

1 ECPAT UK – End Child Prostitution, Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes

ECPAT UK is the UK national representative of ECPAT International, a global network of children's rights organisations in more than 70 countries.

ECPAT was set up in Bangkok in 1990 as a campaign to End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism (original acronym of ECPAT). This initial focus and the desire for global attention on these issues culminated in the First World Congress Against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children held in Stockholm in 1996. At the Congress it was agreed that ECPAT should have a wider mandate also encompassing children sexually exploited through the use of child abuse images and trafficking all over the world. From a campaign initially focusing on children in tourist destinations in Asia, it has grown into a global movement.

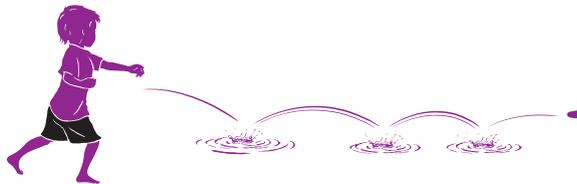
How ECPAT UK began

ECPAT UK was established in 1994 as The Coalition Against Child Prostitution in Tourism with a mandate to campaign against child sex tourism and lobby for laws and policies to protect children and prosecute British nationals who sexually abuse children abroad. In 1997, as a result of these campaigns, the UK Government introduced new legislation to prosecute UK nationals for abusing children abroad. The 'Coalition' became the UK national representative of the international ECPAT network in 1997 and, in 2004, became a registered charity. It is the only non-governmental organisation in the UK working exclusively on child trafficking and the protection of children in tourist destinations.

ECPAT UK as a training provider

Since it was established in 1994, ECPAT UK has facilitated learning and development events for a wide range of organisations, including: travel industry partners, e.g. ABTA - The Travel Association; community groups; multi-agency training with partners overseas; non-governmental organisations and local authorities in the UK.

In March 2007, ECPAT UK was granted a DfES/DCSF Strategic Grant to fund a three-year training programme on child trafficking. This coincided with the publication of HM Government's supplementary guidance to '*Working Together*', '*Safeguarding Children who may have been Trafficked*'. ECPAT UK's comprehensive training programme has been highly successful, having trained and raised awareness of more than 3,000 multi-agency practitioners. We have reached practitioners across the UK and our programme is held in high regard across the statutory, voluntary and private sectors. A number of Local Safeguarding Children Boards commission our training on a rolling basis, which endorses the standard and quality of our services.



2 Testimonials

The ECPAT UK multi-agency training programme is designed to enable practitioners to reach a required standard of practice in safeguarding children who may have been trafficked. It reflects a range of learning styles to enable participants to embed good practice into their usual responses when supporting children who may have been trafficked.

'The in-depth knowledge of the trainer was paramount to this training. Without this robust knowledge base, the training would not have been so good'

June 2010, Safeguarding Children: An Introduction to Child Trafficking, Gwent

'I train health staff in the community – so lots to pass on as part of their safeguarding children training'

Health professional, June 2010, Safeguarding Children: An Advanced course on Child Trafficking, Hillingdon

'ECPAT UK has been providing the training as part of the pilot, (London Safeguarding Children Board Child Trafficking Toolkit), and have an exemplary training programme'

Service Manager and Commissioner for Harrow LSCB, September 2010

'It has helped raise my awareness of the indicators associated with child trafficking. Prior to this course, I had little/no knowledge'

October 2010, Safeguarding Children: An Introduction to Child Trafficking, Hillingdon

'Very helpful, very interesting – this course should be made available for all foster carers as a full day's training'

Foster carer, October 2010, Safeguarding Children: Caring for a Child who may have been Trafficked, Stirling

'Loved the style of presentation, it made the day interesting – one of the best courses I've been on'

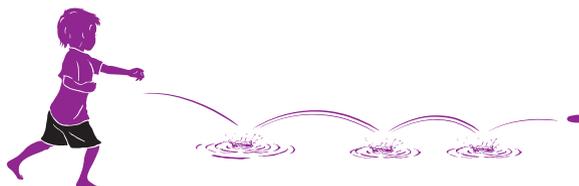
Social Worker, Duty Team, November 2010, Safeguarding Children: An Introduction to Child Trafficking, Cheshire

'I can advise that the training that was commissioned as part of Operation Norman {Metropolitan Police operation} was very thorough, in-depth and provided a framework of understanding that will enhance practice. The training covered the legal and safeguarding spectrum. The use of the Assessment tool is particularly valuable and could certainly be translated into practice. I can certainly recommend the calibre and ease in understanding, therefore the benefit to practice'

Head of Targeted Health Services & Service Development, December 2010, Ilford

'Quality information, excellent training, full of relevant examples and signposting to resources'

January 2011, Safeguarding Children: An Introduction to Child Trafficking, Kent



3 Training with ECPAT UK

A safeguarding framework – child trafficking is child abuse

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) provides a child-centred framework that spells out the basic human rights that children everywhere have: the right to survival; to develop to the fullest; to protection from harmful influences, abuse and exploitation; and to participate fully in family, cultural and social life. The four core principles of the Convention are: non discrimination; devotion to the best interests of the child; the right to life, survival and development; and respect for the views of the child.

