



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## A Resource List

*Many individuals and groups address the issue of human trafficking. Likewise, a number of websites, books, articles, and audiovisual materials have been produced on the subject. This resource list is not meant to be comprehensive but is intended to get people started with some access to information.*

### **Websites**

**Anti Slavery International** – [www.antislavery.org](http://www.antislavery.org)

This is the world's oldest human rights organization. The site includes campaigns to end various forms of slavery around the world, including sexual trafficking.

**Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Stand Strong: Prevent Human Trafficking** – <http://www.manitobachiefs.com/policy/health/standstrong.html>

This educational booklet addresses the issue of the domestic trafficking and sexual exploitation of Aboriginal girls and women in Manitoba.

**BC Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons** – <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/octip/>

OCTIP is responsible for the development and overall coordination of British Columbia's strategy to address human trafficking. This site includes valuable online training: Human Trafficking: Canada is Not Immune.

**Break the Traffic** – [www.breakthetraffic.com](http://www.breakthetraffic.com)

Break the Traffic is an opportunity for people to voice their opposition to human trafficking. This online petition/photo resistance campaign is a creative way to express solidarity with those who have been trafficked and to signal that human trafficking should not be accepted.

**Canadian Council for Refugees: Protecting Trafficked Persons in Canada** – [www.trafficking.ca](http://www.trafficking.ca)

The Canadian Council for Refugees advocates for the rights of refugees and trafficked persons. This site includes information about their proposed legislative changes, recommendations to government, and awareness materials.

**Canadian Religious Conference** – <http://www.crc-canada.org/main.cfm?nssid=7&nsid=116>

Trafficking in women and children is one of the Canadian Religious Conference's Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Network priorities. The website includes analyses of action plans against human trafficking proposed in Canada.

**Coalition Against Trafficking in Women** – [www.catwinternational.org](http://www.catwinternational.org)

CATW is a non-governmental organization that promotes women's rights. It works internationally to combat sexual exploitation in all its forms, especially prostitution and trafficking. The site includes "The Factbook on Global Sexual Exploitation" with specifics about reported trafficking cases in Canada.

**Council of Europe** –

[http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/trafficking/Docs/Publications/default\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/trafficking/Docs/Publications/default_en.asp)

The Council of Europe's principal vocation is to safeguard and promote human rights. This publications list includes many valuable resources on international best practices in terms of protection of trafficked persons.

**Department of Justice Canada** – [www.justice.gc.ca](http://www.justice.gc.ca)

This site offers information on legislation and action against trafficking in Canada.

**Dr. Donna Hughes, bibliography** – [www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/hughes/hughes.htm](http://www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/hughes/hughes.htm)

Dr. Donna Hughes is a Professor of Women's Studies at the University of Rhode Island. Her work focuses on human trafficking.

**ECPAT (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) International** – [www.ecpat.net](http://www.ecpat.net)

ECPAT operates in 70 countries through a network of organizations and individuals. The Canadian affiliate is called "Beyond Borders" – [www.beyondborders.org](http://www.beyondborders.org).

**End Modern Day Slavery** – <http://www.endmoderndayslavery.ca/>

This website is operated by Benjamin Perrin, expert in research human trafficking and author of *Invisible Chains*. The site contains much user-friendly information pertinent to the Canadian situation.

**Freeset** – [www.freesetbags.com](http://www.freesetbags.com)

Freeset bags are made by women in north Calcutta who are escaping lives of prostitution and trafficking. Women produce the bags to generate income and escape the sex industry.

**Future Group** – <http://tfgwebmaster.web.aplus.net/wwwthefuturegrouporg/>

A Canadian-based non-governmental organization dedicated to combating human trafficking and the child sex trade.

**Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women** – <http://www.gaatw.org/>

GAATW is a network of NGOs around the world. The site is multilingual and gives a good idea of various projects that are happening internationally to combat trafficking.

**Human Rights Watch** – [www.hrw.org/about/projects/traffcamp/intro.html](http://www.hrw.org/about/projects/traffcamp/intro.html)

Human Rights Watch is an International human rights organization. The site includes many reports on trafficking around the world.

**Humantrafficking.org** – [www.humantrafficking.org](http://www.humantrafficking.org)

The purpose of this site is to bring government and NGOs in the East Asia and Pacific together to dialogue and cooperate in their efforts to combat human trafficking. This site has country-specific information such as national laws and action plans, as well as contact information for useful governmental agencies and NGOs.

**Initiative Against Sexual Trafficking** – [www.iast.net](http://www.iast.net)

IAST is a partnership of organizations spearheaded by The Salvation Army USA National Headquarters. They are united in their mission to create and equip a new abolition movement, including the eradication of sexual trafficking, protection of trafficked persons, and prosecution of traffickers and exploiters. Information/advocacy packages are available here.

