



HUMAN TRAFFICKING FORUM

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013
HILTON HOTEL, LONDON, ON
GRAND BALLROOM EAST

Human trafficking is a serious human rights violation and a clandestine crime. It is perpetrated primarily against women and children, and involves the recruitment, transportation or harboring of persons for the purpose of exploitation. The consequences of this gendered violence are devastating.

The present stage of its recognition and intervention emphasize the need for relevant information and resources for community stakeholders working to prevent human trafficking, to protect those affected, and to hold perpetrators accountable.

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| 8:00 – 8:30 | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | Welcome – Linda Baker Traditional Opening – Gloria Alvernaz-Mulcahy |
| 9:00 – 9:40 | “Do No Harm”: A Human Rights Approach to Anti-Trafficking Policies and Interventions in Canada Dr. Annalee Lepp, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Women’s Studies, University of Victoria; Founding Member of the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) Canada |
| 9:45 – 10:25 | Human Trafficking: Recent Changes and Developments Loly Rico, President of the Canadian Council of Refugees; Founder and Co-Director of FCJ Refugee Centre |
| 10:30 – 10:50 | Refreshment Break |
| 10:55 – 11:35 | Addressing Human Trafficking in Aboriginal Communities Teresa Edwards, Director of Human Rights & International Affairs & In-House Legal Counsel, Native Women’s Association of Canada |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | Questions/Comments |
| 12:00 – 12:40 | Lunch |
| 12:45 – 1:25 | Building a Provincial Response to Trafficking in Persons: The British Columbia Experience Robin Pike, First Executive Director, BC Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons |
| 1:30 – 2:10 | Human Trafficking – Law Enforcement Perspective Marty Van Doren, Superintendent (Retired), Human Trafficking Awareness Coordinator, RCMP “O” Division |
| 2:10 – 2:30 | Refreshment Break |
| 2:35 – 3:15 | Understanding Victims of Human Trafficking Jacqui Linder, Clinical Director and Founder of Chrysalis Network |
| 3:20 – 3:40 | Questions/Comments |
| 3:40 – 4:20 | Weaving the Threads: Reflections on Themes of the Day Sue Wilson – Director of the Office for Systemic Justice for the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada |
| 4:20 – 4:30 | Closing – Linda Baker |

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ABSTRACTS & BIOGRAPHIES



ANNALEE LEPP

“Do No Harm”: A Human Rights Approach to Anti-Trafficking Policies and Interventions in Canada

As a founding member and current director of the Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women (GAATW) Canada, established in 1996, Dr. Lepp has devoted the last sixteen years to researching and monitoring continuities and shifts in Canadian anti-trafficking policies, practices, and interventions. Her presentation will explore the implications of applying the principle of “do no harm” and of centering human rights when developing responses to human trafficking. She will draw on both GAATW’s international work and GAATW Canada’s research on this question, including a major recent study on the anti-trafficking measures and initiatives implemented prior to and during the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games.

Annalee Lepp is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Women’s Studies at the University of Victoria. She is a founding member of the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) Canada established in 1996. GAATW Canada is a member organization of GAATW, whose international secretariat is located in Bangkok, Thailand and is comprised of over 100 non-governmental organizations from most regions of the world, including self-organized groups of migrant workers, domestic workers, sex workers, and survivors of human trafficking. Since 1997, she has participated in crisis intervention, advocacy, and a number of research projects, which examine the development of Canadian state policies and practices as they relate to trafficking in persons and irregular cross-border movements.



LOLY RICO

Human Trafficking: Recent Changes and Developments

Ms. Rico, a recognized leader in efforts to protect survivors and prevent human trafficking, will provide an overview of recent developments and changes in the area of human trafficking at the National, Provincial, Regional and local (GTA specific) levels. Particular attention will be focused on the positive potential of developments, the gaps currently identified and the areas of concern as recognized and experienced by service providing organizations. In particular, the recent changes to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act will be discussed, alerting participants to the anticipated, as well as unexpected implications, for survivors of human trafficking.

Loly Rico has served as Co-director of FCJ Hamilton House Refugee Project since 1991. Loly was the driving force behind organizing local public education and strategic planning workshops on the Trafficking of Women and Children. She has been a member of many other organizations working on refugee issues including the Canadian Council for Refugees, the NGO Steering Committee for the World Conference Against Racism, Interchurch Committee for Refugees, Maytree Foundation Leadership Program, Coalition of Shelter Providers for Refugee Claimants (founding member) and Mujer. Loly was elected President of the Canadian Council for Refugees in December 2012.



TERESA EDWARDS

Addressing Human Trafficking in Aboriginal Communities

As a dedicated advocate of Aboriginal women’s human rights, Ms. Edwards will discuss how the Native Women’s Association of Canada and its partners have worked with Aboriginal communities on ways to prevent human trafficking that recognize its complex root causes. She will discuss how a multitude of anti-trafficking practices would be necessary to begin to address the issues in an effective and holistic way. She will explore how programs aimed at increasing education and establishing economic security in Aboriginal communities are promising solutions. Finally, she will discuss the need to raise public awareness of human trafficking of Aboriginal women, and how we can best support Aboriginal families and communities, and those who are presently being trafficked.

