

Background on

Members of the International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council

1. Kendall Alaimo (US)

Kendall Alaimo is an international activist, a clinical educator, a professionally trained artist, but most importantly Kendall is a survivor. Kendall is a survivor of child sex trafficking. What survived is her voice and she is using it around the world to innovate clinical care for complex trauma survivors. Kendall is an expert in child sexual abuse prevention and medical modalities for complex trauma recovery.

She has spoken both domestically and internationally in her mission to educate, support and provide hope to populations affected by the fallout of all types of trauma through her Trauma Talk. Additionally, Kendall has a collaborative partnership with Difference Makers LLC. Difference Makers is a team of expert speakers from around the United States whose primary goals are to address sexual and domestic violence in military and civilian communities around the globe. Through Difference Makers LLC Kendall has trained the US Military and the US Coast Guard on complex PTSD, human trafficking, child abuse prevention and resiliency. She is a graduate of The School of The Art Institute of Chicago. Additionally, Kendall also studied her craft in Japan and was selected to participate as an international artist in residence at The Centro Selva Center for Arts and Sciences in the Amazon Jungle, Peru. She believes in using art as a catalyst to create dialog around child sex trafficking. Her art is bright and playful in its aesthetics but dark in the truthful narrative she hopes to shed light on. Kendall is a member of the Sexual Assault Advocacy Network (SAAN) and The Human Trafficking Survivor Alliance. To date her work has reached over fifty countries.

2. Trisha Baptie (Canada)

Baptie was first trafficked at the age of 13. This was the beginning of her 15-year period in the sex-industry, both indoor and outdoor, most of which was spent in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside area. At the age of 28, she took the opportunity to exit prostitution. In 2007, Trisha became a citizen journalist for Orato, an online newspaper, to cover the murder trial of Robert Pickton, most of whose victims were picked up from the Downtown Eastside. Many of Pickton's victims were known to her. In 2009, Trisha co-founded EVE, a volunteer, non-governmental, non-profit organization of former sex-industry women dedicated to naming prostitution violence against women and seeing its abolition through political action, advocacy, and public education. In 2009–2010, Trisha was a community mobilizer in the Buying Sex is Not a Sport campaign in preparation for the 2010 Winter Olympics held in Vancouver. She was a focal speaker in the Langara Dialogues, a public forum in which the subjects of prostitution, human trafficking, community responsibility, abolition, legalization, and their ties to the Olympics were discussed and debated.[8][9] In 2010, she appeared in a documentary film, "Our Lives to Fight For". She also joined Christine Barkhouse, Natasha Falle, Katarina MacLeod, and Bridgett Perrier in

Toronto, in picketing the repeal of prostitution laws. All five women are survivors of human trafficking who had been forced into prostitution in Canada. Her life and work are central in the 2013 film "Buying Sex", directed by Teresa MacInnes and Kent Nason and facilitated by the Canadian National Film Board.

ODIHR received a number of letters from Canadian Parliament members in support for her candidacy.

3. Mariaam Bhatti (Ireland)

She is an experienced campaigner, community work and social policy practitioner, a migrant woman, survivor of trafficking, living in Ireland living in Ireland for 10 years ago and co-founder of the Great Care Co-op. She initially arrived in Ireland to take up employment as a live-in, full-time housekeeper and child carer. For nearly 8 years she campaigned on behalf of Migrant Rights Centre Ireland's Domestic Workers Action Group (DWAG) which was a support space for domestic workers and later became a dynamic campaigning group for the rights of domestic workers working in Ireland. She was one of the 23 workers who campaigned successfully for two years for the criminalisation of forced labour in 2013; one of the 25 core group of 500 migrant domestic workers who campaigned for 7 years to get Ireland to ratify the ILO Convention C189 in 2014 and in the same year later got the Department of Foreign Affairs to design a policy for that protected domestic workers employed in diplomatic households in Ireland. Recently with some of the women from DWAG she set up the Great Care Coop to show what a great workplace should be like and what providing quality care entails. She holds a BA (Hons) in Community and Youth Work; a Masters in Rights and Social Policy (both from Maynooth University and a postgrad in European Union Policy Making from Vrije Universiteit Brussel. In 2019 she was selected as one of the 12 from around the world to take part in an intensive three week UN Fellowship for People of African Descent. Subsequently as a group we were recognised by the UN General Assembly as (and added to the list of) 100 Most Influential people of African Descent under 40 Worldwide.

