



Community Action Toolkit

Welcome to The Freedom Partnership

Let's act to ensure that Australia does not contribute to the global problem of slavery and that people are not enslaved in Australia.

This toolkit will equip you to act and share your actions to inspire others.

People in slavery are counting on all of us to make their freedom a reality today.

**Ending slavery is a choice.
Take Part.**



**Freedom must be
demanded by those
who have been denied
it and by those who
are already free.**

Aung San Suu Kyi

Facts about Modern Slavery

Defining Modern Slavery

People are sold as objects, forced to work for little or no pay and are at the complete mercy of their employers. There are many characteristics that distinguish slavery from other human rights violations, however only one needs to be present for slavery to exist.

Someone is in slavery if they are:

- ◇ Forced to work through mental or physical threat
- ◇ Owned or controlled by their employer, usually through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse
- ◇ Dehumanized, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as property
- ◇ Physically constrained or have restrictions placed on freedom of movement

Modern Slavery & Australia

- ◇ The Global Slavery Index (2013) estimates that there are approximately 3,200 people currently enslaved in Australia.
- ◇ Through consumerism and trade, Australia contributes to the global estimate of 20.9 million people enslaved worldwide (International Labour Organisation, 2012)
- ◇ Victims are enslaved by a combination of document confiscation, threats of physical harm, violence, debt bondage, fear and their own vulnerabilities such as a lack of awareness of their rights.
- ◇ Raw materials from slavery include: Cobalt, Gold, Iron, Lanolin Oil, Lead, Nickel, Pearl, Wool, and Titanium (www.madeinafreeworld.com)
- ◇ 11,700,00 people are estimated to be in forced labour in the Asia Pacific (ILO Global Estimate, 2012)

Examples of Slavery in Australia

Migrant brides risk exploitation

2014, an Australian Institute of Criminology study revealed the exploitation of women coming to Australia as spouses and being used as slaves. In one case, a Thai woman was subjected to laboring in her husband's market garden for \$40-\$50 per month, in another case a woman was put to work as a domestic worker for her husband's family.

<http://bit.ly/slavelikemarriage>

Brisbane mother jailed for child trafficking of daughter

2013, a Brisbane woman was jailed for 9 years for trafficking her 9 year old daughter from Thailand to work in her Brisbane sex work business. The mother sent for her daughter from Thailand to be brought to Australia for a 6 week holiday in 2004 and was kept in a situation of slavery.

<http://bit.ly/brisbaneslaverycase>

Police investigate first case of organ trafficking

2011, Australia discovered its first case of organ trafficking. An elderly Sydney woman suffering from a kidney condition was suspected to have trafficked a young woman from the Philippines with the intention of harvesting an organ. Due to this case, Australia now has a criminal offence to address organ trafficking under the Commonwealth Code.

<http://bit.ly/organtrafficking>

Man faces exploitation charge

2013, an Estonian martial arts fighter faced court on 2 charges of human trafficking and two charges of debt bondage. He is accused of operating a labour hire company that lured Europeans to Australia where they were kept in bondage. This included taking control over their bank accounts, confiscating their passports, demanding money from them and threatening them with violence if they did not comply.

<http://bit.ly/westaustrialiacase>

Australian accused of exploiting Filipino boxers as houseboys

2013, the Australian Federal Police arrested 3 Australians for recruiting Filipino boxers to Australia, promising them riches and success. When they arrived in Sydney they had their passports taken and they were used as unpaid domestic workers.

<http://bit.ly/filipinoboxers>

Taking Action

The following pages of the toolkit are a range of suggested actions that could be undertaken in your community to raise awareness about modern slavery and human trafficking. You are also welcome to tell us your own ideas; we know you can be very creative!

You may also decide that you would like to run your event as a fundraiser. You can decide who the beneficiary of your fundraising is.

Australian Freedom Fund

The Freedom Fund supports victims to access basic services such as shelter, transport, food and emergency medical care nationwide when no other support is available. Most people escape their slavery situation without police and need a safe place where they can consider their options. Sometimes, this can take weeks creating a gap period where victims may be turned away from services due to lack of funds.

This creates a risk of re-exploitation, homelessness and hopelessness. Help us ensure that safe and professional support is available for people escaping slavery until they are able to access more formal supports. The Freedom Fund is available to victims regardless of whether or not they have engaged with law enforcement.

Trafficking & Slavery Safe House

The Salvation Army Safe House for Trafficking and Slavery operates entirely on community donations and is the only service of its kind in Australia. \$50 provides one week of emergency food support to a resident with no income. \$30,000 supports a room in the Safe House for one year. Any contribution supports social justice and human rights in our community.

