

## Marsh Awards 2013

On Tuesday 15th October 2013, the British Home Secretary, Rt Hon Theresa May MP presented Marsh Awards for outstanding contribution to fighting human trafficking. She also outlined the provisions of the new Bill and congratulated all those working at the rock face and the [Human Trafficking Foundation](#) for bringing them all together at a quarterly forum.

On Anti-Slavery Day each year, the Human Trafficking Foundation teams up with the Marsh Christian Trust to recognise an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the fight against human trafficking. We are delighted to announce that two Soroptimists have been given a Marsh award, and their citation is shown below:



*Jackie paling*

**Jackie Paling and Pauline Monk, Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland.** Both Pauline and Jackie have been extremely active in raising awareness about human trafficking, in particular through the Purple Teardrop Campaign. Both of them have greatly contributed to raising public awareness about the Anti-Slavery Day and motivating Soroptimist clubs organise events throughout the country. This year they helped to launch a 'Call to Action' across their UK network, encouraging Soroptimists to speak to their MPs about the need for a Modern Slavery Bill to strengthen the UK's response to trafficking – [www.antislaveryday.com/awards/marsh-award/](http://www.antislaveryday.com/awards/marsh-award/)



*Pauline Monk*

**Jackie Paling** said "Although the award has Pauline and my names on it, it really belongs to all the Soroptimists in the UK (and the Federation) who are working tirelessly on antislavery issues."

**SIGBI congratulates Jackie and Pauline on winning this prestigious award. The Guardian also gives [SIGBI a mention in the article](#) announcing their own winning of a Media Award at the same event.**

The [Human Trafficking Foundation](#) was established also in 2010 to support and add value to the work of many charities and agencies already fighting modern-day slavery in the UK. It grew out of the activities of the UK's All Parliamentary Group on Human Trafficking. The vision of the Human Trafficking Foundation is of a UK which presents a hostile environment for traffickers, where there is widespread public awareness of the evils and where better support is offered to those who fall victim.