

FEAST DAY OF
ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
(Patron of Victims of Human Trafficking)

**An Economy without
Human Trafficking**

Sr Imelda Poole (IBVM MBE)
joined by Julia Bayton
(Refugee Women Connect)

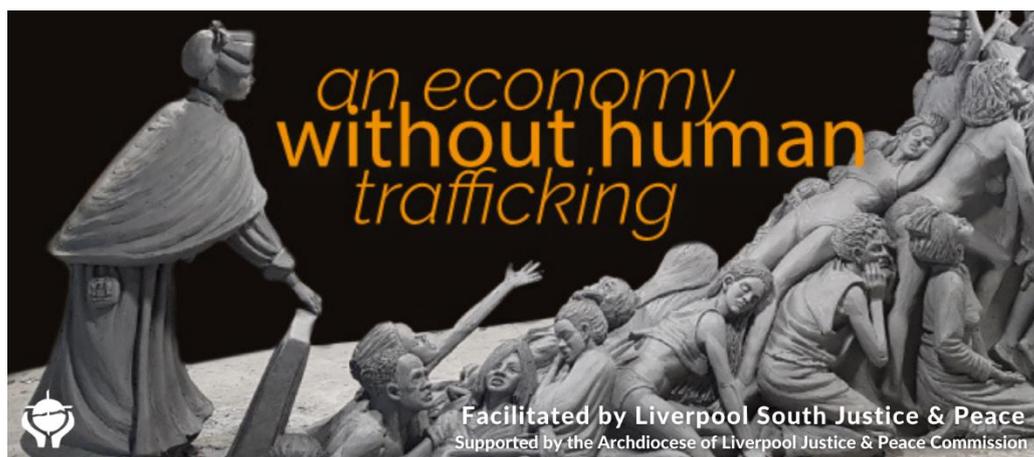
**Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 7pm
through Zoom**

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PROGRAMME

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| 7.00 pm | Welcome and opening prayer |
| | Video short |
| 7.10 pm | Sr Imelda Poole 'An Economy without Human Trafficking' |
| 7.30 pm | Julia Bayton - experiences as an early action caseworker at RWC |
| 7.40 pm | Facts and Figures |
| 7.45 pm | Discussion Groups |
| 8:05pm | Q&A with Sr Imelda and Julia |
| 8.25 pm | Action points and final prayer (please have a candle to light) |
| 8:30pm | Close |



Sr Imelda Poole (IBVM MBE)

Sr Imelda Poole joined the Loreto Sisters as a teenager and after qualifying as a teacher worked with disadvantaged people in Glasgow, London and Manchester before going to Kenya where she experienced life with the *Kipsigi* tribe. On her return to England, she worked with marginalised people near Middlesbrough before later becoming involved with the campaign to eradicate human trafficking and modern slavery. Sr Imelda became President of RENATE after more than 11 years working in Albania with Mary Ward Loreto. In June 2018 she received the award of MBE in recognition of the importance of her work.



Julia Bayton & Refugee Women Connect

Formerly known as MRANG, RWC was founded in 2004, originally to work with pregnant women and women with very young children. Its work has subsequently expanded to address the needs of women refugees and asylum seekers more generally, and particularly those who have suffered from both physical and psychological abuse and those who have experienced modern slavery. RWC now works with women and their families across Liverpool and Merseyside.

Julia Bayton has been at RWC since 2018. She leads on RWC's Early Action projects which help women to understand their legal situation, rights and entitlements and provides specialist, holistic support to survivors of trafficking.



www.refugeewomenconnect.org.uk

Mary Ward Loreto - MWL

The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM) was founded in the 17th century by a Yorkshire woman, Mary Ward. IBVM (Loreto) is a now a multicultural, international Institute, still known informally as Loreto Sisters with communities in six European and eight African countries, Asia, the Americas and Australia.

In Albania the IBVM members and co-workers have opened an NGO MWL to work against trafficking in human persons through direct action, education, and the empowerment of those most vulnerable. Six centres have been set up in Albania which have worked with over 3,000 women and set up a number of economic empowerment businesses. They also have a project for men aimed at changing patriarchal culture and promoting gender equality.



www.albaniahope.com

Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation - RENATE

RENATE was established by a group of religious representing several different congregations working against human trafficking in Europe.

The organisation collaborates with many networks within and outside Europe. Its declared aim is "Working tirelessly to rehabilitate victims, free the world of sexual and labour exploitation, slavery and forced organ harvesting." It puts great emphasis on the use of networks which now extend to 31 countries within Europe as well as those beyond Europe and seeks to address the root causes of human trafficking. Its work includes the resettlement of victims and political and educational campaigns.



www.renate-europe.net