interested to hear from you and it could be featured in a future newsletter.

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## To Submit Items

If you have anti-human trafficking related activities, events, news or stories that you would like to share, send your suggestions to:

[HTT.GTTP@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:HTT.GTTP@ps-sp.gc.ca).

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