**International Justice Mission** – [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org)

International Justice Mission is a human rights organization that rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery, and oppression through criminal investigations and interventions, and provides aftercare for victims.

**International Organization for Migration** – [www.iom.int](http://www.iom.int)

IOM is involved in many counter-trafficking initiatives around the world. Some of these projects are based on voluntary return and re-integration into the country of origin (e.g., coordinating protection with the local police, obtaining travel documents, awareness campaigns aimed at reducing stigma of being trafficked, etc.).

**Interpol** – <http://www.interpol.int/Public/THB/default.asp>

Interpol is the world's largest international police organization, with 184 member countries. It facilitates cross-border police cooperation, and supports and assists all organizations, authorities, and services whose mission is to prevent or combat international crime.

**MAST (Men Against Sexual Trafficking)** – [http://www.causes.com/causes/594096-mast-men-against-sexual-trafficking?recruiter\\_id=66987642](http://www.causes.com/causes/594096-mast-men-against-sexual-trafficking?recruiter_id=66987642)

This feed is for committed men and women of all ages, races and religious affiliation who are dedicated to stamping out sexual trafficking through awareness, education, advocacy and activism.

**Not for Sale** – <http://www.notforsalecampaign.org/>

This is a very tech savvy abolitionist campaign advocating “open source activism” to expose clandestine human trafficking.

**Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights** – [www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org)

This site includes valuable information on human rights, including the important reference document “Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking” :  
<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/Traffickingen.pdf>.

**Polaris Project** – [www.humantrafficking.com](http://www.humantrafficking.com)

Based out of the US, Polaris Project is a grassroots organization to combat human trafficking. It brings together community members, survivors, and professionals to fight trafficking and slavery. The site includes helpful education resources and guides.

**The Protection Project** – [www.protectionproject.org](http://www.protectionproject.org)

The Protection Project is based out of Johns Hopkins University. Its goal is to research and document the global scope of the problem of trafficking in persons and, through the dissemination of relevant and timely information, to influence policy and practice in the war against trafficking.

**RCMP, Project SECLUSION** – <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/pubs/ht-tp/htta-tpem-eng.htm>

This site highlights a report that explores human trafficking on the Canadian scene.

**Shared Hope International** – [www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)

Shared Hope International is a non-profit organization with the mission of rescuing and restoring victims of sex trafficking.

**Status of Women Canada** – [www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/](http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/)

SWC is the federal government agency which promotes gender equality and the full participation of women in the economic, social, cultural, and political life. The site includes many reports on specific instances of trafficking in Canada.

## ***Books and Reports***

***A Global Report on Trafficking in Persons***, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (2009) –

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/global-report-on-trafficking-in-persons.html>

***Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy***, by Kevin Bales (University California Press, revised 2004)

***Hidden Abuse—Hidden Crime: The Domestic Trafficking of Children in Canada: The Relationship to Sexual Exploitation, Running Away and Children at Risk of Harm***, by Marlene Dalley for the RCMP (2010) – <http://www.cpc.phippsinc.com/cpclub/pdf/74192.pdf>

***Invisible Chains: Canada's Underground World of Human Trafficking***, by Benjamin Perrin (Penguin, 2010)

***Making the Harm Visible: Global Sexual Exploitation of Women and Girls: Speaking Out and Providing Services***, edited by Donna M. Hughes and Claire Roche (Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, 1999) – <http://www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/hughes/mhvtoc.htm>

***Memoirs of a Sex Industry Survivor***, by Anne Bissell (Cleopatra International Publications, 2004)

***The Natashas: Inside the New Global Sex Trade***, by Victor Malarek (Arcade Publishing, 2004)

***Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress***, edited by Melissa Farley (Routledge, 2004)

***Trafficking in Persons Report***, US State Department (2011) – [www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt](http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt)

***The Whistleblower: Sex Trafficking, Military Contractors, and One Woman's Fight for Justice***, by Kathryn Bolkovac with Cari Lynn (Macmillan, 2011)

## ***Movies and Documentaries***

**Amazing Grace** – <http://www.amazinggracemovie.com/>

117 min. Rated: PG

This movie chronicles the work of William Wilberforce, an extraordinarily ordinary man, who, through faith, struggle, and perseverance battled to abolish the slave trade throughout the British Empire.

**Avenue Zero** – <http://www.onf-nfb.gc.ca/eng/collection/film/?id=57499>

52 min.

Featuring candid interviews with victims, witnesses, and perpetrators, Avenue Zero weaves a spellbinding portrait of a dark and sinister trade flourishing in Canada in the shadows of the law. Available on DVD through the National Film Board.

**Born into Brothels** – [www.kids-with-cameras.org/bornintobrothels](http://www.kids-with-cameras.org/bornintobrothels)

83 min. Rated: R

This Academy Award winning documentary is about children living in brothels in the red light district of Sonagachi, Calcutta, India. The filmmakers inspire a group of children of sex workers to photograph the most reluctant subjects of it. The children struggle to find a chance for a better life away. Available on DVD.

