

TRAC Report for Rome.

Members of Renate, Srs. Patricia Mulhall, Pat Kenny, and Marie Power are mainly involved in TRAC (Trafficking, Raising Awareness and Campaigning) in the UK.

The group meets every 6-8 weeks and has members from 17 different Religious Congregations. We have, in the past, had various campaigns from talks in schools, parishes, J&P groups to raise awareness about trafficking. Earlier this year we had a campaign with cards raising the issue of trafficking in the UK.

Our next campaign is to become involved in trying to get the Nordic Model rolled out in the UK. This is already law in Northern Ireland and is also being pursued in Scotland. We have already met with one Member of Parliament and will be meeting with others. In July of this year there was a large meeting of politicians, survivors, academicians, and other interested parties in the Houses of Parliament. All of these are committed to the Nordic Model or "Equality Model" as it was suggested it should be called. All expressed concern at the Interim report of the Home Affairs Select Committee (The body charged with looking at legislation and how it might be changed) which recommended the New Zealand Model as the best way forward for the UK. We will collaborate with these groups but also involve our own parishioners and other religious groups in petitioning our own Members of Parliament to look again at another way forward than the New Zealand Model.

There is also a growing interest from the media who after the French Parliament adopted the Nordic Model that we should look seriously at following their example.