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People are Not for Sale

Slavery was not finally abolished in 1807. It was a step on the journey to freedom and respect for all. That journey is still unfinished business. Human trafficking continues across Europe and the globe and a new enslavement of women and girls trafficked for sexual exploitation in massage parlours, brothels and 'secured' houses is present today in the cities and market towns of the UK. The trafficking business is now worth an estimated £12 billion globally. That is a staggering sum just below the annual trade in armaments and logistics internationally. The US State Department estimates that over 800,000 people are trafficked over interna-

tional borders each year. Of these 800,000 persons, an estimated 80% will be sexually exploited in one way or another and a majority will be women and female children. In the UK, it is estimated that over 4,000 women are trafficked for prostituted sex each year. Meanwhile over 80,000 women are caught in prostitution in the UK, many of whom are foreign nationals. Furthermore, each year, thousands of businessmen and holiday makers go abroad to purchase sex. Much needs to be done to reverse this appalling trend. Alterations in government budgets for enforcement, new legislation addressing the demand-led nature of the

trade in women's bodies, cultural change around these condoned sexual practices and more resources for survivors are all essential if this modern form of slavery is to be halted. The Bicentenary of the Act to abolish the Slave Trade deserves nothing less from us.

There is a new goal which presents itself to us in the UK today - no one for sale in the United Kingdom, whatever their gender, age or ethnicity; and no-one for sale in the world. The new United Kingdom Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC) based in Sheffield, equips the police with a co-ordinated response to trafficking in all its forms: labour, domestic servitude, sexual

exploitation, fostering or social security fraud, and trafficking for the illegal trade in organs.

CHASTE is providing fresh resources to churches which will enable them to be informed and their membership engaged in tackling this contemporary outrage on people's dignity and equality. Together, we need to address issues of prevention, tackle demand, encourage local initiatives to help with routes out and safety for victims of exploitation, ensure justice is resourced and survivors protected. Not for Sale Sunday - 20th May 2007 - will be a unique opportunity to reflect, respond and engage with the multiple issues of sexual exploitation today. It will equip the churches to confront the multiple degradation of sexual exploitation and

some of the tools to overcome it. It will also represent a 'step change' in the awareness of churches of the many ways in which women, girls, boys and men are exploited in the sex trade in its local and global manifestations.

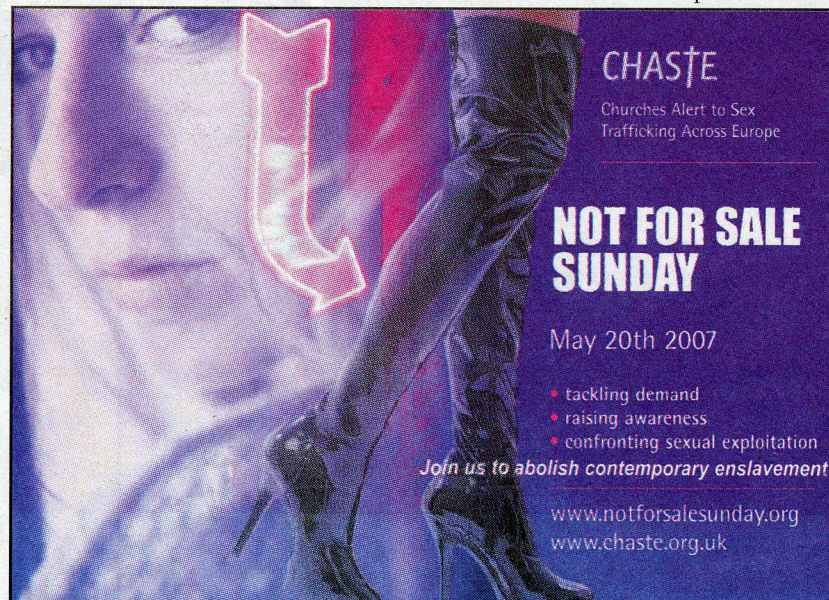
Not for Sale Sunday is a special initiative of Churches Alert to Sex Trafficking across Europe. CHASTE is the ecumenical charity in the UK engaging churches with the issues of sex trafficking and liaising with the government, the UKHTC, all denominations and other NGOs in the UK and across Europe. Through the CHASTE Housing Network, 2/5 of the safe housing in the UK is currently provided for: through the Salvation Army and the Medaille Trust - a new charity emerging from the Conference of Religious. The CHASTE Round Table on Demand is now looking at new ways to confront the purchasing of 'pay-as-you-go sex,' as part of the practical engagement needed to address contemporary sexual exploitation. If you want to be a part of this movement of change, please log onto our web site at www.chaste.org.uk or be in touch with our offices on 0845 456 9335. For further information or to develop a Not for Sale Sunday service in your own church log onto www.notforsalesunday.org or contact richard@chaste.org.uk

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- tackling demand
- raising awareness
- confronting sexual exploitation

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