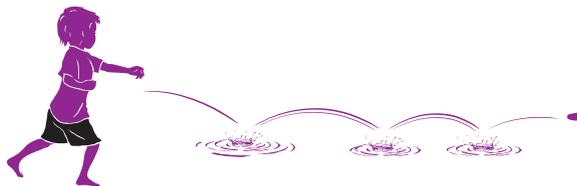
In March 2007, the Home Secretary, on behalf of the UK Government, signed the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. This was supported by the UK Action Plan on Tackling Human Trafficking, with a dedicated chapter on proposals to combat the abuse and exploitation of children by traffickers. One key commitment in the Action Plan was to provide targeted guidance to meet the particular needs of children who may have been trafficked. In response, HM Government published supplementary guidance to '*Working Together*', '*Safeguarding Children who may have been Trafficked*' (2007), which states:

'All practitioners who come into contact with children in their everyday work need to be able to recognise children who have been trafficked and be competent to act and support and protect these children from harm'

In December 2010, the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) identified 287 children in their annual Strategic Threat Assessment of Child Trafficking in the UK, bringing the total identified by CEOP to 942 children since 2007. The National Referral Mechanism, (the UK identification system set up in response to its obligation to protect and identify victims of trafficking under the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings), received 1,254 human trafficking referrals between April 2009 and December 2010. Of these, 25% were children. The data collated is acknowledged by all key professionals in the safeguarding field as being only the 'tip of the iceberg'.

Creating a learning culture

The organisational benefits of the ECPAT UK training programme are enhanced partnership working, with an integrated strategy and cohesive response to meeting the needs of children who may have been trafficked. By strengthening the links between agencies, a greater understanding of practices will be established across the range of services involved. This results in more effective working with a flexible and prompt response to children's needs. Early identification and intervention by the relevant services is essential for safeguarding child victims of trafficking. This improved awareness promotes a supportive environment for employees, whose confidence and ability in this area of practice will contribute to better outcomes for children.



4 Trainer Biography

Karen Sizeland

Karen is the Training Manager at ECPAT UK, the only non-governmental organisation working exclusively with child victims of trafficking. As a qualified social worker and children's advocate, child protection and children's rights have been the focus of her career to date. Karen has a wide range of experience: in the local authority with a Children and Families Team; with the NSPCC as a Child Protection Officer; as a freelance advocate for two national children's charities, National Youth Advocacy Service and Voice, and as the Training Manager for an Independent Fostering Agency.

Karen holds a Certificate In Training Practice, awarded by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, the professional body for those involved in the management and development of people.

At ECPAT UK, Karen is responsible for the National Learning and Development Programme, which includes facilitating training events on safeguarding child victims of trafficking to practitioners and organisations across the UK. Karen is also working to develop training opportunities on safeguarding children at risk of exploitation within the travel and tourism industry.

Training design

ECPAT UK's comprehensive programme of learning activities develops a professional's grasp of the underlying principles of good practice in safeguarding children and builds on their past experiences to inform and improve practice in the longer term. The content of training delivered is constantly evaluated and reviewed to reflect up to date practice based on research and evidence (case law, experiences of children who have been trafficked, government guidance and legislation).

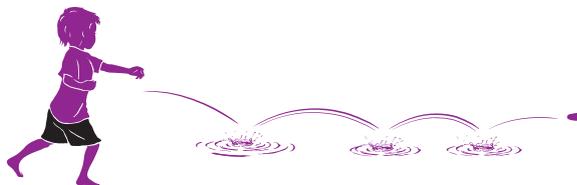
Training designed in this way ensures participants are able to perform their roles and responsibilities in accordance with the law, good practice guidance and policy based on children's experiences of being trafficked and theoretical analysis of the research on trafficked children.

This process of delivery is designed to meet the identified needs of participants and increase their ability to provide a quality response to trafficked children. These softer skills are part of a continuous learning cycle whereby people practise, reflect, analyse and apply their learning. This personal growth occurs over the longer term with changes to behaviour, attitudes and belief systems. ECPAT UK contributes to this ongoing development by providing training at different levels to reflect professional learning needs.

