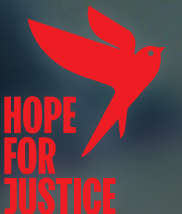


**MEN
AREN'T
VICTIMS
OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**



Over **10 million** victims of modern slavery are men. But even more victims are likely to be hidden away, uncoun~~ted~~.

We want to use this campaign as a platform to shine a spotlight on this often-overlooked group of victims. Because we want to live in a world where everyone is free from modern slavery.

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**MEN AREN'T VICTIMS
IN THE UK**

77% of victims
referred
in 2021
were male

**MEN AREN'T VICTIMS
IN THE USA**

14.3% OF VICTIMS WERE MALE.

However, this number is not
derivative of the real figures.

**MEN AREN'T VICTIMS
IN NORWAY**

**NO OFFICIAL FIGURES HAVE BEEN
PUBLISHED SINCE 2017.**

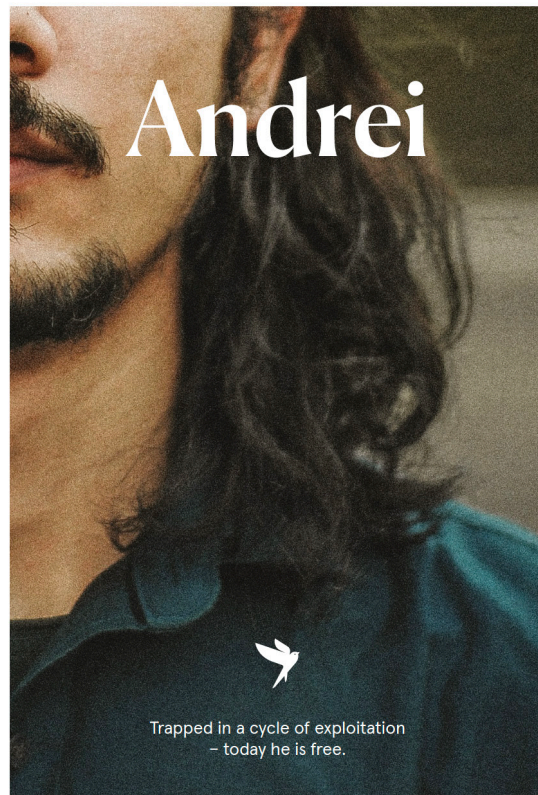
This in itself is worrying as more
victims go unreported



Shame

There are a number of reasons as to why we hear less about men, one of which is centred around male gender-stereotypes and cultural expectations. A lot of victims will have left their homes to travel to new countries with the hopes of a new job so that they can better support their families. We hear of cases where men are so ashamed that they have been tricked by their traffickers, that they are unable to escape and reach out for help. We want to raise awareness about male victims of slavery, what to look out for and how you can help them.

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UNITED KINGDOM - 2022

Andrei

A man who was trafficked to the UK and left fearing for his life has shared his story of freedom.

Andrei*, who is Romanian and now in his mid-30s, was forced to work 10-hour days on a construction site and at a car wash. He was housed in cramped living conditions with 12 other people.

Traffickers threatened him and his family, leaving him scared for his life and what might happen. They never paid him for his work, they just gave him occasional meagre handouts. They told him he had to work to repay his debts.

"I felt like someone else was controlling my life", Andrei told us.

Thankfully, Andrei managed to escape from his captors in 2017.

But he was not aware that he was a potential victim of human trafficking and he was too traumatised to share all of his experiences. Sadly this lack of detail around his case meant that he was denied the support he was entitled to.

Andrei was left in limbo in emergency accommodation.

Following an unrelated life-changing injury, Andrei was referred to Hope for Justice and our team began advocating on his behalf. We worked to gain his trust, provided advice, guidance and support.

We challenged the UK government's decision to disqualify Andrei from receiving support, and worked alongside Andrei as he courageously shared his experiences.

After an agonising three-year wait, Andrei was formally identified as a victim of modern slavery in the UK in November 2020.

He is now able to start a new life. He is living in a safe house, receiving physical and mental health support, and help with his finances.

Andrei told us: "I am happy and very thankful for all the support I have received from Hope for Justice, my solicitor and all of the professionals involved. I feel much more positive about my future and I plan to continue living in the UK and find work so that I can provide for my family."

**Name and photo changed to protect identity*



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Hope for Justice help the hidden ones.
We exist to bring an end to modern slavery
by preventing exploitation, rescuing victims,
restoring lives and reforming society.

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Why don't they just...

