**Unseen**

**Working towards a world without slavery**

We do this by combining a micro and macro approach so that we both support exploited people and tackle the systemic issues of slavery. The expertise and insight gained in each area help us perform effectively across all of our work. We focus on three main areas as we work towards a wold without slavery;

**Supporting survivors and potential victims of slavery**; by providing access to a range of specialist services, enabling them to safely recover and develop resilient independent lives.

**Equipping stakeholders**; by providing training, advise and resources to facilitate the identification and support of potential victims of slavery.

**Influencing systemic changes**; by using our experience and research to impact and inspire transformation across legislation, policy and society.

Modern slavery is global; therefore we operate in the UK and beyond, actively seeking to work with others to maximize our impact.

For more information please visit our website: [www.unseenuk.org](http://www.unseenuk.org)

**Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking**

Modern slavery is real. It is happening in our communities. An unseen crime, it hides in take-aways, hotels, car washes, nail bars and private homes.

**Slavery** is an umbrella term for activities involved when one person obtains or holds another person in compelled service. Someone is in slavery if they are:

* forced to work through mental or physical threat
* owned or controlled by an 'employer', usually through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse
* dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as ‘property’
* physically constrained or have restrictions placed on his/her freedom

**Human trafficking** is the movement of people by means such as force, fraud, coercion or deception, with the aim of exploiting them. It is a form of modern slavery.

The Home Office predicts that there may be as many as **13,000** victims in the UK alone. There is no typical victim of slavery. Victims can be men, women and children of all ages and cut across the population, but it is normally more prevalent amongst the most vulnerable, minority or socially excluded groups.

**What Can I Do?**

At Unseen we believe that everyone has a part to play in order to work towards a world without slavery.

* **Get to know the issue:** We have designed our website in order to give as much information as possible about the issue, you can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook for up to date news stories among other things.
* **Wrestle with the big questions:** As we have discussed in the seminar, slavery is a growing issue affecting a wide range of people and areas. You could discuss with friends, or think for yourself further, about how you come across slavery in your day to day life, or within your work.
* **Raise awareness:** Consider how you could raise awareness of the prevalence of Modern Slavery among those you know, friends, colleagues and family members.
* **Pray:** At Unseen we’re working with, Beloved, One25 and Spring of Hope to pray for the vulnerable in the city of Bristol at different points throughout 2016. Please do join us:

 19th April 2016, 7:30pm-9:00pm, St Mary Redcliffe Church

19th July 2016, 7:30pm-9:00pm, Woodlands Church

* **Give:** Please visit [www.unseenuk.org/donate](http://www.unseenuk.org/donate) for more information about how to support the work we are doing.

**Unseen’s Church Ambassadors**

Unseen’s Church Ambassador programme is a way of offering support to churches wishing to engage with the issue of modern slavery. Each church is unique and the programme is therefore designed to work in a way that best suits each church, to offer them the support they would like or need through a nominated/selected person, the Ambassador.

An Unseen Church Ambassador is a volunteer (normally a member, someone who regularly attends the church, or someone in some form of leadership within the church), who will receive training from Unseen and be connected into a network of Ambassadors from other churches also involved. They will be equipped and supported to help their church consider how they can best and most appropriately engage with the issue of modern slavery, both as a whole church and as individuals.

For more information or, if you are interested in becoming one of Unseen’s Church Ambassadors, please visit our website: [www.unseenuk.org](http://www.unseenuk.org)