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## News from ACRATH Western Australia

ACRATH WA have been extremely busy over the last few months raising awareness about Human Trafficking by partnering with Catholic Mission WA, Red Cross, Anti -Slavery Australia and the Freedom Partnership. We had the great honour of welcoming Marietta Latonio to Perth to speak about her inspiring work in helping women and children trafficked in Cebu, Philippines.

Professor Latonio worked with Australian Sister Angela Reed RSM, to produce the book, *I Have a Voice*, which recounts the experiences of 40 women survivors from Cebu Province.

It is available now in PDF form from <http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/ihaveavoice>.



(R-L) Marietta Latonio, Hang Sreyputh, Sophie Stewart, Jennifer Burn, Jacinta Cardoza

100% of the funds generously donated at the ACRATH WA event will be used to establish the “Tootsie Child Minding Service” for children who are at risk of being on the street and exploited in Cebu. Marietta would like us to express her heartfelt gratitude to all who helped to raise these funds.

## Religious Education Conference Melbourne

14-15 July 2016

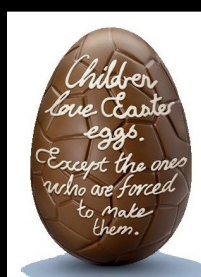
Sr Joan Kennedy PBVM and Sr Carole McDonald RSM were pleased to be invited to give a presentation on the work of ACRATH at this conference, hosted by the Melbourne Catholic Education Office. The theme of the conference was “Be witnesses to God’s Mercy”.

Joan and Carole were among a number of guest speakers at this Conference and were allotted two sessions of fifty minutes. These sessions were very well attended by teachers who in the main were unaware of the prevalence of trafficking globally and in Australia. We were able to distribute brochures and postcards about FairTrade.



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Logos for 3 forms of certification of ethical sourcing of raw materials (chocolate, coffee, tea etc)



## Forced Marriage Awareness Raising and Education report

It is very exciting that the My Rights – My Future *forced marriage* Kit for Australian Secondary Schools is now one of the many resources available for download at [mybluesky.org.au](http://mybluesky.org.au).

The purpose of the Kit is to raise awareness, and educate young people, about forced marriage as it is practised in Australia. Please feel welcome to visit the [mybluesky.org.au](http://mybluesky.org.au) website, where you can access the Kit via the Learn More navigation tool. We are very grateful to the Anti-Slavery Australia Team for uploading the Kit for use by the Australian education community.

Our work on training front-line educators and community workers continues. Over the coming weeks we will be training teachers in Adelaide on the use of the Kit. We will also be providing a presentation on forced marriage for Third Year Social Work Students at Victoria University, and presenting a learning session about forced marriage for Year 11 & 12 students from Mercy secondary schools across Australia.

We are delighted to be able to announce that this year we are one of the recipients of the John Wallis Foundation Small Grants Program. We are very grateful to the Foundation for assisting us to continue our forced marriage work.

Our forced marriage Project for this grant is being utilised for the professional development of educators in regional and rural areas, in order that even more students will benefit from the learning materials contained in the My Rights – My Future *forced marriage* Kit. This Project reflects the spirit of the work of the Missionary Sisters of Service, and its key aim is to protect and support young people in, or at risk of, forced marriage.

It is extremely important to continue to raise awareness about forced marriage in order to eradicate this unacceptable, illegal practice in Australia.



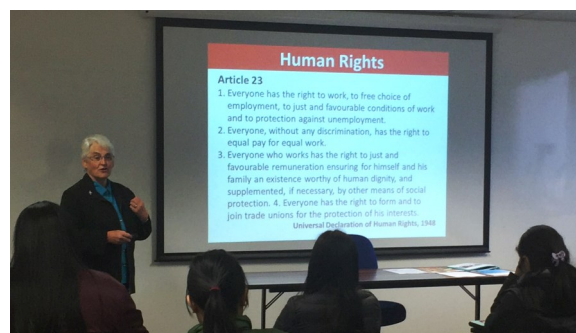
A resource developed by a Year 10 student from Melbourne who participated in the forced marriage pilot project in 2015.

