

15 – 16 January 2015, Bern, Switzerland

48 Hrs. high intensity training on victim identification & meaningful communication with victims of human trafficking

This training was created for front line people working with victims of human trafficking in the identification phase, elaborating phase and the initial protection period. This mainly concerns professionals encountering or working with victims in the initial contact period:

- Law enforcement
- Immigration & border protection
- Social services
- Project & outreach workers
- NGO's
- Any combination of above in multidisciplinary teams

Why?

The identification of victims of human trafficking is very challenging without specific know-how. However, for the victims, early identification and the first interaction are crucial. Without the information of victims the investigation lacks important input. In addition, early identification of the victims and the interaction with them is important to break the vicious cycle of victims transforming into predators themselves.

Once a person has been identified as a victim, meaningful communication taking into consideration the complex psychological profile of a victim and the processes following the identification of the victim are decisive factors in whether the victim is lost in the process or not.

Or as the UNODC counter trafficking campaign states:

“Remember! You may be the victims’ only chance! “

The Training

The training was developed based on overwhelmingly positive feedback on a lecture by ret. Inspector John O'Reilly “Meaningful communication with victims of human trafficking” during a conference on human trafficking in Switzerland 2014. The conclusion of the discussions in short:

“There are skills you can't learn in a class room setting. You have to experience them.”

This training is built on a blend of experience learning methods used in high intensity communication training, team building and principles applied in tactical role player (TRP) scenarios used to train tactical response teams.

Accordingly, the training is challenging and it will push you beyond your daily routine and comfort zone.

Anything, as instructions, information etc. you are bound to receive AFTER the 48 hours training schedule has begun, is designed to facilitate the training. It is part of the “game” and might be correct, skewed, asymmetric or totally false.

What will you do?

With the interactive guidance of the coaches you will re-think what you know, improve your approach, train it under pressure & develop your tools and solutions together with your training mates from other disciplines.

Therefore, the training is also a very efficient tool in regards to team training respective team building in the initiation phase for multidisciplinary teams in combating human trafficking (task forces, project teams, joint investigation teams etc.).

The method rewards your effort with a highly sustainable learning impact and an extraordinary experience.

What is the objective?

- Improve assistance to the victims.
- Improve the chance of identifying victims.
- Improve communication with the victims leading to a better intelligence basis during the investigation.
- Facilitating & enhance cooperation, coordination and information exchange between the stakeholders combating human trafficking.
- Learning to develop, apply practical and praxis tools in victim identification and communication with the victims.

What are the limitations?

The training is designed for front line people and first responders in the initial contact phase (Street, Raid, Shelter etc.). The training does NOT provide skills on victim related long-term professional therapy!

Who are we?

www.trafficking.ch – the Trafficked Victim Unit is a platform consisting of a multidisciplinary team in different fields of expertise dedicated to combating human trafficking. It was initiated by Stephan Fuchs, responsible for female asylum applicants in the Swiss immigration system and Andy Desmond a former Detective of the London Metropolitan Police in March 2013 as a platform for a seminar on Juju Witchcraft as a control method in human trafficking.

What started with organizing specialized conferences covering different subjects on human trafficking, developed further into intelligence support for some law enforcement agencies, country of origin specific victim profiling and there are further projects under development involving shelter operations, specialized training etc.

The Trafficked Victim Unit is a non-politic, non-religious and ideologically neutral organization. We see ourselves as enablers to the stakeholders in combating human trafficking and focus on constructive, multidisciplinary, cross-functional networking and cooperation with all involved parties.

www.victimliberation.com - Mission statement: To highlight the psychological effects of trauma on victims of human trafficking exploited in the sex industry and provide an interviewing technique designed to assist victims break down the barriers that locks them into a life of sexual slavery.

John O'Reilly was an Irish Police Inspector with thirty years experience investigating serious crimes. His investigative experience involved sexual abuse of children and adults, investigation of murders, terrorism, and other serious crime. He holds a diploma in 'Child Psychology' a diploma in 'Forensic

Psychology', a degree in 'Police Management', a Master in Science in 'Child Protection and Welfare' and a practitioner's diploma in 'Clinical and Therapeutic Hypnosis' and he is a qualified trainer.

In February 2002, he was seconded from An Garda Síochána (the Irish Police force) to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina. During this mission he was assigned to a Special Trafficking Operations Project (S.T.O.P.) in Sarajevo. During this time he worked as the United Nation's police coordinator in the project. The S.T.O.P. unit comprised of 55 International Police officers and 150 local Police investigators, who were based throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Together they investigated and closed a large number of premises involved in human trafficking throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. They conducted 2,315 interviews with suspected trafficked victims and freed 265 women from sexual slavery. With the assistance of the International Organization of Migration (I.O.M.) these victims were repatriated to their home countries.

Training location & date

The training takes place in Bern, Switzerland 15 – 16 January, 2015. The meeting point is 15 January 08:00 Bern train station and will be terminated at the same location 16 January 18:00. Please note that the training starts 18:00 on the day before your arrival at the meeting point. You will receive an extensive preparation and instruction package by e-mail and will be expected to work through it before your arrival.

Training Fee

The training fee is 700.- CHF / person. This fee includes all transfers, meals during the training and the overnight between the two training days. The overnight is an integral part of the training and the overnight location will be provided including transfer of your luggage during the training period. **Travel arrangements, overnights before and after the training are arranged by the participants individually.**

Payment mode: Through invoice on training participation confirmation – international bank transfer payment in advance.

General:

While the training is not overly physically exhausting it is designed around enhanced emotional learning and enhanced experience learning. In case you suffer from trauma related symptoms or you are currently under treatment for any trauma related disorder as PTSD, the training might not be suitable for you. Please contact us **before** you attend the training.

Registration: simulation@trafficking.ch (please mention number of participants, full names, name institution, contact mail, telephone and billing address).

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