Quality assurance

ECPAT UK provides comprehensive evaluation of all training activities to determine whether objectives have been met, whether changes have taken place and to analyse future training needs and development. This includes gathering evaluations from participants at the end of the activity, providing a written report to the commissioner analysing data collated and post-training evaluation at three months involving participants and line managers.

An annual report will also collate findings for individual commissioners, drawing conclusions and making recommendations for future learning.



5 Safeguarding Children: Training Programme

National Training Centre, London

The ECPAT UK National Training Centre in central London offers a comprehensive range of training events for all practitioners working with children who may have been trafficked. These events are facilitated using a variety of formats to offer flexibility and creative learning environments, e.g. full and/or half-day courses, thematic seminars and bespoke sessions.

Training courses

- Safeguarding Children: an Introduction to Child Trafficking
- Safeguarding Children: an Advanced course on Child Trafficking
- The Trafficked Children Toolkit developed by the London Safeguarding Children Board

Thematic seminars - includes topics such as:

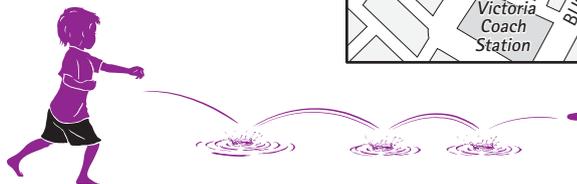
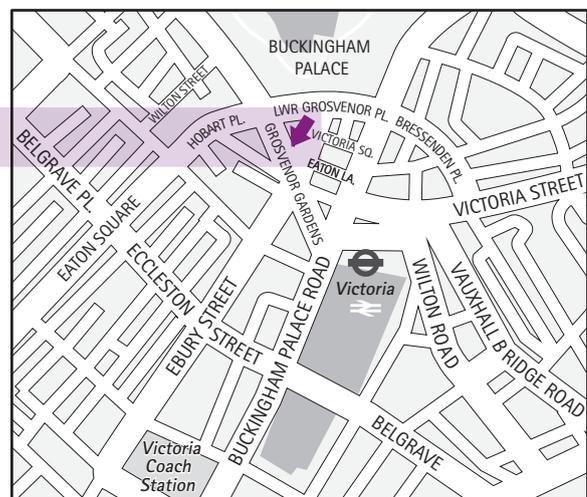
- Good practice in risk assessments
- Good practice in age assessments
- Social networking
- Private fostering
- Children's rights

Bespoke sessions - includes topics such as:

- Creative therapy for children
- The health needs of children who may have been trafficked
- The impact of trauma and abuse
- Caring for a child who may have been trafficked
- Identifying and meeting the needs of children who may have been trafficked
- Protecting children in the UK and overseas

For further details, or to make a booking, please email training@ecpat.org.uk or telephone 0207 233 9887.

ECPAT UK National Training Centre is located at Grosvenor Gardens House, 35-37 Grosvenor Gardens, 2 minutes walk from Victoria underground, train and/or coach station.



6 Safeguarding Children: An Introduction to Child Trafficking – 1 day course

ECPAT UK provides training on safeguarding child victims of trafficking for practitioners who work with or make decisions about children, or anyone who may come across children at risk of trafficking. Our courses range from introductory to specialist subject areas and can be tailored to meet the needs of the group. ECPAT UK training workshops promote a multi-agency approach, are inclusive, participatory and designed to encourage information sharing between individuals and organisations. ECPAT UK training follows the safeguarding framework for training as laid out in *'Working Together'* (2010).

Child Trafficking Training – for Groups 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Working Together training framework)

Target audience: This is an introductory course and is aimed at those in regular contact with children and young people including: social care, education and health professionals; foster carers and residential staff; police and Youth Offending Teams; housing; UK Borders Agency; Trading Standards and Environmental Health; and volunteers.

This one-day course is designed for those with some knowledge of safeguarding children. The course will give participants basic knowledge of the issues surrounding children who may have been trafficked, into and within the UK. Participants will gain a better understanding of how to identify, protect and support child victims of trafficking.

