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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO COMPETITION

To raise awareness of human trafficking and to coincide with EU Anti-Trafficking Day on 18 October 2012, the Department of Justice and Equality in Dublin and the Department of Justice in Belfast will launch a photography and video competition for Third Level students.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage students to research the issue and present their understanding of human trafficking through a photograph or short video. It aims to provoke debate and understanding of the various forms of human trafficking which are labour exploitation, sexual exploitation, child trafficking and illegal organ removal. Competition entries can focus on one or a combination of these aspects of human trafficking and may be used by either Department in initiatives to raise awareness of human trafficking.

The closing date for receipt of entries is **12 noon on Friday 16 November 2012**. There are three prizes for both the photography and video categories (i.e. 6 prizes in total). Winners of each category will receive a cheque for the prize amount as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize €1,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize €500
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize €250

Entries should be emailed to the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU), Department of Justice and Equality (ROI) at [ahtucomps@justice.ie](mailto:ahtucomps@justice.ie) and to the Organised Crime Task Force (OCTF), Department of Justice (NI) at [octf.queries@dojni.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:octf.queries@dojni.x.gsi.gov.uk). See the attached Rules of Entry for more details.

### WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Trafficking of human beings is the acquisition of people through the use of force, coercion or other means with the aim of exploiting them. It has three distinct elements – the **act** (recruitment, transfer, transport); the **means** (threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud) and a **purpose** (exploitation including prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or similar practices, removal of organs).

People can be trafficked into different types of situations: for instance labour - including restaurant and hotel work, domestic work, construction, agriculture and entertainment, as well as prostitution and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation.

The Republic of Ireland's Criminal Law (Human Trafficking) Act, 2008 criminalises trafficking in adults or children for the purposes of labour exploitation, sexual exploitation or the removal of organs. Penalties of up to life imprisonment and, at the discretion of the court, a fine apply for these trafficking offences. The law on human trafficking in Northern Ireland, where penalties of up to 14 years imprisonment may

be imposed, is set out in the Sexual Offences Act 2003 and the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants) Act 2004.

## **KNOW THE SIGNS**

Trafficking in persons is usually an “underground” crime and it can be difficult to identify a trafficked victim and/or a trafficking scenario or to accept that trafficking may be taking place in our communities. Being familiar with the indicators of human trafficking will be of assistance in raising your suspicions.

Entrants can visit the following websites to find more about human trafficking including the signs to look out for:-

- [www.blueblindfold.gov.ie](http://www.blueblindfold.gov.ie)
- [www.blueblindfold.org.uk](http://www.blueblindfold.org.uk)
- [www.nidirect.gov.uk/humantrafficking](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/humantrafficking)

Remember, no one willingly signs up to become a slave. Traffickers frequently recruit victims through telling lies and make false promises for personal gain.

## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY (ROI) AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (NI) PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO COMPETITION**

### **HOW TO ENTER**

1. Familiarise yourself with the ‘Rules of Entry’ below (these will also be on both the Blue Blindfold and the OCTF websites).
2. Forward your competition entry to the following two email addresses: [ahtucomps@justice.ie](mailto:ahtucomps@justice.ie) AND to [octf.queries@dojni.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:octf.queries@dojni.x.gsi.gov.uk).
3. Like our Facebook pages ‘Anti-Human Trafficking Unit Ireland’ <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Anti-Human-Trafficking-Unit-Ireland/305656599447325> and Organised Crime Task Force Northern Ireland [www.facebook.com/pages/OCTF/136184833076303](http://www.facebook.com/pages/OCTF/136184833076303) to get competition updates and to see if your entry has made the top twelve short-listed entries.