Teresa Edwards is a Mi’kmaq woman and a member of the Listuguj First Nation who has worked for more than twenty years to advance the needs and rights of Aboriginal peoples, with a particular focus on addressing Aboriginal women’s human rights. As a member of Status of Women Canada (SWC), Teresa worked with the Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) to secure funding for the Sisters In Spirit initiative. Working with SWC, and as a Consultant and Legal Counsel representing Aboriginal organizations and governments, Teresa organized the FPT Policy Forum on Aboriginal Women and Violence: Building Safe and Healthy Families and Communities. She is a Barrister-at-Law in Ontario and currently serves as Director of International Affairs and Human Rights, and In-House Legal Counsel for the NWAC.



ROBIN PIKE

Building a Provincial Response to Trafficking in Persons: The BC Experience

As the first Executive Director of the Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP) in British Columbia, Ms. Pike played a leadership role in Canada’s first government-based office solely dedicated to the protection of trafficked persons and the prevention of trafficking activities. She will discuss OCTIP’s mandate, its service coordination model, and the national and global attention the Office garnered for its unique and successful approach to community capacity building, training and awareness-raising across British Columbia. She will describe the on-line human trafficking-response curriculum for front line service providers in multiple sectors developed in 2011 by OCTIP, in conjunction with Public Safety Canada and an advisory group of over 80 individuals and organizations.

Robin Pike holds a Master of Arts degree in Social Policy, an undergraduate degree in Child & Youth Care, both from the University of Victoria, and a Certificate in Forced Migration Studies from Oxford University. Most recently, Robin was the first Executive Director of BC’s Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons, the only office of its kind in the country entirely focused on the prevention of trafficking and the protection of trafficked persons within the Province of British Columbia. Within this capacity, Robin oversaw the development of Canada’s only training focused on developing the capacity of communities to identify and protect trafficked persons in their midst.



MARTY VAN DOREN

Law Enforcement Perspective

As the Human Trafficking Awareness Coordinator for “O” Division of the RCMP, Superintendent (Retired) Van Doren is in an ideal position to present the law enforcement perspective. His presentation will include: insight into the identification of human trafficking victims – “the need to look beyond the obvious”; the “Pimping” game; appropriate response mechanisms once individuals/groups have been identified as human trafficking victims; the significance of the role played by Non-Government Organizations in response to victim needs; methods employed by Human traffickers to control, exploit and realize profits from human trafficking victims; strategies to combat human trafficking and social responsibility; and contemporary case studies.

Marty Van Doren retired from his position as a Superintendent with the RCMP in 2007 and is currently contracted by the RCMP as the “Human Trafficking Awareness Coordinator” for “O” Division (“O” Division encompasses the Province of Ontario with the exception of the National Capital Region). This position supports human trafficking related matters through the delivery of information sessions, conducting research and the collection of data, monitoring human trafficking investigative and intelligence activities and liaising with partners towards the development of enforcement techniques and protocols to ensure the detection and safety of human trafficking victims.



JACQUI LINDER

Understanding Victims of Human Trafficking

As Clinical Director and the founder of the Chrysalis Network -- the national telephone counseling line for survivors of human trafficking, Ms. Linder has an understanding of the dynamics of human trafficking and its impact on survivors. She will provide an overview of various types of trauma, explain how understanding trauma is critical to understanding the experiences of survivors of human trafficking, and discuss variables that may influence the survivor’s experience. She will explore the psychological dynamics of human trafficking and sexual exploitation including PTSD, learned helplessness, appeasement, and Stockholm Syndrome.

Jacqui Linder is the founder and Executive/Clinical Director of the Chrysalis Anti-Human Trafficking Network, which offers a national 24-7 trauma counselling line for survivors of human trafficking and exploitation. She is an Associate Professor and senior administrator at City University in Edmonton. Jacqui works with a number of organizations across Canada supporting survivors of human trafficking and exploitation. Her professional affiliations include the College of Alberta Psychologists, the Psychological Association of Alberta, the American Psychological Association, the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies and the National Anger Management Association.



SUE WILSON

Weaving the Threads: Reflections on Themes of the Day

As Director of the Office for Systemic Justice for the Canadian Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph, Ms. Wilson will use her experiences of accompanying survivors of human trafficking, collaborating with other NGOs, and advocating for policy changes in Canada as the basis for her reflections on the content of the day. She will highlight connections and identify themes such as 'holding important tensions in our work' (prosecution and protection, collaboration and mission, outreach and advocacy), 'exploring the blind-spots created by our labels and categories', and 'raising questions about power and control.'

Sue Wilson, CSJ is Director of the Office for Systemic Justice for the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada where she is involved in research, advocacy, education and activism on a variety of justice issues. She has a Ph.D. in moral theology with a focus on social ethics. She is particularly interested in the dynamics of personal and social transformation, and conducts workshops in Canada and internationally on these topics. Sue currently serves on the Board of KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives. She also represents the Canadian Federation on the Global Justice and Peace Network of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Human trafficking is one of the core justice issues for this network, and Sue collaborates with many groups, in Canada and beyond, to work toward systemic change and the improvement of government policies.