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## Engagement with ACU Students

Students at Australian Catholic University are required to do certain core curriculum subjects irrespective of which faculty they are enrolled in. One such core curriculum unit is Understanding Self and Society: Contemporary Perspectives. Within this unit students are invited to consider how a temporary issue relates to human dignity. Within the unit students have the opportunity to engage with a community organisation. NSW ACRATH member, Sr Noelene Simmons sm, was invited to present to the students on the work of ACRATH. In particular she led the students through a reflection on labour trafficking and human dignity issues relating to the Temporary Skilled Workers Visa.





## St John of God Hospital shop

This little shop is a great service to the patients and visitors to the St John of God hospital in Western Australia. Julie, the manager, sources her goods from local Western Australian craft people, also some chocolate and sweets from small boutique manufacturers. ACRATH WA is beginning a project to explore slavery-free supply chains in a hospital.



(L-R) Julie Di Marco, Lawrence Drown and Kylie Edwards

## Advance Notice

From 25 November through 10 December, Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence aim to raise public awareness and mobilize people everywhere to bring about change. This year, the *UNiTE to End Violence against Women* campaign invites you to “**Orange the world**,” using the colour designated by the UNiTE campaign to symbolize a brighter future without violence. Further details: <http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/>

ACRATH will be providing counter trafficking materials for these 16 days. Please check our website in early November or email Rosie Hoban [rap@acrath.org.au](mailto:rap@acrath.org.au)



## Canberra Advocacy 2016

The next advocacy trip is planned for 11-16 September.

### Some current ACRATH advocacy points:

- Labour exploitation
- Trafficked People Falling through the cracks
- Forced Marriage
  - Further funding for implementation of education programs funded in 2015
  - Support and accommodation for young women, especially teenagers.
- The introduction of an Independent Anti-slavery Commissioner.
- A National Compensation Scheme for people trafficked into Australia.

## Attorney-General's Department January-July 2016 Report Summary

ACRATH recently submitted their fourth progress report to the Australian Attorney-General's Department detailing their work over the last 6 months.

### In this reporting period:

- ACRATH volunteers have recorded 3,218 donated hours across Australia.
- 62 presentations/workshops/training days/forums reaching hundreds of community leaders and members, were given/conducted in NSW, VIC, SA, WA, QLD and ACT.
- ACRATH has provided support to 22 people who have been trafficked, and their children.
- ACRATH members attended more than 55 network meetings.
- 30 uploads, 51 new posts and 37 tweets were made to the ACRATH website, Facebook and Twitter pages.

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Waverley College

## Music for Freedom

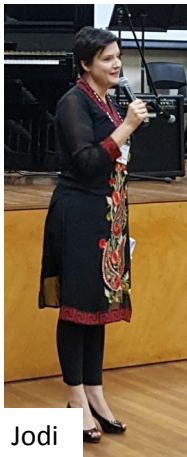
On Saturday 14 May 2016 NSW ACRATH hosted *Music for Freedom* at Del Monte School Hall in Strathfield.

The purpose of the evening was to raise awareness of human trafficking and to Raise funds for ACRATH. The evening was very entertaining with performances from Sydney schools.

This event was so successful because of the various tasks people were willing to undertake before and during the event. These tasks include booking the hall, designing the event flyer, preparing programmes, shopping for refreshments, getting raffle and lucky door prizes, selling door and raffle tickets, taking photos, monitoring the car park, being a welcoming face at the event, helping with supper, setting up the hall, clearing up afterwards. Thank you to all NSW ACRATH members for their assistance.



- Thanks also to:
- Ms Jodi McKay MP, Member for Strathfield, Patroness of the event
  - Mr John Cleary, ABC Sunday Nights, MC for the evening
  - Students, Staff and Parents from the performing schools – Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta, Waverley College, St Scholastica’s College Glebe, Marist Sisters’ College Woolwich, Loreto Kirribilli, Kincoppal-Rose Bay school and Santa Sabina College Strathfield.
  - Santa Maria del Monte   ▪ The Trading Circle   ▪ The Sisters of Charity   ▪ The Franciscan Friars.



Jodi



John



Marist Sisters’ College



Our Lady of Mercy College (above)



(Left) Loreto Kirribilli

(Right) St Scholastica’s



*We acknowledge the funds received under a grant from the Australian Government. ACRATH also needs core business funding and additional funding for special projects.*

***Please consider a regular donation to ACRATH so that we can plan ahead.***

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