

Dignity Project
An inter agency initiative
working to deliver quality
services for victims of
sex trafficking

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- ⌘ **Regional Partnership of local authorities, social partners, local area partnerships, others;**
- ⌘ **Focus on employment and social inclusion;**
- ⌘ **Established 1998 under the EU TEP Initiative;**
- ⌘ **Core-funded since 2001 under Irish Government Local Development Programme;**
- ⌘ **Annual budget of ca. €2m from multiple sources (local/national/EU) and staff of six.**

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Immigrant Council
of Ireland

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About ICI

- ⌘ An independent human rights organisation
- ⌘ Advocates for the rights of immigrants and their families, and acts as a catalyst for public debate and policy change
- ⌘ An Independent Law Centre - at present, the only NGO in the migration sector that has a license to litigate in Ireland.
- ⌘ One of ICI's key priorities: to support immigrants who have experienced human rights violations in Ireland, such as women who have experienced domestic or sexual violence, women and girls who are trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation and unaccompanied minors.

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Research report

'Globalisation, Sex Trafficking and Prostitution – The Experiences of Migrant Women in Ireland'

(April 2009)

- ⌘ Research documents the extent and effects of the sexual exploitation and trafficking of migrant women and girls in Ireland
- ⌘ Examines the organisation and operation of the sex industry in Ireland into which migrant women are trafficked
- ⌘ Highlights how victims can be protected and supported and makes recommendations on how prostitution, sexual exploitation and trafficking can be prevented

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- Examine the legislative and social contexts in different states
- Examine all elements of trafficking victim experience from identification to repatriation or integration & extract best practice elements
- How has it done this work to date?
Through study visits, seminars, Year 1 and via staff exchanges, publications & case studies Yr 2
- How long will it last?
2 years to early 2011

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Rationale?

- Trafficking for sexual exploitation acknowledged criminal problem & major form of violence against women
- Flourishing sex industry creating rising demand for prostitution & sexual services, influenced by poverty, globalisation & migration flows
- Countries of origin, transit and destination
- Partners with various responses
- Holistic victim centred approach to service provision, best practice approach for victims

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- ⌘ The model of service provision must go beyond Harm reduction
- ⌘ Tackling demand for purchase of sexual services is essential if sex trafficking is to be stopped
- ⌘ The analysis that prostitution is itself a form of violence against women leads to a very different model of service provision than the analysis that prostitution is a form of work
- ⌘ Prevention, Protection, Prosecution
- ⌘ Exit routes into training and education, plus legislative means of tackling male demand for purchasing sexual services all contribute to ending trafficking for sexual exploitation

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What is it?

- A transnational consortium of partners with multi agency stakeholders

Who is involved?

- Partners from Ireland, Lithuania, Scotland, Spain

What is it seeking to do?

~ To study, identify, document & if possible replicate models of best practice in service delivery to victims of sex trafficking

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Ireland

- Lead partners:
Dublin Employment Pact & Immigrant Council of Ireland
- Local Irish partners:
Baggot Street Women's Health Project (HSE); Anti Human Trafficking Unit DJELR; Garda National Immigration Bureau; Sonas Housing (recent involvement of Legal Aid Board, Ruhama and Northside Partnership

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Spain

- Agencia Para Empleo de Madrid
- APRAMP

Scotland

- Glasgow Community & Safety Services (TARA & Routes Out)

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Lithuania

- Klaipeda Social and Psychological Services Centre
- Klaipeda Regional Public Prosecutor's office; Administration of Klaipeda City Municipality; Klaipeda Childrens Rights Protection Office; Division of Organised Crimes Investigation; Office of Criminal Police at Chief of Police; Klaipeda Child Crisis Centre

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Ireland – transit and destination, new trafficking legislation, poor victim service infrastructure, legislation criminalises prostitution, ICI data most recent on numbers, majority migrant women, evidence of harm to women

Scotland – transit and destination, 13.5% of UK H.Traff – 700 women traff annually for prostitution into Scotland, Glasgow city council sees prostitution as form of violence against women, good local inter agency co-operation

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Klaipeda, Lithuania ó origin, transit, internal trafficking, recent trafficking legislation, legislation which criminalises prostitution and purchasing of sex from trafficked persons but few prosecutions of purchasers, huge variance in incidence data, good local inter agency co-operation

Madrid, Spain - transit and destination, trafficking legislation, partners have good inter-agency co-operation in Madrid, model of exit supports via labour market education and training programmes for former trafficked victims and women in Prostitution

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2010 work for Dignity

- Test the emerging model of interagency work in Ireland
- Support model with staff exchange programmes between partners
- Host showcase seminars on model
- Use independent evaluation to identify any changes in policy required to support model
- Final conferences Dublin and Brussels
- Submission to Irish AHTU during review

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- Have independent evaluators to assess the outcomes of the project
- Is sharing experiences of all agencies engaged in anti trafficking with a view to best policy & best practice replication
- Seeks to support the inter agency way of working amongst all anti trafficking actors
- Website address:
- www.dublinpact.ie/dignity

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