

THE SINISTER SIDE

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KEY STAGE 5

Modern Day Slavery Lesson Plan

This lesson looks into how cases of prostitution around the world, and Europe, are not as clear cut as often thought about. The sex trade, even in areas of legality, still uses many women who are not in the trade by choice. Often they might have been offered a job, or a better life, or can even be kidnapped to work in a 'legal' sex shop in towns and cities such as Amsterdam. Due to authorities trying to help regulations, international criminal gangs take advantage and traffick people around the world.

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THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

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Lesson Goal

Pupils will understand the difficulties of regulation in regards to modern day slavery and prostitution, even in areas where sex work is technically legal.

Objectives

1. For pupils to understand that prostitution can be a form of Modern Day Slavery
2. To explore the idea of activism
3. To understand the role of the individual in the fight against Modern Day Slavery
4. To recognise warning signs of sex-traffickers
5. To recognise that engaging in prostitution contributes to the sex-trafficking trade.

Starter

Match the quotes in the worksheet 'Match them up' to the person who said them and the date.

In pairs/groups let the pupils discuss each quote.
Use the teachers' resource to check the correct answers with pupils.

Whole Class Activity

Ask pupils to define a 'Business'. Make a mind map on the board of answers from the class.

Next, ask pupils to tell you what may be need to help any business run.
(e.g. Money, Customers, Owner, a Product/Service to sell, Advertisement, Filling a gap in the market [Supply and Demand])

Define a prostitute with the class, and see what they already know. Prostitution can be sometimes considered a choice of the woman, but often women are forced to work as sex workers around the world.

Explain that often brothels are considered to be a business, with people making a lot of money. However, it can be extremely dangerous and vulnerable women are preyed on in order to make money for someone else. They may be coerced into being addicted to drugs, which stops them from leaving the negative situation or trying to get help. They may be very scared of the person who brought them there.

In the case of a brothel what/who would be the...

- 1) Customer - The person paying for sexual acts
- 2) Product/Service - People, often women or children, who are told to perform sexual acts.
- 3) Advertisement - Sometimes it can be word of mouth, but often there are websites that advertise women. This can happen without their consent.

And what would be the situation in regards to...

- 4) Supply and Demand - People want to use prostitutes therefore the business thrives. If people did not go to prostitutes then the traffickers may not be able to make money off the business. Because of the demand for sex brothel owners (or pimps), supply many women to fill the gap.

Define Sex-Trafficking

Sex trafficking is human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation

Watch two videos on the sex trade in Amsterdam.

- 1) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzj5tGknrQs>
- 2) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AswsfwoYtQk>

Suggestions of discussion after the videos

- Why did the lady in the first video say the girls had 'boyfriends' taking their money rather than pimps?
- Is it really easier to rescue women when it is legal? What about when women are told what to say to authorities?
- Who might be exploited? Are they vulnerable in the first place? Could it be anyone?

Split the class into two groups. They will need to elect 2-3 speakers (for 2 rounds of debate), and write arguments **for** (one group) or **against** (one group) the following statement:

"PROSTITUTES WHO WORK IN BROTHELS WANT TO BE THERE"

The debate should work in 2 rounds (or more if you have time) with arguments lasting 3 minutes per team.

Team 1: Opening Statement

Team 2: Opening Statement

Team 1: First Argument (3 minutes)

Team 2: First Argument (3 minutes)

Team 1: Second Argument (3 minutes)

Team 2: Second Argument (3 minutes)

Team 1: Closing Statement

Team 2: Closing Statement

Conclude which team was the winner, based on argument style and conviction.

Then, ask the pupils how they feel about the use of modern day slavery in the sex trade.

It is important to remember that although some individuals chose to be active in legal brothels in places such as Amsterdam, criminals take advantage of this and coerce them into lying to the police and threatening them to continue in plain sight.

Ask the class: How do tourists contribute to sexual exploitation around the world?

Group / Whole Class Activity

Quick Activity

Myth Vs Fact

In pairs or groups provide pupils with a 'myth vs fact' sheet for them to fill in together. When everyone is finished reveal the answers with the explanation on the teacher cheat sheet. Discuss each point. **Pupils to mark their sheets out of 8.**

Conclusion

Conclude the lesson with the following points:

- Sexual exploitation is a form of Modern Day Slavery
- Some areas have legalised prostitution in a bid to regularise the system
- However, criminal gangs have exploited this. They tell the girls what to say to authorities in these areas. Meaning many authorities are powerless to protect them.
- The reason sex trafficking continues, is because there are still people who use these services and don't care about the woman in the situation.
- If we reduce the demand we can reduce the number of those being exploited.
- The public have a duty to report any suspicious behaviour they see, and believe women/children/men when they tell them they need help.
- A 'boyfriend' can suddenly turn and sell you to a pimp
- Those who run sex rings are often involved in other methods of human trafficking, and don't see their victims as real people, just as a business transaction.
- We can make sure we protect ourselves and those around us.
- We can make sure we always tell friends and family where we are, look for warning signs and treat others as human beings.

