

SOUTHWARK
◆ CATHEDRAL ◆



SOCIAL JUSTICE 2025

MODERN SLAVERY



'Hidden in plain sight'

Southwark Cathedral joins the fight against Modern Slavery

An important part of the refreshed Vision of the Cathedral is a commitment to social justice. Each year a specific area will be highlighted for attention and action. This year we are focusing on modern slavery and exploitation.

You will find here a programme of talks, events, exhibitions, stalls and workshops, that will run through 2025. We hope you will join us in all that we do as we join the fight against modern slavery.

Talks

What is Modern Slavery? What can I do about it?

Sunday 23 February, 9.45am

An introductory training session (1 hour) in the Library, for members of the congregation and Cathedral volunteers. All are welcome to come and learn about this year's social justice focus. This will be led by Babette Clarke from Hestia, our partner Charity. This is an accessible introduction offered to increase our awareness – please join us.

The Truth about Modern Slavery | A Talk by Emily Kenway

Thursday 19 June, 7pm

Emily Kenway is a leading expert on modern slavery and human trafficking. A former adviser to the UK's first Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, she argues in her book how modern slavery has been used as a political tool by those in power.

Tickets £5, available from the Cathedral

Anywhere But Here: How Britain's Broken Asylum System Fails Us All | A Talk by Nicola Kelly

Thursday 25 September, 6.30pm

Nicola Kelly is an award-winning journalist and writer focused on UK immigration and asylum.

Tickets £5, available from the Cathedral website and Eventbrite.

Migration, Ethics, and Exploitation | A Talk by Ben Ryan

Wednesday 8 October, 6pm

Ben Ryan is Deputy CEO of Medaille Trust, a Charity providing support for survivors of modern slavery. He is a former National Public Policy and Ethics Adviser in the Church of England.

Free tickets available from the Cathedral website and Eventbrite.

Events

Staff training on Modern Slavery in London and Beyond

Thursday 9 January, 2pm

Southwark Against Modern Slavery Engagement Day in the Cathedral

Saturday 15 February and

Saturday 24 May

On two Saturdays we will be welcoming Southwark Against Modern Slavery (SAMS), a group established in the Diocese of Southwark to raise awareness of the issues of Modern Slavery across the Diocese.

Drop in at any time of these days to find out more about SAMS and how we're working together to raise awareness of this crucial issue.

Modern Slavery Awareness Days with the Amies Freedom Choir

Saturday 12 April and

Saturday 12 July

Join us for one - or both - of our awareness raising days. Across both days we will be welcoming charities and groups who provide support to those impacted by modern slavery and human trafficking. Drop in at any time during the day to find out more about how to spot the signs and help those in need in your local area and beyond.

The Amies Freedom Choirs aim to develop the musical and cultural awareness of young women who have survived trafficking by exploring songs and musical styles from each others' cultures and languages. Each year the choir projects support 40-60 women.

Anti-Slavery Day

Saturday 18 October

Details of an event to observe international Anti-Slavery Day will be announced soon. Keep an eye out on our social media and website to find out more.

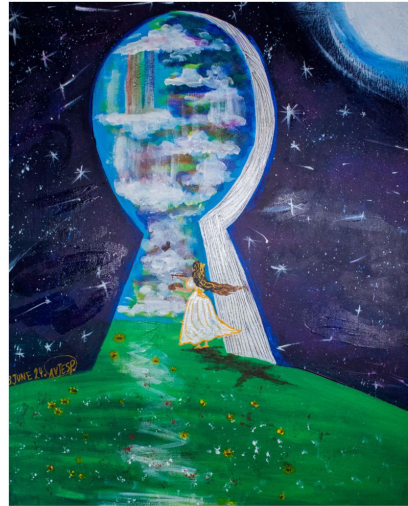
Other events are being planned this year, please subscribe to our newsletter (via our website) to stay in touch.

Workshops

Throughout this year, the Cathedral is partnering with the charity Hestia in providing various workshops and activities for survivors of modern slavery.

If you wish to contribute financially to this work, please be in touch with the Dean:

mark.oakley@southwark.anglican.org



Exhibitions

Art is Freedom

Wednesday 5 March - Monday 2 June

Accessible when the Cathedral is open.

We are delighted to be hosting Hestia's Art is Freedom exhibition in the Churchyard this spring. Survivors supported by Hestia's Modern Slavery Response Service take part in art and photography workshops every summer, learning and refining their skills, before submitting their best pieces for the exhibition.

Café Art Exhibition

Thursday 18 September - Sunday 19 October

Accessible during the café's opening hours.

An exhibiton of original artworks produced by survivors of modern slavery during a series of workshops run by Hestia.

Artwork kindly provided by [AVJSP], a survivor of modern slavery supported by the charity Hestia.



The Amies Freedom Choirs will be performing on Saturday 12 April and Saturday 12 July.

This year we are working with the following charities:

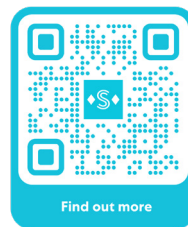
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- www.southwarkagainstmmodernslavery.org.uk
- www.antislavery.org
- www.medaille-trust.org.uk
- www.unseenuk.org
- www.passage.org.uk
- www.humantraffickingfoundation.org

Use apps?

Take a look at www.unseenuk.org and download the Unseen App to help recognise and report slavery.

To find out more about our social justice work, visit our website.

In partnership with:



Hestia

Hestia is the largest provider of modern slavery support in London and the south east. Their modern slavery service started in 2011 and has supported more than 6,000 victims since then. They provide ten safe houses in London and Kent, as well as a pan-London outreach service working in every London borough.