

My name is Izabella. I am a survivor from prostitution.

**I am determined** to help change policies regarding prostitution and human trafficking.

Some people suggest that prostitution and trafficking are separate phenomena and should be addressed separately.

However, the link between the two is evident.

Demand for prostitution **fuels** human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

Politicians, and the public **must understand** the realities of prostitution.

Prostitution is violence. And it is hell to be in the world of prostitution.

Many countries, **like Switzerland**, where I have been in prostitution have **normalized the sex trade**.

This is wrong:

How can we create **gender equality in society** when we normalize prostitution ?

This can and will **never go together**.

Prostitution is not work. It is violence and in far most cases violence against women.

The first step is to target the demand for prostitution.

I therefore **call on Switzerland** and other countries

that normalize the sex trade to reconsider their policies.

My recommendation is **to punish the purchase** of sex

and adopt the Equality Model as it exists in Sweden.

I have been lucky to have been helped the Swedish police

who referred me to the NGO, Talita.

They offered me a rehabilitation program and trauma therapy.

Through prevention and rehabilitation

Talita create the opportunity for women

to leave the sex trade **and start a new life.**

Thank you