4. Zita Cabais (France)

Zita Cabais-Obra, from the Philippines, escaped slavery with assistance from the French Democratic Confederation of Labour (CFDT) and took up the struggle to empower foreign domestic workers in France. Although unions have secured agreements covering rights for domestic workers and maternal assistants, some employers still impose long hours or conditions that breach labour law. She is currently the General Secretary of the CFDT's Ile de France branch for employees of private individuals. Despite having won many cases over the years, there are many things that must be done to protect domestic workers. The CFDT will continue supporting migrant domestic workers and working towards better work conditions, fighting for domestic workers' rights, and providing professional trainings and workshops for personal projects, among other initiatives. In addition to her work with the CFDT, she manages ASF, an

association for Filipino migrant workers that offers informational sessions in Tagalog or English, French lessons on Sunday afternoons, and martial arts on Saturday nights in the Paris region. Our goals are to raise awareness, provide information about different resources available to migrant workers, and continuously promote the importance of learning the French language as a means to become independent and well integrated into French society. More importantly, ASF gives migrant workers the opportunity to have a sense of community and belonging, which is important for their psychological well being. Finally, she campaigns for the ratification of the ILO's Domestic Workers Convention (C189), which unfortunately France is yet to ratify.

5. Daniella de Luca (Spain)

Daniella is a survivor leader working with APRAMP for 9 years working as part of the Mobile Rescue Unit She is a linguistics and social mediator, detecting and rescuing victims', women and kids, from human trafficking or sexual exploitation. She has also completed a certified course as an intercultural mediator. She has been participating as the main trainer on the issue of human trafficking with a focus on the perspective of Gender and Human Rights for health workers, legal support workers, Police Forces and different professionals of the Spanish Prime Minister's Office. Before being trafficked, she was a law student in Brazil.

6. Jerome Elam (US)

Jerome Elam is an author, lecturer, and human trafficking survivor, as well as President and CEO Trafficking in America Task Force and A Special Adviser to Utah Attorney General. Jerome Elam was raised in the south and joined the United States Marine Corps at the age of seventeen and spent the next eight years seeing the world. After his enlistment was finished Jerome attended college and graduated to work in the Biotechnology sector. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a survivor of child abuse, child sex trafficking and child pornography. He is also the child of an alcoholic and child survivor of domestic violence as well as a child of divorce. Jerome has struggled against many things in his life and somehow has found a way to survive. Writing is his passion and it keeps him in touch with the wealth everyone holds deep inside their hearts and minds. Jerome shares his experiences in the hope that those suffering in silence will find the courage to speak out and share their voices. Jerome states, "I have been blessed to have God reveal his purpose for me in saving innocent children from predators." Jerome is a Staff Writer and Columnist for Communities Digital News. Read my column here: A Heart Without Compromise; Advocating for Children: <http://www.commdiginews.com/column/a-heart-without-compromise-advocating-for-children-2/> Stories by Jerome Elam : Contently jeromeelam.contently.com Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/199Eb93>

7. Marina Gorbunova (Uzbekistan)

Marina is a survivor of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation. She has been contributing to the work of Istaqboli Avlod, an Uzbek anti-trafficking NGO. She has strong commitment and passion in addressing the issue of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

8. Regina Lee Jones (Norway)

Regina Lee Jones is a sex trafficking survivor from Norway. She has taken a part in international project “If you speak up, I will join!”. You can find publication on <https://ifyouspeakup.com/survivors-manifest/> She works as a chairperson of the board in her own voluntary organization <http://www.invisible-children.com> Regina has shared her story on seminars and conferences in Norway. Here are some of them: <https://vimeo.com/299822942> <https://thehumanaspect.com/watch/869/regina> <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=226808128571524&extid=MSXPn3kVVVsrJi8b>

