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Chairs welcome

Welcome to our fourth Modern Slavery Intelligence Network (MSIN) conference – kindly hosted by Tesco PLC at the wonderful Heart event space.

It has been an exciting year for MSIN, with a 34% increase in membership, a relaunch and a new CEO.

Claire Donovan joins us with a wealth of experience in the fields of food and agriculture, retailing and of course Labour rights abuse.

We continue to appreciate the support of Stop the Traffik who host our secure database – and look forward to welcoming many of you into MSIN – together we can disrupt Modern Slavery.

CEO welcome

I am delighted to be writing this as the CEO of MSIN. I feel so fortunate to have been trusted with leading MSIN in its next phase.

MSIN has big plans- as you will no doubt hear today, and disruption of Modern Slavery by sharing of intelligence and data is essential in the fight.

Come and join us – be part of the critical fight to protect vulnerable workers – MSIN is unique in its approach and vital in its role.

Speak to any MSIN board member, or email claire.donovan@MSIN.org.uk for more details and be part of something that could be lifechanging to someone.



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9-9.30 REGISTRATION

- Opening video
- Welcome
- CEO address

SESSION 1 Experts in the area – how do we start disrupting

- Dame Sara Thornton
- Emily Kenway
- Jakub Sobik

11:15 -11:35 COFFEE

- Cristina Talens
- Panel discussion – Dame Sara Thornton, Emily Kenway, Jakub Sobik, Cristina Talens
- Fireside Chat – Andy York Amy Bond

12:45-13:50 LUNCH

SESSION 2 Enforcement and Political approach

- Keynote Speaker Sarah Champion MP
- Q&A Sarah Champion & Dame Sara Thornton

SESSION 3 Lets disrupt digitally!

- Ser-Huang Poon & Quintin Lake
- Rory Oak
- Katrina Duck
- Panel discussion and Q&A workshop

Closing remarks - Paul Willgoss

Speakers



Dame Sara Thornton DBE QPM is a Professor of Modern Slavery Policy at the Rights Lab in the University of Nottingham where her focus is on research in the area of prevention, business responses, supply chains, and the role of the financial sector in tackling modern slavery. She is particularly focussed on the important role of investors and works as a modern slavery consultant for CCLA Investment Management.

Dame Sara completed a three-year term as the UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner in April 2022, a role in which she spearheaded the UK's fight against human trafficking and modern slavery. During her 33-year career within policing she served as Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police from 2007 until 2015. She was the first Chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council from 2015 to 2019. She was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 2006, made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2011 and a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2019.



Emily Kenway is a researcher, writer and policy adviser. She is currently finishing a PhD at the University of Edinburgh examining why people become vulnerable to exploitation, with a particular focus on the British homeless population. Prior to her PhD, she spent around 12 years working on social justice issues, including as the Private Sector and Labour Markets Lead for the first Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, focusing on Section 54 and supply chain issues, and as campaign manager at the Living Wage Foundation, among other roles. As an author, her first book, *The Truth about Modern Slavery* (Pluto Press 2021), showed how exploitation had been reframed to distract from its structural causes. Her second, *Who Cares: the Hidden Crisis of Caregiving and How We Solve It* (Hachette, 2023), twinned her personal care experience with in-depth reporting and was a finalist for the Orwell Prize for Political Writing. Her journalism and commentary have appeared in the Guardian, Independent, Washington Post and more. She is the interim chair of the New Economy Organisers Network (NEON) and a trustee for National Ugly Mugs.



Jakub Sobik is a communicator with over one and a half decades of experience of working on addressing modern slavery. He worked at Anti-Slavery International, the world's oldest human rights organisation committed to ending of all forms of slavery across the world. Now, as a Communications Director at the Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre (Modern Slavery and Human Rights PEC), he has helped to establish the Centre's reputation as an independent, trustworthy, equitable, policy focused and forward-thinking funder and producer of modern slavery research. His work includes promoting the PEC research across the mainstream, trade and digital media, promoting survivor voices, and initiating research on framing of modern slavery.



Cristina Talens has over 25 years of experience in ethical trading, sustainability, and supply chains, with a focus on modern slavery and migrant worker issues in the UK, France, and Italy. In 2000, she joined the UN Global Programme Against Trafficking and Smuggling of Human Beings, developing international programs on organized crime and trafficking. She later transitioned to the private sector, working alongside commodities buying departments and advising businesses on supply chains. Currently, Cristina conducts social audits and risk assessments for major UK supermarkets and helps them comply with the Modern Slavery Act requirements. She runs the Wilberforce Business Academy.



Amy Bond, a dedicated leader in the fight against modern slavery, heads Causeway's Modern Slavery and Crime Reduction services. Amy ensures the smooth operation of vital services while driving strategic objectives to protect and support survivors.

As a board member of the Bright Future Co-op, Amy plays a key role in shaping ethical employment pathways for survivors of exploitation. Amy is a prominent public voice on modern slavery, representing Causeway in interviews with BBC News and Sky News, and on expert panels.

Before joining Causeway in 2015, Amy worked in the NHS supporting adults with complex needs, bringing frontline experience to her work in safeguarding. Her expertise and commitment continue to influence policy and practice, ensuring a brighter future for those affected by exploitation.



Sarah Champion has been Labour MP for Rotherham since 2012. The Chair of the UK Parliament's International Development Committee.

Sarah has campaigned extensively on human trafficking and modern slavery, working to ensure victim and survivor voices are at the heart of Government policy. Recently, Sarah drew national attention to the risk of Uyghur forced labour in UK supermarket supply chains,

Sarah campaigned extensively on the need for a just transition in the green revolution, highlighting the risks of child labour and state imposed forced labour in the production of critical transition minerals.

Sarah has been calling for mandatory human rights due diligence legislation, and forced labour import bans, to ensure profits can never be put before people.



Dr Ser-Huang Poon is a Turing Fellow, SPRITE+ expert fellow, and Professor at the University of Manchester. She founded Enduring Net, a UK charity exploring how AI, blockchain, and digital identity can support vulnerable communities. Her research focuses on technology-driven approaches to modern slavery risks, including an AI-powered multilingual chatbot designed to support migrant workers and improve supply chain transparency. She has also contributed to blockchain-based



Quintin Lake is Executive Director at FiftyEight, which brings together research, technology solutions and partnerships to address the challenges of modern slavery and improve working conditions in supply chains. He consults globally with companies and governments on modern slavery and child labour, and is a visiting fellow of the Sustainability Impact Lab at Hult International Business School.



Rory Oak is a Senior Consultant at Ardea International, a consultancy with expertise in modern slavery risk management and business and human rights. With a focus on supporting clients from a range of sectors, Rory specialises in guiding organisations through the complexities of human rights due diligence. This includes conducting in-depth supply chain due diligence to identify risks and areas for improvement, as well as providing tailored reviews of company policies and procedures to enhance their alignment with international standards.

Beyond his consulting work, Rory has contributed to numerous guides, books, and chapters in the field of modern slavery. His notable publications include works on human trafficking and the integration of human rights due diligence into the framework of mega sporting events.



Katrina Duck has over 12+ years as an experienced leader in sustainability and supply chain innovation, dedicated to transforming how brands approach design, sourcing, product development, ESG, and traceability. As an Enterprise Account Executive at Inspectorio, she works at the forefront of empowering global supply chains to become more efficient, responsible, and transparent.

With a proven track record in finding innovative solutions for complex problems, Katrina helps businesses navigate challenges and uncover growth opportunities. Her expertise and passion for sustainable change position her in the future of supply chain management.



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