Steps for Taking Action

Take the Freedom Pledge
www.endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/pledge/



Complete the action expression of interest form
<http://salvos.org.au/get-involved/help-us-fundraise/diy-community-fundraising/>



Your event will be approved by The Freedom Partnership and an email will be sent to you with information and resources for completing your action. It will also include consent forms that you will be required to sign and send back to us, that relate to how information supplied to us will be used, and how information we supply to you can be used.



Once your event has been completed, you will be sent an email so that you can complete a form online. This form helps us to measure our collective efforts in ending slavery. If you have raised money, this will also include any information you need for financial acquittal.



Following completion of all information, your action will be featured on the 'Chain of Good' map on our website and shared on our social media channels.

Ideas for Taking Action

DIY Party

Are you getting married? Having a house warming, graduation party, birthday party or a party just because?

In lieu of gifts, you can set up a wishing well at your party and collect donations for the Freedom Partnership's Freedom Fund.

Morning Tea at Work

Having a morning tea can be a great way to raise awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking.

You can also promote the purchase of Fairtrade goods such as tea, coffee and chocolate by having these as your morning tea treats!

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

A sausage sizzle is loved by everyone! Your local butcher may give you a special price on their most popular sausages, and your local bakery may wish to chip in with some freshly sliced loaves of bread. Onions and tomato sauce are the other must haves!

Gold Coin Donation at School

Approach your teacher or principal and arrange for a gold coin donation day at your school!

You can share information in your school newsletter and use the resources sent to you to raise awareness about modern slavery in your school community.

Become a Fairtrade Workplace

Becoming a Fair Trade Workplace is really easy and can be done in 3 simple steps! By purchasing Fair Trade products you are ensuring that producers are paid a fair price for their goods and labour, safeguarding them from slavery.

Visit: <http://fairtrade.com.au/page/fairtrade-workplaces> where detailed guidelines will step you through the process.

Send us an email at endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org to let us know when you are certified so we can celebrate your actions to end slavery in Australia

Community club awareness or fundraising event

Make the focus of your next meeting Modern Slavery. A training toolkit and presentation can be supplied by The Freedom Partnership. After learning, it may spark some more ideas about how your club can be involved in taking action!

Start a university/campus Freedom Club

Raising awareness of modern slavery on your campus can be as simple as handing out small business sized cards or flyers. You can also start a group that works more regularly to host fundraising events, awareness raising events or film screenings.

You might also be interested in supporting vulnerable people in the campus community and The Freedom Partnership can discuss with you further ways you can do this.

At some point I found freedom, I can see the difference now I am free. I've learnt so much.

Survivor

International Day of Prayer

You can select a day in your church calendar to make Modern Slavery the focus of your service. The service can include sermons focused on slavery and the journey to Freedom. You may also like to establish prayer stations that assist your congregations to learn more about modern slavery and focus their prayer specifically.

A church resource kit will be available online or can be sent to you.

Become a Freedom Ambassador in your community

Are you interested in become a leader in your community to End Modern Slavery? As a Freedom Ambassador you can coordinate events and activities in your community. You can also connect or establish a Freedom Network who are trained and ready to respond to people in your community who have experienced slavery. Head to endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/freedom-ambassadors/ to fill out an expression of interest and a member of our team will be in contact with you to discuss your ideas.

Become a Salvos School Ambassador (Salvos Schools)

If you are interested in issues of Social Justice including modern slavery, you can connect to the Salvos Schools Community. Here they can provide you resources and information about how you can be involved. You may also consider registering as a Freedom Ambassador, to be a leader in your school community.

Students in NSW & QLD click here for more: <http://salvos.org.au/get-involved/youth-and-schools/salvos-education/>

Students in VIC, SA, WA, TAS click here for more: <http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/get-involved/Schools-and-community/>

Host a film screening

It can be in your lounge room, staff room or in the theatre! Some film suggestions include: Amazing Grace, Dying to Leave, Ghosts, Mandela: Long Road to Freedom, Lincoln.

Tell us your idea! We know you can be very creative!

