

**Meeting note – CPG Human Trafficking**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**

**Convenors:**

Jenny Marra MSP  
Christina McKelvie MSP

**Meeting attendees:**

Andrew Beattie	Marion Donaldson (SI Scotland)
Andrew Bevan (IJM UK)	Mark Cooper (NSPCC)
Billie Wealleans (SI Scotland)	Nadia Maloney (Unchained)
Bronagh Andrews (TARA)	Neil Whettam (East Lothian Council)
David Thomson	Norma McGovern
Euan Page (EHRC)	Pam Cairns (SI Scotland)
Eva Kestner	Stephanie Collins (IJM UK)
Fady Nassar	Steve Malloch
Gordon MacDonald (CARE for Scotland)	Margaret Mowat (SI Scotland)
Hazel Watson (ACTS)	Ann Oxley (Scottish Government)
Heather Iqbal	Lindsay Reid (Document Film Festival and Unchained)
Iain Whyte (Anti-Slavery International)	Nadine Scott (Scotpep)
Janice Wilson (SI Scotland)	John Merralls (Migrant Help)
Janine McKenna (Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office)	Anne McTaggart MSP
Jim Laird	Roderick Campbell MSP
Kathy Betteridge (Salvation Army)	

**Apologies:**

Louise Johnson  
Bushra Iqbal  
Lysa Owen  
Juliet Harris  
Maureen Wylie  
Charlie Bevan  
Heather Simpson  
Catriona MacSween  
Paul Rigby  
Jacci Stoye  
Alexa Anderson  
Rebecca Wallace

The meeting was opened by Christina McKelvie, with previous minutes held up for review and approved by the group. There were no matters arising.

Anne Oxley of the Scottish Government Bills Team gave an update on the Human Trafficking (Scotland) Bill. Following a review of the policy details of the Bill, the Scottish Government's Cabinet of Ministers had approved it to be in the Legislative Programme. The amount of information that could be given to the group was limited due to the Bill not yet

being legislated, but Anne gave general information on the legislative process of the Bill and some of the areas it will address.

### **Brainstorming areas to address in 2015**

There were a range of topics discussed as topics for the Cross Party Group in 2015. Following these suggestions, the agendas for the coming year for the CPG on Human Trafficking are as follows:

#### **5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**

**Topic** – The Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill

**Speakers** – TBC

#### **4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

**Topic** – **The forced labour** of migrant, hospitality & care workers and a trade union perspective

**Speakers** – TBC

#### **1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Topic** – **Home office** report that 13,000 trafficking victims are in the UK – what is being done to investigate and recognise victims and prosecute traffickers.

**Speakers** – TBC

#### **1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

**Topic** – **Supply chains:** What the UK is doing about international supply chains?

**Speakers** – TBC

The next CPG meeting is booked for 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 5:30 – 7pm.

The full agenda for 2015 will be circulated amongst members before that date.

Information sharing from members was offered: from Stephen Malloch, associated with the Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women, and from John Merralls of Migrant Help, who is happy to inform on Canterbury University and Migrant Help cross research on issues surrounding migration. Any members who wish to pursue this should e-mail Secretariat Andy Bevan on [Andrew.Bevan@ijmuk.org](mailto:Andrew.Bevan@ijmuk.org).