The Sinister Side Matching up

Starter Task: Match the quote to the person and the year they said it.

<p>“It ought to concern every person, because it is a debasement of our common humanity. It ought to concern every community, because it tears at our social fabric. It ought to concern every business, because it distorts markets. It ought to concern every nation, because it endangers public health and fuels violence and organized crime. I’m talking about the injustice, the outrage, of human trafficking, which must be called by its true name - modern slavery.”</p>	1867	John Stuart Mill
<p>“You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know.”</p>	2014	US Government State Department
<p>“If women really choose prostitution, why is it mostly marginalized and disadvantaged women who do? If we want to discuss the issue of choice, let’s look at who is doing the actual choosing in the context of prostitution. Surely the issue is not why women allegedly choose to be in prostitution, but why men choose to buy the bodies of millions of women and children worldwide and call it sex.”</p>	2018	Barack Obama
<p>“Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing.”</p>	2018	Grace, Sex Trafficking Survivor
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<p>“The traffickers told me I was now a prostitute — their property. They told me it would cost them £18,000 to send me to Europe and that I would have to sleep with men until I paid off”</p>	2013	Theresa May
<p>“Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as 'unnecessary.' For example, it is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day; children being used as soldiers, abused and killed in armed conflicts; and children being bought and sold in that terrible form of modern slavery which is human trafficking, which is a crime against humanity.”</p>	2007	Mark Burns Police and Crime Commissioner
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The Sinister Side Myth vs Fact

Pupil Task: Below are some common conceptions of Modern Day Slavery, Sex Trafficking & Human Trafficking.

Tick one box per statement. Do you believe the statement is a fact or a myth?

Statement	Myth	Fact	Score (✓/✗)
Trafficked persons can only be foreign nationals or are only immigrants from other countries.			
The victims of sexual exploitation are predominantly women and girls.			
Modern Day Slavery is essentially a crime that must involve some form of travel, transportation, or movement across state or national borders.			
There must be elements of physical restraint, physical force, or physical bondage when identifying a human trafficking/modern day slavery situation.			
Modern day slavery victims always come from situations of poverty or from small rural villages.			
Women make up the largest proportion of traffickers. In some parts of the world, women trafficking women is the norm.			
Victims of modern day slavery will immediately ask for help or assistance and will self-identify as a victim of a crime.			
Human sex trafficking is the most common form of modern day slavery.			
Total:	/8		

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Teacher Sheet - Answers

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The victims of sexual exploitation are predominantly women and girls.		✓ According to the Walk Free Foundation, 99% of those held in sexual slavery are women and girls. 71% of people held in all types of modern day slavery are female.
Modern Day Slavery is essentially a crime that must involve some form of travel, transportation, or movement across state or national borders.	✓ Similar to point 1, you can be moved around your own country, but also you can be held in modern day slavery and trafficked somewhere local to you.	
There must be elements of physical restraint, physical force, or physical bondage when identifying a human trafficking/modern day slavery situation.	✓ This is a myth. Sometimes psychological damage will create an illusion of not being allowed to leave. Victims can be threatened or mentally abused. Sometimes they are not aware they are being held in modern day slavery and do not identify as a slave. This does not mean they have not been exploited.	
Modern day slavery victims always come from situations of poverty or from small rural villages.	✓ This is a myth. Modern day slavery victims are often vulnerable, but this is not limited to poverty or small villages. Anyone can be a slave, from any socio-economic background.	
Women make up the largest proportion of traffickers. In some parts of the world, women trafficking women is the norm.		✓ This is a fact. Although many people would assume that traffickers were men, women make up the highest proportion of traffickers in countries where information is available. (From the 30% of countries who provided information on the gender of traffickers)
Victims of modern day slavery will immediately ask for help or assistance and will self-identify as a victim of a crime.	✓ People can be convinced to act as a modern day slave without recognising the signs themselves. Pimps can act as 'boyfriends' and situations can be fueled by drug dependency.	
Human sex trafficking is the most common form of modern day slavery.	✓ In the past, sex trafficking gained the most awareness worldwide. However in recent years information has been shared by the ILO, showing that 24.9million people*(estimated) are in forced labour. This does however include the 4.8 million being held in the sex trade.	