9. Angelina Kurdenok (RF)

She is the coordinator of the Novosibirsk Feminist Initiative Against Trafficking in Persons for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation "Eurydice" (https://vk.com/eurydice_nsk), established in September 2019. She took part in the project of the Safe House Foundation ([https:// safehouse .foundation /](https://safehouse.foundation/)) Prevention of human trafficking in Russia. As part of the project, we organized training for psychologists and social workers by specialists of the Fund (https://vk.com/no_trafficking), and then we implemented a preventive plan for vulnerable groups. She took an active part in organizing the training. As part of a preventive plan, she held a discussion about the problem of sexual exploitation in Russia now and 100 years ago using the example of the film Killed by Life (1927) after the film screening (https://vk.com/eurydice_nsk?w=wall-186289018_24). After the implementation of the preventive plan, Eurydice Initiative began to receive complaints from victims of human trafficking and representatives of vulnerable groups. As of 19 August 2020, there are 9 such cases. She got to know the victims and, with the support of the Safe House Foundation, provided them with social support, medicines, medical, psychological and legal assistance.

In addition to her activities under the Eurydice Initiative, she translated materials from English, including on the problem of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. In April 2020, she wrote an article about the webcam industry together with another Eurydice member (https://vk.com/eurydice_nsk?w=wall-186289018_76). Recently she gave an interview about her history to the Glasnaya. Media project (<https://glasnaya.media/>) She took part in a study of female survivors of sexual exploitation (https://vk.com/wall-19096355_1469).

10. Diane Martin CBE (UK) – Vice-Chair of the ISTAC

Having survived prostitution and trafficking in her late teens, Diane, a qualified counsellor, has spent nearly 20 years supporting women to exit prostitution; with 15 years as the Founder and Director of a specialist service for women involved in or exited from street prostitution; developing a range of services from street outreach, drop in and court diversion through to aftercare, counselling and life skill groups. In 2012 Diane started Dovetail Initiative which works with London Borough partnerships, the police and other organisations to develop and improve strategy, policy, service development, prevention and exiting options within a violence against women and girls framework. She is also involved in campaigning for an End Demand approach to prostitution legislation as well as working with Church leadership in progressing work around prostitution and trafficking. She regularly is a key note speaker in relation to prostitution and trafficking and writes on these subjects. In 2013 Diane was awarded a CBE for services to vulnerable women in prostitution. She moved back to Scotland in 2019 and has been focusing on work specifically related to Commercial Sexual Exploitation. She is a member of Scotland's Cross Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation. (CSE CPG) She has spoken at the Scottish Parliament (November 2019).

11. Ronny Marty (US)

Mr. Ronny Marty is a Certified Public Accountant, hospitality manager, independent anti-human trafficking consultant, and anti-trafficking advocate. In December 2016, he was appointed by President Obama to become a member of the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, a group of eleven survivor leaders who bring their knowledge and experience to advise and provide policy recommendations to the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (PITF). In March 2018, Ronny was re-appointed by President Trump to serve for two more years. After paying a labor recruiter to help him obtain a work visa and travel to the United States for a promised hospitality job, Ronny was forced into factory work by a trafficker. He escaped this situation despite threats to himself and his family in the Dominican Republic. Now, he speaks to national audiences and the media to raise awareness of all forms of human trafficking within the United States, particularly highlighting the existence of labor trafficking. Ronny has been interviewed by national media outlets including The Washington Post and NPR. He has consulted with government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, on how to strengthen their anti-trafficking efforts. Ronny received a B.A. from the Santiago University of Technology in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

12. Timea Nagy (Canada) – Vice-Chair of the ISTAC

Timea Nagy is a Canadian activist who has spoken on behalf of victims of human trafficking. Timea has inspired millions of people, Global and North American institutions, corporations, the North American and European Financial sectors, Governments and the United Nations for over 10 years. She has raised awareness worldwide and shared the stage with North American Celebrities, Hollywood filmmakers, International Athletes and National and International leaders.

