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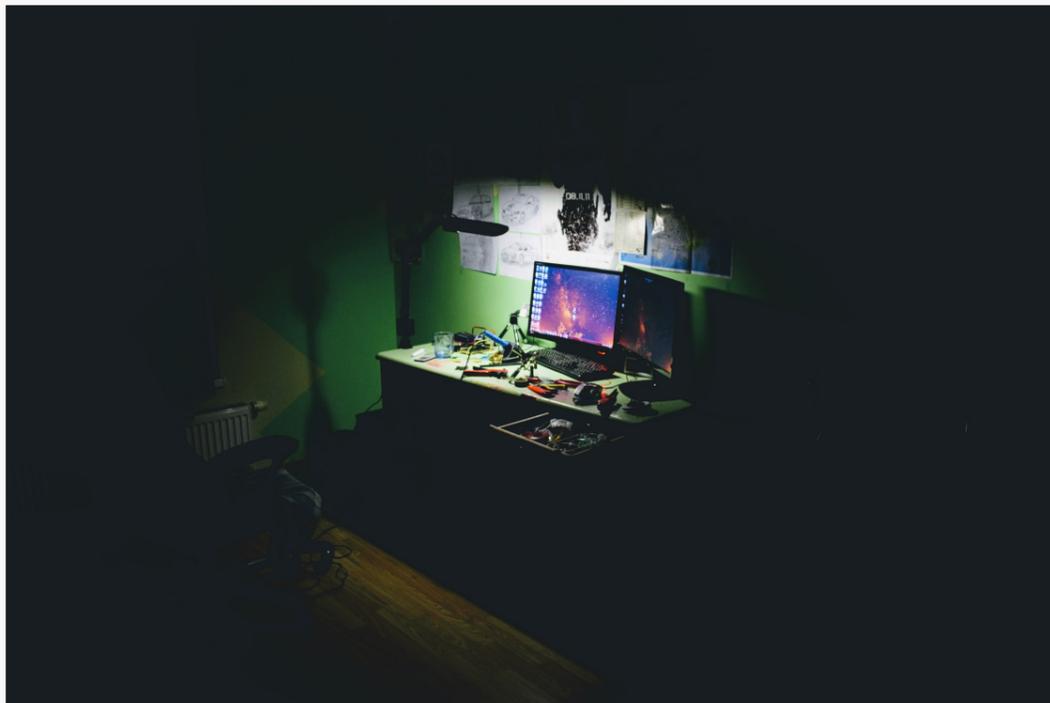
Mobilising the Church to help end modern slavery.

The world unites against modern slavery

Saturday 30th July is the UN's World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and this year it is focusing on how technology can enable and impede human trafficking. Our newsletter builds on this theme.

Please forward this newsletter to your friends and colleagues and encourage them to sign up to receive it regularly.

Tech wars - helping and hindering modern slavery



The World Day against Trafficking in Persons was initiated by the United Nations (UN) in 2013. It was established to raise awareness of victims of human trafficking and promote and protect their rights. This year's theme is exploring the role technology plays as a tool that can both enable and impede human trafficking.

This is so timely. The plight of millions of Ukrainian refugees this year has highlighted the potential for technology to be used for good and bad. Initially, technology was championed as a way to connect vulnerable refugees with willing host families. All too quickly, however, this turned sour and we heard of

numerous gangs and criminals using social media and technology to lure refugees to their homes and exploit them. Some technological platforms promised to check the credibility of the people making the offer and keep a record of all activity, but many did not.

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How county lines' gangs use technology

We spoke to Detective Inspector Anne Rannard, the Policy and Investigations Lead for the National County Lines Coordination Centre about how technology is aiding and potentially curbing county lines gangs.

How do you see county lines' gangs using technology?

The method of mass/bulk communication is at the heart of the county lines business model. Drugs are advertised, secured and distributed via a device, such as mobile phones – that's where the name came from. County lines is operated like a business and makes a huge amount of money for the drugs networks.

Technology is also used for the recruitment of children and vulnerable adults to transport and deliver the drugs. Gangs can use social media to target, connect with and groom children. It isn't the only method, nor necessarily the biggest, but it is one of the channels used. These platforms are also key places to display drug-related wealth and imagery and therefore glamorise a certain lifestyle and draw children in.

[READ THE INTERVIEW IN FULL](#)



Our new campaign for Anti-Slavery Day 2022

In the lead up to Anti-Slavery Day in October, we want to encourage churches, businesses and individuals to take a pledge to become slavery-free in all aspects of their work and lives. We envisage working towards a slavery-free community in the same way that we work towards net zero carbon.

See our list of [Slavery Free ideas](#) – we will publish more ideas over the coming weeks.

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Safeguarding training this September

Our safeguarding consultants, Becca Faal and Helen Styles, have created two new seminars - one for Parish Safeguarding Officers and one for people who spend time with refugees. These are key audiences in the fight against modern slavery in the UK. The seminars are free, online and last for 90 minutes.

