



# Join us for Virtual Study Day

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## Biographies of Speakers

### Dame Sara Thornton DBE QPM

Dame Sara Thornton is the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner responsible for encouraging good practice in the prevention and detection of modern slavery and the identification of victims. She was Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police from 2007-2015 and the first Chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council from 2015-2019. She is chair of the National Leadership Centre's Advisory Board and an Honorary Air Commodore in the Royal Air Force. She is Honorary Professor in Modern Slavery at the Centre for the Study of International Slavery, University of Liverpool

**Ben Brewster — Rights Lab Nottingham Research Fellow in Modern Slavery Perpetration** Dr. Ben Brewster works as part of the Rights Lab's Communities and Society Programme. His Nottingham Research Fellowship focuses on the role of online social spaces and computer-mediated-communication in the facilitation of modern slavery, including the role that digital platforms themselves can play in prevention and discovery. He is also currently conducting UKRI-funded research into the implications of COVID-19 on Child Criminal Exploitation through the County Lines drug supply model.

**Dr. Phil Northall (Sociology and Social Policy)** works as part of the Rights Lab Communities and Society Programme to understand and advance local responses to modern slavery. This includes work to build a slavery-resilient cities index that takes an asset-based approach to understanding how communities become slavery-free and slavery-proof. It also includes close collaboration with multi-agency partnerships on testing and evaluating transferable local responses to the structural issues that create vulnerabilities to exploitation and slavery.

**Rights Lab:** The Rights Lab delivers research to help end modern slavery. We are the world's largest group of modern slavery researchers, and home to many leading modern slavery experts. Through our five research programmes, we deliver new and cutting-edge research that provides rigorous data, evidence and discoveries for the global antislavery effort. Our impact team provides an interface between the Rights Lab research programmes and civil society, business and government, and our INSPIRE project elevates survivor-informed research as a key part of knowledge production to help end slavery. The goal of ending slavery is ambitious. But in the Rights Lab we believe that by working together as part of the global antislavery community, we can achieve evidence-based strategies for ending slavery by 2030.

### Nicole Jacobs—Designate Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales.

The Independent Office of Domestic Abuse Commissioner is tasked with encouraging good practice in preventing domestic abuse; identifying both those at risk of abuse as well as those perpetrating it and improving the protection and provision of support to those affected by domestic abuse. Reports are published reports that hold statutory agencies and the government to account. During her career, Ms Jacobs has worked in a number of roles linked to domestic abuse, including as a frontline practitioner, in senior operational and management roles, and as a trainer and strategic leader.

### Session Are you influential? Get your voice heard in UK Parliament

Guided by Rachael Dodgson Senior Education & Engagement Officer and her colleagues to give you a rich understanding of UK democracy.

Attendees will develop a deep understanding of how to raise the issues which mean the most to them:

- How can they take action?
- What tools help influence debates, decisions, and legislation?

How can they build relationships with MPs and Lords?

This session will be centred on domestic abuse and the recent domestic abuse bill and ongoing actions.

