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ACRATH co-founder a guest on August Conversation Series

Human trafficking – how far have we come?

Two women leaders in the fight in Australia against human trafficking will examine the current state of modern day slavery in Australia during a 30-minute Conversation on Wednesday 25 August 2021 at 11.30am (Melbourne, Sydney time). This week (August 23) also marks UNESCO declared day of Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition and August 24 marks the birth in 1759 of William Wilberforce, the British politician who led the movement to abolish the slave trade.

Join ACRATH's special online Conversation on Wednesday and hear ACRATH co-founder Sr Louise Cleary CSB and Dr Lisa McDonald, Group Mission Leader with St Vincent's Health Australia (SVHA), discuss ***Human Trafficking, how far have we come?***

Louise and Lisa will track the development of ACRATH in response to the growth of human trafficking in Australia and globally. Lisa, will talk about SVHA's commitment to caring for trafficked people and the groundbreaking work being done by the organisation. SVHA, in partnership with ACRATH, has worked to develop a strong response to human trafficking and to slavery-proof supply chains. SVHA began this work before the Modern Slavery Act was passed in 2018 and continues to look at areas within its 32 sites where human trafficking and modern-day slavery can be identified and addressed.

Sr Louise is one of the women who helped 'launch' ACRATH around 2005. She is the current ACRATH President and has walked alongside victim/survivors of human trafficking and advocated for system changes. Louise has been instrumental in many of ACRATH's key initiatives and broader anti-trafficking achievements including the 2013 legislation criminalising forced marriage and the Modern Slavery Act in 2018.

You can join the Conversation at 11.15am (Melbourne time) for a cuppa and 15 minutes of informal chat. The Conversation with Louise and Lisa will run from 11.30am till 12 noon sharp. Come for all or part of the Conversation. Join the zoom meeting at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86052476038?pwd=SkQvWjYyc0Fzek96TXB1dDd6eEEvdz09>
If you have any problems joining the Conversation, via this link, please contact Joseph at office@acrath.org.au.

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