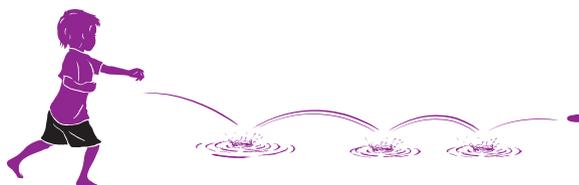
Aim of the course

To introduce participants to the subject of child trafficking and develop skills to enable better identification, referral and working with children who may have been trafficked.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Define the concept of child trafficking and outline the general issues with regards to trafficking
- Explain trafficking within the context of safeguarding
- Recognise the impact of trafficking on victims
- Identify possible indicators that a child may have been trafficked
- Know the obstacles to identification
- Demonstrate how existing legislation can be used to protect trafficked children
- Describe how Children's Services respond to a suspected case of child trafficking



7 Safeguarding Children: an Advanced course on Child Trafficking – 1 day course

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Child Trafficking Training – for Groups 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Working Together–training framework)

Target audience: This course is aimed at those who work predominantly with children and young people including: social care, education and health professionals; foster carers and residential staff; UK Borders Agency; and police and Youth Offending Teams.

This course builds on the introductory course and develops understanding of specific practice issues, including risk assessment models, age assessments and missing children. The course will further develop participants understanding of the special protection and care needs of child victims of trafficking.

Participants of this course must have previously attended the introductory course - Safeguarding Children: An Introduction to Child Trafficking.

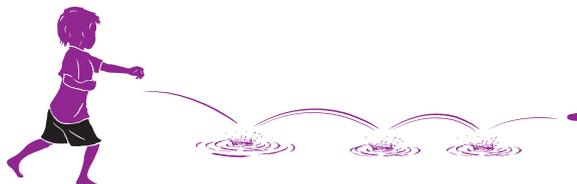
Aim of the course

To develop greater knowledge of practice issues and responses that relate to identifying, safeguarding and responding to the needs of children who may have been trafficked.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the session participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate a greater understanding of the core practice issues in identifying and protecting children who may have been trafficked, including safe and appropriate placements, and balancing risks and rights
- Differentiate the needs and risks of trafficked children, with reference to care planning and risk assessments in a multi-agency framework
- Define how to respond to suspicions of trafficking
- Better identify and assess potentially trafficked children
- Understand how to use the London Trafficked Children Toolkit and the 'reasonable grounds' decision in determining whether a child has been trafficked
- Describe the National Referral Mechanism and the role of the Competent Authority



8 Safeguarding Children: E-Learning

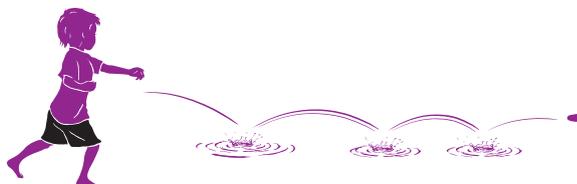
ECPAT UK e-learning tool

The ECPAT UK 'In Your Hands' e-learning course on child trafficking is a foundation level course that provides an excellent starting point for practitioners working with children who may have been trafficked. It supplements the ECPAT UK face-to-face training courses, which are an essential element of safeguarding training.

This is a free resource that is appropriate for all professionals who work with children who may have been trafficked. The course provides users with an awareness of the main issues around victim identification and what steps to take to provide support to children and young people. This course covers the basic information required to identify a child who may have been trafficked, the legislation that underpins safeguarding procedures and tips for how to talk with a child about their experiences. The course is presented in three short modules with interactive features to support learning.

To reflect differences in UK legislation, policies and procedures, three country specific versions are available: England, Scotland and Wales. All courses are available at <http://course.ecpat.org.uk>.

To raise awareness and enable organisations to promote the safeguarding of children who may have been trafficked, ECPAT UK welcome requests for the link to the training and our logo to be placed on appropriate websites.



9 Fees and Booking

Training Fees

1. National Training Centre

Each event will be competitively priced, with early bird booking discounts and offers. Full details will be available on the ECPAT UK website www.ecpat.org.uk.

2. Guest speakers, conference presentations and workshops

ECPAT UK is the leading expert on child trafficking in the UK and provides professional guest speakers to present at conferences, participate in panel discussions, lead specialist workshops and contribute to debates.

Fees are dependent on your requirements – please contact training@ecpat.org.uk for further details.

3. Commissioned courses

ECPAT UK delivers bespoke training sessions to organisations who commission these services. A number of Local Safeguarding Children Boards commission our training on a rolling basis, endorsing the standard and quality of our services.

Full Day	£900 per day (maximum 25 participants)
Half Day	£450 per day (maximum 25 participants)

Fees include:

- pre-course planning
- preparation and delivery of programme
- provision of all master handouts and reading lists
- course evaluation
- travel time

Bookings and enquiries

To discuss any of your requirements, please contact Karen Sizeland, ECPAT UK Training Manager, for an informal discussion on 0207 233 9887 or email training@ecpat.org.uk.

