



STOP THE TRAFFIK
PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE BOUGHT & SOLD

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People trafficking is the fastest growing trade across our world. Every minute, every day, men, women and children are being transported, used or sold against their will. They are the victims of trafficking.

Right now as you sit in this assembly trafficking is happening; people are being herded across borders, across continents, sometimes in groups but they are often trafficked alone. They live in terror. Others watch their every move. They treat them like cattle. But the truth is, they're not just a statistic. These are people – someone's mother, someone's child – and they're dreaming of freedom.

Two hundred years ago, William Wilberforce was one of those who realised the true horror of the slave trade. It was right under his nose. It was the backbone of the British economy. It was wrong. And it was growing.

Driven by his Christian faith, his convictions compelled him to act. And the same Spirit that would whisper in his ear – 'End slavery. Turn the key. Free the slaves!' – is the same Spirit that whispers in our ear today.

March 25, 2007, will be the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade. But there are more slaves today than there were then. We're going to have to act. We're going to have to do this all over again, and this time abolish trafficking for good, in all its forms.

March 25, 2007, will be Freedom Day. Not just a celebration of history, but a moment to be inspired by the champions of the past to help us fight for freedom, the freedom of every human being who right now belongs to someone else as a slave. We have the keys to unlocking their dreams for freedom. We must **STOP THE TRAFFIK**.