**Call + Response** – <http://callandresponse.com/>

120 min.

CALL+RESPONSE is a first of its kind feature documentary film that reveals the world's 27 million dirtiest secrets: there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. Luminaries on the issue such as Cornel West, Madeleine Albright, Daryl Hannah, Julia Ormond, Ashley Judd, Nicholas Kristof, and many other prominent political and cultural figures offer firsthand accounts of this 21st century trade.

Available on DVD.

**The Day My God Died** – [www.thedaymygoddied.com](http://www.thedaymygoddied.com)

70 min.

This documentary presents the stories of young girls whose lives have been shattered by the child sex trade. They describe the day they were abducted from their village and sold into sexual servitude as, "The Day My God Died." The film provides footage from the brothels of Bombay, and a trailer is available on the website. Available on DVD.

**Demand** – [www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org)

The documentary examines the commercial sex markets in Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, and the US. Available streaming online. Also available as a written report.

**Fields of Mudan** – <http://www.fieldsofmudan.com/about.html>

23 min.

When Mudan, a frightened, young Asian girl, is forced into modern day slavery by a child brothel owner, the only solace she finds is through the memory of her mother and the promise that she would one day find Mudan and take her away to America: the place where dreams come true. Yet despite her hostile surroundings, Mudan finds sympathy, compassion, and friendship in an unexpected brothel girl, Faye. Through each other, they find the courage and the hope to live their lives as innocent, ordinary little girls. But even the bonds of friendship cannot stop the bleak future that awaits them as their time of innocence runs out. Available on DVD.

**Frontline: Sex Slaves** – <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/slaves/>

55 min.

This is a gripping documentary expose inside the global sex trade in women from the former Soviet Bloc. Part cinema verité, part investigation, Sex Slaves puts a human face on this most inhuman of contemporary issues. From the villages of Moldova and Ukraine, to underground brothels and discotheques in Turkey where many women are trafficked and forced into prostitution, we witness firsthand the brutal world of white sex slavery. Available on DVD and VHS.

**Innocent Voices**

120 minutes

Based on the true story of screenwriter Oscar Torres's embattled childhood, this movie tells the poignant tale of Chava, an eleven year old boy whose father abandons the family in the middle of a civil war. In El Salvador in the 1980s, government armed forces are recruiting twelve year olds. If he is lucky, Chava has just one year of innocence left, one year before he, too, will be conscripted to fight the government's battle against the peasant rebels of the FMLN.

**Lives for Sale** – <http://www.livesforsale.com/>

58 min.

This investigative documentary exposes the painful, rarely seen human side of illegal immigration in the US - including the growing black market trade in human beings. *Lives for Sale* goes beyond the rhetoric to show why immigrants are willing to risk everything - even virtual slavery - for the American Dream. Produced in association with Faith & Values Media. Available on DVD.

**The Peacekeepers and the Women** – <http://www.wmm.com/filmcatalog/pages/c651.shtml>

80 min.

The 2003 Winner of the Arte-Documentary Award for Best German Documentary, this chilling investigation examines the booming sex-trafficking industry in Bosnia and Kosovo. It boldly explores the disturbing role of the UN peacekeeping forces and the local military in perpetuating this tragic situation. Available on DVD and VHS.

**Rabbit-Proof Fence**

94 min. Rated: PG

In 1931, three aboriginal girls escape after being plucked from their homes to be trained as domestic staff and set off on a trek across the Outback.

**So Great a Violence: Prostitution, Trafficking, and the Global Sex Industry** –

<http://action.web.ca/home/catw/readingroom.shtml?x=16940>

29 min.

Produced by the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women International. This documentary aims to inspire the political will to end human trafficking.

**Svetlana's Journey** – <http://www.michaelcorydavis.com/SvetlanasJourney/svetlanas-journey.html>

40 min.

This movie tells the story of a 13 year old Bulgarian girl who managed to escape from the pimps who take her after the death of her mother. Available on DVD.

**Trade** – <http://www.tradethemovie.com/>

120 min. Rated: R

When 13 year old Adriana is kidnapped by sex traffickers in Mexico City, her older brother sets off on a desperate mission to save her. This film is a thrilling story of courage and a devastating expose of one of the world's most heinous crimes.

**The Whistleblower** – <http://www.thewhistleblower-movie.com/>

112 min. Rated: R

Inspired by actual events, Kathy is an American police officer who takes a job working as a peacekeeper in post-war Bosnia. Her expectations of helping to rebuild a devastated country are dashed when she uncovers a wide scale human sex trafficking scandal involving U.S. military contractors and the United Nations. Now playing in theatres. Viewers are warned that this film contains graphic scenes of sexual assault.