Ashley Judd, Jamie Foxx, Wayne Newton, Former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Rev. Michael Bernard Beckwith just to name a few. She founded Walk With Me, a Toronto-based organization that aids survivors of trafficking. Nagy was featured in an anti-trafficking campaign by the Salvation Army in 2009. Her activism has drawn upon her own experience of human trafficking in Canada. Born in Hungary, Timea was trafficked in Canada in 1998. She escaped after three and a half months. After her escape, she began advocating on behalf of human trafficking victims. In 2009, The Salvation Army featured Nagy's story in an anti-human-trafficking campaign called "The Truth Isn't Sexy"; the campaign sought to raise awareness about "people who are sold on the street, who don't have a choice." In June 2010, Nagy visited Edmonton to speak about human trafficking at a conference for police officers. Also that month, the MP for Kildonan—St. Paul Joy Smith's private member's bill, Bill C-268, was passed as An Act to amend the Criminal Code (minimum sentence for offences involving trafficking of persons under the age of eighteen years). Timea was one of the bill's five main proponents. In 2011, she began operating a hotline for human trafficking victims. By 2013, she had spoken with more than 200 victims. In 2010 in Winnipeg, Timea received an award at the first annual Honouring Heroes ceremony, which was organized by Joy Smith, who is also an anti-human-trafficking activist.

13. Sandra Norak (Germany)

Sandra Norak was trafficked as a minor in Germany. After exiting her trafficking situation, Norak decided to study law alongside her work. In doing so, it pursues the goal of publicly clarifying the grievances in prostitution and of influencing legislation on the subject in the long term. For example, she speaks as an expert on the subject in political debates such as before the Committee for Equality and Women on July 5, 2019 in the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia and takes part in parliamentary events by members of the Bundestag. Since March 2016 she has been writing a blog "My Life in Prostitution", in which she reports on her life in prostitution and her activism. The blog also discusses topics such as scientific findings from psychotraumatology with regard to prostitution and statements on current changes in legislation in the field of prostitution. Norak is a member of Sisters e.V. She has been supporting the association's #Rotlichtaus campaign since June 2017. Norak gives lectures at schools to educate young people about the danger of loverboys. She was an expert in the Italian Parliament in Rome - 15.03.2019, an expert for the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia, topic "Human trafficking", "Loverboys" - July 5th, 2019, and an expert for the Bundestag, "Prostitution where?", Subject of prostitution and human trafficking - October 15, 2019. Additionally, she was an expert for the Human Rights Committee, closed session, topic of prostitution and human trafficking - 9 March 2020 and an expert for the SPD party executive, issue of prostitution and human trafficking, August 7th, 2020. Speaker at various other political events on the topic such as the district chairperson conference of the Women's Union of the CDU in Germany - 19.09.2020.

14. Mercy Obade (Denmark)

Mercy is a cultural social worker at HopeNow, which is an independent non-governmental organisation with a mandate to combat human trafficking under the Danish Action Plan. She became a volunteer in the anti-trafficking NGO HopeNow in 2012. She appeared in a documentary film called Trafficker directed by Anja Dalhoff producer and director of Danish Doc and talked about the lack of witness protection in Denmark. By that time, she had already begun to speak out and lecture about her life as a survivor of trafficking together with HopeNow. She later became a peer group social worker for HopeNow and developed methods to find and identify victims of trafficking who were been exploited in escort and discreet prostitution. During the 3-year project she assisted and identified over 70 women and provided counselling for these women. This was an area which previously had never been examined in Denmark and the CENTER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING had not identified any women as exploited in escort work. She is currently employed in a new project with HopeNow focused on finding and identifying both men and women. She has developed new methods which the organization is now implementing to cope with the Corona virus and the impact this has had on the West and East Africa people in Denmark.