People often wonder why more victims of human trafficking don't try harder to escape their situations. But it's not as simple as that. Human traffickers manipulate and coerce victims, oftentimes making them more fearful of what might happen to them or their families should they try and escape, over staying and enduring their abuse.

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MEN ~~AREN'T~~ VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHY DON'T THEY JUST...

- ☐ call the police?
- ☐ run away?
- ☐ fight back?



Why don't they just...

Call the police?

70% of men choose not to co-operate with police investigations. This was mostly due to fear of retaliation from exploiters. The ability of men to recognise themselves as victims and to request support can also affect their legal rights.

Run away?

Sometimes they don't realise they are a victim. Disclosing such information often brings about feelings of shame or can trigger flashbacks. Male victims often regard accessing support as an indulgence they are not worthy of. This can affect their legal rights in the sense that clients don't often volunteer relevant information to support their cases.

Fight back?

Exploiters also use coercion to keep control of their victims. They hold the threat of danger over them, either to themselves or their families. This abuse can often take place over years, or in another country.

Some barriers are invisible

WHY DON'T THEY JUST...

- ☒ call the police
- ☐ run away
- ☐ fight back

Not all controls are visible

WHY DON'T THEY JUST...

- ☐ call the police
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Not all fights are physical

WHY DON'T THEY JUST...

- ☐ call the police
- ☐ run away
- ☒ fight back

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Boys Are Victims

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“I HAVE NEVER PREVIOUSLY HAD
THE CHANCE TO EXPLAIN IN MY OWN
WORDS WHAT HAPPENED TO ME.”

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“NONE OF US FIND
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Support

Male survivors of trafficking need access to comprehensive and culturally appropriate assistance to meet their needs.

- **Housing:** Access to housing that is safe and has resources to meet their unique needs. The use of homeless shelters is often inadequate for traumatised male survivors.
- **Health:** Access to a wide range of trauma-informed physical and mental health services, including alternatives to traditional care such as peer-to-peer counselling.
- **Legal Support:** Victims are often distrustful of authorities due to fear of immigration status, deportation, fear of being arrested, preconception of the Police. In some cases, victims are even distrustful of charities making it difficult to explain our intention to help. We need to provide access to legal support to ensure male survivors are aware of their rights.
- **Employment Assistance:** Access to employment assistance that includes education, skills training, and job placement.

While some governments have made progress to improve the anti-trafficking response for male victims, there is still a long way to go to make sure men and boys are not overlooked victims in our societies.



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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Use your platform

We need to be able to reach more people. We need to raise awareness about this awful crime. Would you use your platform to help us? By following us on social media and sharing our message, we will potentially be able to educate more people on the issue of modern slavery. We will also include a set of social media assets should you want to post the message to your own platforms.



Spot the Signs

Operation Fort

Any of us could help a victim of modern slavery. By learning how to Spot the Signs, a member of the public helped uncover the largest human trafficking case to ever go to European court.

Modern slavery is happening in our communities. So being able to spot the signs and know what to do could make a life-changing difference. You could walk past or speak to someone who needs help without you even realising it.

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MEN AREN'T VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SPOT THE SIGNS OF FORCED LABOUR

- Withholding of wages or reductions resulting in low or no pay
- Excessive hours, forced overtime, few or no breaks
- Poor or non-existent health and safety standards
- Workers made to pay for own tools or equipment
- Intimidation and threats, or physical violence
- Threat of revealing irregular immigration status
- No access to labour contract or documentation
- Abusive working and living conditions
- Imposed place of accommodation (deducted from pay)
- Abuse of vulnerability
- Isolation, restriction of movement or confinement
- Debt bondage with spurious deductions or interest added



TO REPORT A CONCERN, CALL
MONDAY - FRIDAY (9AM - 5:30PM)

0300 008 8000

Alternatively call the Modern Slavery
Helpline (24/7): 0800 121 700

If you think you may have encountered a victim of human trafficking, contact Hope for Justice and let us know as much information as possible.

**You may be saving
someone's life.**

IF YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE A PERSON
IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 999 FIRST

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Donate

Hope for Justice is funded primarily through the support of members of the public. The work that we do to prevent exploitation, rescue victims of slavery, help them to restore their lives and the work that they do with governments, businesses and local communities to reform society is made possible by people like you.

If you are able to, will you join this fight in ending modern slavery by becoming a GUARDIAN?
Would you help rescue and restore people trapped in modern slavery?

Because with your help, we will one day live in a world free from slavery.

Thank you!





Other materials

Hope for Justice has a wide selection of other awareness-raising materials and content available, including posters, videos, fact sheets, downloads, multilingual leaflets and more.

[Click here to see what's available.](#)



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