

Objective 4

To affirm the Priorities of the Methodist Church by inspiring Women's Network and the wider Church to work for change, to deepen theological understanding of the issue and develop a local response.

The Women's Network Connexional Task Group will:

Work with partner agencies to develop the project and make resources available to the wider Church. Encourage prayer, worship and Bible study on the theme using the Conference of European Churches' resource, "Churches in Europe against Trafficking in Women"

Encourage a local response to this European issue

Work with the World Church office to make introductions for groups and churches that would like to establish links with a group or church in a source country for trafficking. Practical Action Guide 4 will be available from September 2006.

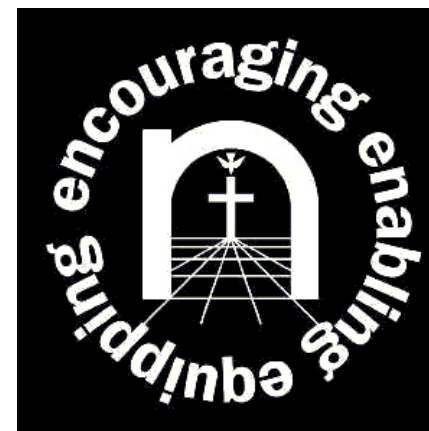
Districts and Circuits will:

Discover ways of standing alongside the most deprived and poor women in Europe in thought and word and deed
Help to nurture a culture in the local church that is people-centred and flexible

Use worship resources to introduce the theme to fellowship groups, church events and personal prayer times

Build upon twinning links with a group or church in a source country for trafficking.

Women's Network Social Action Project 2005-2008



*Encouraging, enabling and
equipping the
Methodist Church to
take action on the trafficking
of women and girls in Europe*

The Trafficking Information pack is available for £10 plus £3.20 p&p from the Women's Network office, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR. Tel: 020 7467 5175. Fax: 020 7467 5281. Cheques payable to "The Methodist Church Fund".
E-mail: womens.network@methodistchurch.org.uk

OBJECTIVES AND ACTION

The project has four objectives. In keeping with current Methodist Priorities, each objective suggests action that can best be done nationally and also action that can best be done locally.

Objective 1:

To educate the Methodist Church, through Women's Network enthusiasts, about the trafficking of women and girls and indicate relevant action that can be taken.

The Connexional Committee Task Group will:

Provide a project outline
Produce four practical action guides
Provide training at three "Women's Network: Coming Together" day conferences in 2006, with invited keynote speakers on issues surrounding trafficking
Recommend resources available from Methodist Church House and/or Methodist Publishing House in a Project Information Pack
Record district events on the Methodist website.

Districts and Circuits will:

Organise local events to share information about the issue
Record action that is taken and, through the District Women's Network Secretary, inform the Women's Network office of events that can be publicised on the website.

Objective 2:

To campaign for the government to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings and encourage it to implement, as quickly as possible, the measures agreed by ratifying the UN Convention Against Transnational Crime and its associated Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (known as the Palermo Protocol)

The Connexional Committee Task Group will:

Provide information and guidelines to help individuals and groups address letters to their local Members of Parliament and Members of the European Parliament. (Practical Action Guide 2)

Monitor how the European Parliament is encouraging national governments to ratify the Council of Europe Convention
Record information provided by District Secretaries about letter writing that is happening in the Districts and Circuits
Work together with the Methodist Press Office and Parliamentary Affairs office to raise the profile of the project within Methodism and in the national press.

Districts and Circuits will:

Write letters to local MPs and MEPs, asking them to encourage the government to ratify the Council of Europe Convention and implement measures agreed by ratification of the Palermo Protocol
Inform the District Women's Network Secretary when they have sent letters to MPs and MEPs
Use the training provided at four *Women's Network: Coming Together* day conferences in 2006 to make contact with and raise awareness of the issue with their local press and radio, publicise the project on church displays and notice boards, and provide the District Women's Network Secretary with details of action taken so that it can be recorded and featured on the Methodist website as appropriate.

Objective 3:

To discourage men attending the 2006 World Cup in Germany from visiting brothels that are being set up around each of the stadiums where matches are being played. To raise awareness among local media to warn those travelling to the World Cup about brothels and the issue of trafficking.

The Women's Network Connexional Task Group will:

Provide details and guidelines to help raise awareness of the issue in the local press before Britons travel to the World Cup. (Practical Action Guide 3).

Districts and Circuits will:

Use training provided at Women's Network day conferences to raise awareness through local press and radio.
Keep up-to-date regarding the best way of enlisting the help of local media.