15. Itohan Okundaye (Finland)

Nigerian Itohan Okundaye became a victim of human trafficking at age 16 and was forced into prostitution in Italy. Eight years later, she arrived in Finland as an asylum seeker. She started working in a non-governmental organization (NGO) FinnWID – Finnish Women in Development – and started a campaign called Toisenlaisia tarinoita that raises awareness and improves young women's opportunities to receive education and a livelihood in Nigeria. The campaign attracted a lot of attention in the media and Okundaye described her experiences in many interviews. In January 2018, FinnWID started a campaign Toisenlaisia tarinoita (Alternate Stories) based on her initiative. The campaign raises awareness particularly about human trafficking from Nigeria to Europe and raises funds for young women's vocational education in Benin City, Nigeria to offer young women sustainable forms of income to prevent them becoming victims of trafficking. Since the launch of the campaign, she has given about 35 interviews to Finnish and international media and spoken in about 20 seminars and other public events. On September 3rd, 2020, her book Nimeni on Itohan (My name is Itohan) about her experiences and human trafficking from Nigeria to Europe was published in Finland. It was co-authored with Kristiina Markkanen. Her story and activism on preventing human trafficking is also covered in a documentary photography exhibition (From the Shadows of Human Trafficking to an Influencer – The Story of Itohan Okundaye) made by Anna Kuokkanen that will be shown in several cities in Finland (currently displayed in Helsinki).

16. Maria (Malaika) Oringo (Netherlands)

Malaika Oringo is the founder and CEO of Footprint to Freedom (2019), a survivor-led organization. She is a talented advocate and speaks up against human trafficking and stands up for victims' rights and works to strengthen the survivor's inclusion and engagement. She has spoken on various stages throughout Europe, e.i; Paris, Geneva, Athens, London, Belgium, and Luxembourg. Raised in Uganda in harsh conditions and exploited in the Netherlands, she has devoted her life to fight against human trafficking. For the past 17 years, Malaika has been intensively involved in the fight against human trafficking as a representative of the Salvation Army. She believes survivors are the most significant stakeholders in the fight against human trafficking thus, they should sit a very decision-making table from community level to national level and international level. she lobbied at the European Commission and has spoken at the European Parliament about the gaps in the current approach human trafficking. She also advised on the best practices that can provide victim centered trauma informed and survivor centered approaches to improve response to survivors and victims' needs. As CEO of Footprint to Freedom, she speaks up for the victims of human trafficking and creates awareness of the exploitation situations in which many women find themselves. She has special interest in her home country Uganda and the neighboring countries Kenya and Tanzania. She sees a large number of women from these countries who are exploited in the Middle East who return to their homeland in absolute devastation. Without the right alternative's traffickers target these women give them false hopes that Europe is the answer to their hopelessness but instead they end up being re- trafficked and re-victimized.

17. Bukola Oriola (US)

Bukola Oriola was the Chair of the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. Appointed by President Barack Obama in December 2015, Oriola is also an award winning journalist and a survivor of labor trafficking, who has dedicated her life to helping others by sharing her story and offering practical solutions to service providers, clinics, community members, and law enforcement on how to rescue victims of human trafficking. Oriola is a consultant for Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVCTTAC). Oriola, who started her journalism career in 2000 in her home country Nigeria, became a victim of human trafficking as a result of fraud. She was isolated for two years, endured all forms of torture, hunger, physical, psychological and emotional abuse. Now an advocate, Bukola has dedicated her life to helping others by sharing her story through public presentations. She has put her experiences together in form of a book, *Imprisoned: The Travails of a Trafficked Victim Support*. She was awarded Change Maker 2009 by the Minnesota Women's Press for her courage. The *Imprisoned Show* was born as a result of Bukola's feeling that there is a dire need to fight human trafficking in every community by educating the public through the broadcast media.

18. Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman (US)

Suamhirs Piraino-Guzman was the program coordinator for the Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network at the International Rescue Committee in Seattle until 2020. In 2015, he was appointed by President Barack Obama to the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. On December 16, 2015 Suamhirs was appointed by President Barack Obama to the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. Suamhirs served as the youngest member of the council and advised on matters of national security in human trafficking to President Barack Obama, the President's Senior Policy Operation Group and the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking In Person. Today, he continues his work as a Partnerships Manager at the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Unit at King County Department of Community and Human Services. As expert in behavioural psychology, he has years of experience developing curriculum and providing training on traumainformed care, mental health, the commercial sexual exploitation of children, evidence-based practices and more to a diverse range of audiences. As a male survivor of child sexual exploitation and trafficking, Suamhirs has been an active member of the National Survivor Network, and currently assists in coordinating the network.

19. Shandra Woworuntu (US) – Chair of the ISTAC

Shandra Woworuntu was a member of the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking and a survivor of human trafficking and domestic violence. Shandra was born in Indonesia, and in 2001 she travelled to the USA expecting a job in the hospitality industry but was instead forced into the sex industry and prostituted. She eventually escaped her captors and helped convict her traffickers. In 2009, Shandra was granted permanent residency in the USA and became the U.S. Citizen through naturalization. On March 20, 2014 Governor Chris Christie appointed her to be a Commission of Human Trafficking for the state of New Jersey. On December 16, 2015, President Obama appointed her as one of 11 members of the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking and the council held their first meeting on October 18, 2016. Shandra was curator of the *Design and Violence* published in 2015 by Museum of Modern Art, she laid the abuse of sexual exploitation and gun violence. She is the founder of the Mentari Human Trafficking Survivor Empowerment Program Inc.– an organization aimed at empowering human trafficking survivors in their reintegration back into community, and society independently through the DREAM, Direct Services, Resources, Empowerment, Advocacy, and Mentorship. As a survivor leader, Shandra devoted to helping other survivors through an empowerment program. In 2017, she was recognized as the L'Oréal Paris Women of Worth National Honoree through public vote and rewarded her with a \$35,000 contribution for Mentari to continue making a difference in the lives of sex-trafficking survivors. As a survivor advocate and lobbyist, she helped to pass local and federal anti-trafficking legislations, and recognized as 2020 Power of Diversity the most influential 100 Asian American in New York Politics and Policy. Shandra was appointed Chair of the ISTAC in June 2021.

20. Hyab Yohannes (UK)

He is an Eritrean refugee in the UK, completed an MA in Migration and Diaspora Studies at SOAS University of London, and now studying a PhD program at the University of Glasgow. He engaged extensively with refugees and asylum seekers at various positions ranging from community facilitation to casework and community organising in Sudan, in Egypt, and in the UK. Being a refugee for the last nine years and having a first-hand experience of human trafficking, He has a research interest in refugee trafficking (which he wrote my MA dissertation on) and life-long researching interest in the ambivalent position of ‘the refugee’ as an ‘unprotected’ figure (PhD project). He worked formally for local charities and international organisations in Egypt including UNHCR, IOM, Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA) and Saint Andrew’s Refugee Services (StARS). In the UK, he worked as a community organiser and refugee education and training adviser.

21. Laurent Ziegler (Austria)

Laurent Ziegler (MA) focuses on photography, installation and performative work. Laurent studied Political Science at the Universities of Vienna, AT and Copenhagen, DK and completed educational programs in contemporary dance and film. His work is internationally represented in group and solo exhibitions. Laurent has several years of experience in teaching visual arts and contemporary dance. In 2009 he initiated an 'arts in education' program for photography in Sri Lanka (One World Foundation). Laurent is a current member of Künstlerhaus Wien and Bildrecht LLC. The author's biography is not an isolated case. As their lone companion, shame separates the victims from a good, self-determined life, even after years of suffering. Laurent Ziegler hopes that “Die Erinnerung an meine Kindheit” can show the level of suffering—through abuse and especially ritual abuse—in our society and that this collective silence becomes an open dialogue. The afterword is written by Manfred Nowak, co-founder of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights, Secretary General of the Global Campus of Human Rights and Head of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.