

# MODERN SLAVERY AWARENESS AMBASSADORS

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## Background

More than 200 years after the abolition of slavery it is estimated that over 40 million men, women, and children are trapped in modern slavery today. No one really knows just how many people are trafficked and enslaved in this country, but the World Health Organisation estimates it at 136,000.

'Modern Slavery' is an umbrella term for various forms of slavery, trafficking of human beings, and their exploitation. It is used to describe circumstances where people are forced to work, owned or controlled, bought and sold, and where freedom is constrained. It is a term that is broader than most people think and broadly covers anyone who is exploited for work.

We wish to set up a network of Modern Slavery Awareness Ambassadors across our Diocese. This scheme has been initiated by the charity ['Together in Sussex'](#) in partnership with the [Anglican Diocese of Chichester](#) across East and West Sussex in order to promote and inform this work to churches.

## What do Modern Slavery Ambassadors do?

Being an Ambassador is a flexible and voluntary commitment. We are looking to form a network of people throughout our churches who will be:

1. A point of contact, for the diocesan anti-slavery group, in partnership with other organisations with the same aims, such as the Clewer Initiative.
2. Able to receive some free training in anti-slavery, trafficking, and exploitation issues.
3. Trained to spot the signs of slavery and know where and how to report concerns.
4. Willing (with support) to run an occasional activity on anti-slavery in your church.
5. Be able to receive information and to cascade this via church newsletters, leaflets, posters to your church and community.

6. To Champion Antislavery Day (October 18th)
7. Meet and campaign alongside like-minded people in your community
8. Be part of our campaign to raise awareness of modern slavery with the approval of your church
9. Help to shape our work as we work together in partnership
10. Most of all be passionate about ending slavery, trafficking, and exploitation in their community

For more information, or to express an interest please contact our Social Action Adviser;

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To find out more about combatting slavery in our Diocese [visit our website](#).

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