Here are some suggestions to kick start your creative genius:

- ◇ Your local photography group runs an online exhibition of photos which focus on themes of freedom and empowerment. You can post your photos on Instagram or share them via Twitter and Facebook (@partner4freedom)
- ◇ Workplace casual Friday gold coin donation
- ◇ Christmas Hampers (homemade goodies), money raised selling these can be given as a donation
- ◇ Create a cartoon or graphic that raises awareness of the different forms of Slavery in Australia. Send us your graphic and we can feature it via social media and in other promotional materials endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org

More Information

**For other great ideas and things
to be involved in visit:**

www.walkfree.org

www.projectfutures.com.au

www.stopthetraffik.org

www.mtvexit.org

www.fairtrade.com.au

www.madeinafreeworld.com

<https://www.freetheslaves.net/>

**Some people in slavery
situations are hidden
in plain sight. They
are relying on others
to see their trouble,
and help them to
leave their situation.**

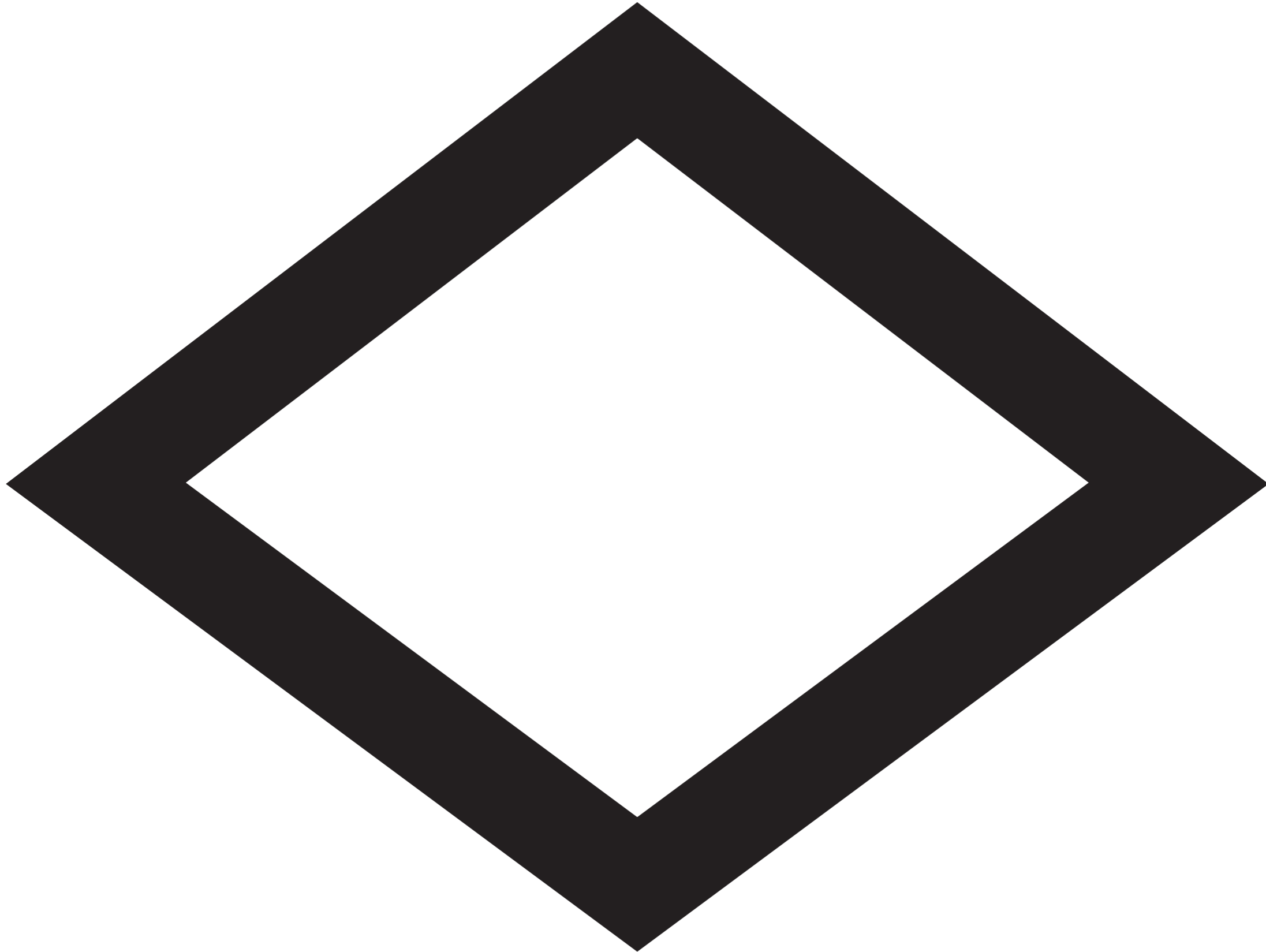
Freedom Advocate



The Freedom Partnership End Modern Slavery



I pledged at endslavery.salvos.org.au



**How you and others can help
End Modern Slavery.
Take Part.**

Pledge at endslavery.salvos.org.au
Share your pic via Facebook and
instagram [#freedompartnership](https://www.instagram.com/freedompartnership)

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