

Slavery has no place in our society. Tragically, there has been an alarming rise in the number of victims being identified across Scotland in recent years. Humans are being exploited and traded as commodities and this is happening right in our midst.

Victims have now been found in every local authority area in Scotland, and this suffering encompasses people of all ages and nationalities. In 2019, the majority of slavery victims rescued in the UK were British. In 2019 in Scotland 512 victims were rescued compared to 228 in 2018 which is more than 100% increase.

Scotland Against Modern Slavery exists to help eradicate the atrocity of human trafficking and raise awareness across the Scottish business community of this evil trade.

The Scottish Government is looking to have a forum for the business community to share good practice, intelligence, support victims and to be prepared for changes to the Modern Slavery Act.

Each "partner" organisation will have their logo and link to their website on the "corporate partners" page at <u>www.scotlandagainstmodernslavery.co.uk</u> with the commitment to:

- 1. Nominate an ambassador within their business who is at leadership level or can influence the leadership team and has an interest in the topic.
- 2. Attend quarterly meetings online (1hour) with Scottish Government and other members of SAMS. (expected time 4 hours per quarter).
- 3. Attend online round table forums when arranged to showcase good practice, receive legal guidance, discuss specific victim support packages and share intelligence.
- 4. There is no cost to the member organisations.

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