

National Freedom Network



Newsletter

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The National Freedom Network (NFN) exists to promote and facilitate a joint response by South African role players working against human trafficking.



Great news: Andrew and Diane had their second little one in August and we are thrilled to share that Jessica is doing very well. Thank you to everyone for your love, prayers and support through what has been a challenging but incredible faith journey.

We would like to introduce you to Julia Conway who has joined the **NFN** team as assistant administrator (She is in the office on Mondays only). Julia has many years of admin experience, is passionate about networking and very insightful. She worked for Jonathan Ball Publishers and was part of the launching of Elanie Kruger's book *Van Skoolbank tot Bordeelbed*.



The Network News aims to provide current news and resources to the counter-human trafficking community in South Africa and further afield. We are grateful to Jacqueline Fourie, [Small Voice Human Trafficking](#) for faithfully compiling this valuable information every two weeks. Thank you!



Marcel van der Watt



has contributed in many ways throughout this year as a speaker, trainer and an interviewee on television, radio and for newspapers answering many questions and providing insightful information regarding human trafficking in South Africa. His knowledge and experience are most valuable especially at conferences like the [Africa Border Management & Security conference](#).

We wish him all the best as he concludes the final stages of his PhD. Well done and thank you!



National Association of Democratic Lawyers (NADEL)
Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking

Collaborating with the National Freedom Network (NFN)



FACT:

Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal activity in the world second only to the drug trade.

How can you help someone who has been trafficked?

Call 0800 222 777 to report and obtain assistance!

WHAT CAN LAWYERS DO? Join us for a workshop presented by

Prof. Beatri Kruger, University of the Free State and National Freedom Network and Marcel van der Watt, University of South Africa and National Freedom Network

16 October 2017 Bloemfontein, Free State Time: 12h00 – 15h30

Venue: Kopano Nokeng Country Lodge, 14 Mazelspoort Rd, Bloemfontein

21 October 2017 Umtata, Eastern Cape

23 October 2017 Polokwane, Limpopo

25 October 2017 Emaahlani, Mpumalanga

27 October 2017 Durban, KZN

28 October 2017 Queenstown, Eastern Cape

RSVP at least 4 days before the date of the workshop. Limited seats available!

For further information, please contact: Memory Thulile Sosibo, NADEL Training Coordinator

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Thanks also go to Prof. Beatri Kruger and Marcel van der Watt for collaborating with [NADEL](#) to empower and equip lawyers and attorneys around the country.

MeCAHT INTERNATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE FOR AFRICA

19-22 October 2017

Marina attended the [MeCAHT](#) conference this year. The theme of the conference, organized by Alex and Anne Abok, was “Sustainable Freedom”. The speakers, several of whom came from overseas, were of a high calibre and brought a wealth of knowledge and a depth of insight into the various aspects of the fight against human trafficking. The conference was informative, empowering, emotive and ultimately fuelled the passion of over 150 participants to continue the fight against modern day slavery.

A highlight for Marina was the launch of the book *Buttercup* and the many networking opportunities. At the gala dinner on Saturday night NFN were invited to share more about the NFN and its successes.



It was great to have some government representatives attending and participating at the conference.



"Every year at the MeCAHT conference, a variety of passionate, driven, and spirit-led leaders come together from all over the globe to stand together, speak out, and fight back against human trafficking. And each year I am humbled by the wisdom, the testimonies, and the unconditional love that pour out of these incredible individuals. It's a blessing to be a part of such a beautiful, transformative, and empowering venture!" - Sam Stokesberry, Outreach Coordinator – [STOP](#)



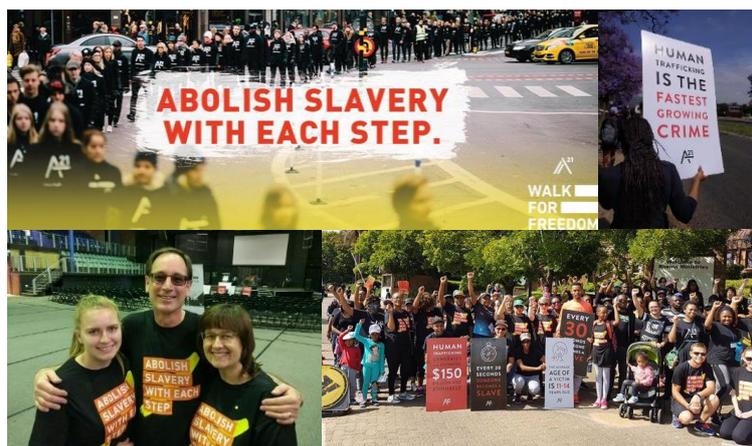
Panel Discussion (left to right), Dieter Lubbe – [Pinion Project](#), Madri Brouwer – [Straatwerk](#), Errol Naidoo – [Family Policy Institute](#), Ole Gundersen – [Street Garden Ministries, Norway](#), Officer Durrbaum- The Hawks, Kyle Miller – [Global Care & Response](#) – USA, D.O. Abrahams – Vice Consul (Information & Culture), Consulate General of Nigeria in South Africa, Major Margaret Stafford – [Salvation Army](#), Seipati Mitlabane - Dept of Social Development, Katie Modrau - [A21 Campaign South Africa](#)