1) Modern Slavery Training for those hosting, volunteering or working with refugees

22 September, 2-3.30pm

26 September, 7-8.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/377874712437>

2) Modern Slavery Training for Parish Safeguarding Officers

12 September, 7-8.30pm

16 September, 10-11.30am

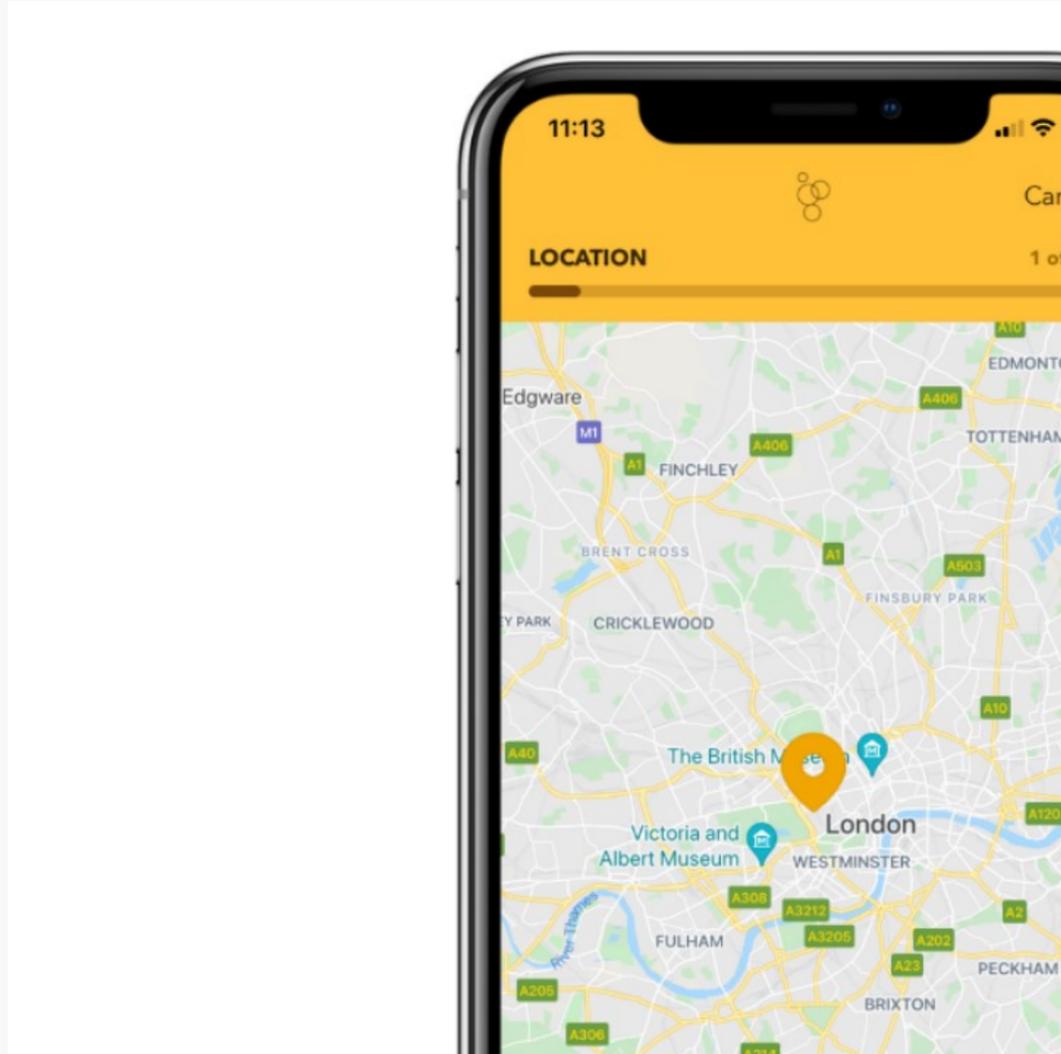
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Modern slavery apps worth knowing about

Find out more about the best modern slavery apps around including:

- Safe Car Wash App
- The Unseen App
- The Stop App

- The Made in a Free World App
- Slavery Footprint



ROUND UP OF TOP MODERN SLAVERY APPS



Sir Mo Farah's shocking revelations

Did you watch "[The Real Mo Farah](#)" documentary? What did you find out about modern slavery through it? How can our society learn from his story and change so that other children are noticed and helped? We reflect on our key learnings from this astonishing documentary.

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Sport has the power to change the world.

'It's a Penalty' has just released this 30-second film featuring Usain Bolt, Ellie Simmonds and Cathy Freeman. It is one way in which the organisation is drawing attention to exploitation and trafficking worldwide in the run up to the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Share it with your friends today!

To download posters, social media assets and other materials, visit the [digital toolkit](#).

Cafés in Somerset come face to face with modern slavery



The [Art of Slavery Exhibition](#) ran for five weeks in June and July, displaying evocative art in more than 35 cafés, hotels and restaurants across Somerset. Organised by the [Sparrows Project](#) in Minehead, it aimed to bring the subject of modern slavery into the public discourse.

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Tell us your story!

We love hearing about what you are doing to combat modern slavery in your community. We want to share case studies of anti-slavery action every month in our newsletter and through our social media channels. Please tell us what

you are doing so more people can be inspired and learn from you! Email clewerinitiative@churchofengland.org with your story!

Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who helped share the Safe Car Wash App during Operation Aidant. The campaign exceeded our expectations in terms of awareness raising and boosting downloads. Please keep telling your networks about this ground-breaking app and use it whenever you visit a hand car wash.

On Saturday 30th July, the UN's World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, please use this prayer to pray for people around the world.

A PRAYER FOR TECHNOLOGY

to mark the UN's World Day against Trafficking in Persons

Heavenly Father, may the wonders of technology be a blessing for all your children, and not a means for criminal abuse and exploitation.

Help each of us play our part in seeking to celebrate modern technology for your glory, and to reach out to those who are being hurt by its misuse.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen



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The Clewer Initiative enables Church of England dioceses and wider church networks to develop strategies for detecting modern slavery in their communities and help provide victim support and care. [Learn More](#)

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