Great opportunity for networking with Graham Haddad, Pierre Roux and Peter Kotze who are passionate men with hearts to fight human trafficking. Coffee with Graham and Pierre and breakfast at the airport with Peter discussing what they have achieved and are planning for 2018 was encouraging and inspiring.

WALK FOR FREEDOM

On the 14 October 2017, across South Africa, thousands joined to take a stand against the injustice of human trafficking. Thank you to everyone who supported - We are stronger together.



Networking

NFN connected Corinne, STOP who was visiting Nepal with Network Partner Bhuvan from New Light Nepal!!!!

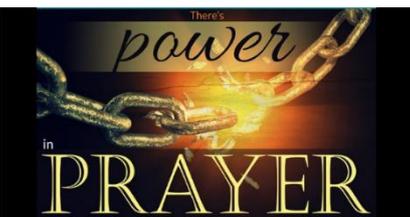


NFN attended [Hope for Women](#) Prayer meeting

6 November 2017



Vision: "I see organisations with integrity gaining access to corporates with truthful and transparent proposals written with God's stamp of approval. I see funding flowing to non-profit companies freely."



Sweatshop challenge at Monash University

12 October 2017



CRIMON PRESENTS
The 3rd Annual Sweatshop Challenge



Well done to Ushi from Inhuman Trade for your captivating presentation.

The Sweatshop Challenge is a unique way of simulating labour trafficking.

1000 Women Trust event

24 November 2017

16 days of activism



Ad Outpost going forward 2018

Billboards

Street Pole Ads

Toiletry packs and sponsorship

Magazine articles

Donations

4 December 2017



Guests arrived with a care package as their entrance ticket to an appreciation event held by Duke Corporate Education at the Campus in Bryanston.



Thank you, Pamela Naidoo, for this great initiative which guarantees over 50 adults and children will receive some much needed items.



13 December 2017



Thank you to KumaloGreen for the donation of blankets for safe houses.

If you see something, say something.
0800 222 777

- Connect with us:
- South African National Human Trafficking Resource Line
 - #SA_NationalLine
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 - 0800222777
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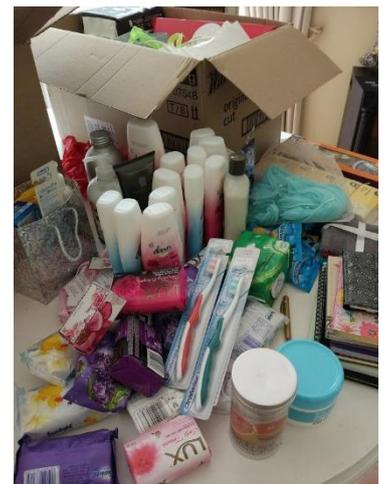


Resources were sent to Northern Cape Provincial Government Kuruman, to distribute while raising awareness in the province.

19 December 2017



Huge thanks go to Shelley and ladies for these lovely goodies which were delivered to a safehouse on 4 Jan 2018.





NFN attended the closed session with 26 journalists from around the world to discuss reporting on human trafficking specifically forced labour in their countries. The speakers were Martha Mendoza, Tim Sandler, Malia Politzer, Emmanuel Mayah and Madelene Cronjé.



Media play an enormous role in shaping perceptions and guiding the public conversation about human trafficking. Human trafficking schemes are constantly evolving, and the media's vigilance helps keep the public informed and engaged. As media pursues more research and investigative work on the issue, the public will better understand how the crime works, how to identify and help trafficking victims, and ultimately, what can be done to prevent the crime from happening.

[GIJN](#)



We are thankful for those who volunteer in our communities to assist at cases of crime. We were able to share information and resources with Bev subsequent to a case of human trafficking earlier in the year.

Julia and Marina visited Sonnika (Ladies Arise), Ruth (Cherished) and Amy (The Grace Factory) this month. These ladies are serving and making a huge difference in their communities.



We are grateful for our team of 25 prayer warriors and 12 devotional writers who have diligently supported us over the year. Thank you!

For those wanting to learn more about human trafficking in South Africa, we have a website dedicated to press releases, videos and academic research specific to South Africa. We have also included recommended books to read, movies to watch and learning opportunities.

Press Releases uploaded
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