



# CEASE SUMMIT 2019

COMING TOGETHER  
TO END SEXUAL  
EXPLOITATION

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CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER, LONDON

## Welcome to Cease Summit 2019

On behalf of CEASE UK, it's our delight to welcome you to the CEASE Summit 2019.

Thank you so much for coming and being part of the national movement to see an end to all sexual exploitation.

This is about recognising that sexual exploitation is happening right here and now in the UK.

It's about seeing it as a vast and complicated epidemic, propped up by powerful commercial sex industries, funded by organised crime, fed by a hypersexualised, pornified culture and facilitated by apathy, confusion and misconception.

But it's also about hope: We're in an age of awakening, a #metoo world where women are speaking out; where we don't assume teenage girls are simply making 'lifestyle choices'; where we're rightly concerned about the harmful effects of pornography on our children.

We can call out exploitation wherever it occurs, exposing the links between its different forms and taking multifarious action to break its power. This is what CEASE UK exists to do. We want to work together, with you, to bring an end to all forms of sexual exploitation.

This CEASE Summit offers different perspectives and insights into sexual exploitation in this country, and also explores effective and strategic avenues of resistance. By paying attention to the facts and standing together, we will see laws, culture and social attitudes transformed. We hope that today will encourage, inspire and galvanise us all once again to continue the fight against sexual exploitation.

The CEASE UK team

# AGENDA

08.30 - 09.00	<b>REGISTRATION AND COFFEE</b>
09.00 - 09.10	Welcome from Naomi Miles, Chair of CEASE UK
09.10 - 10.00	<b>Sammy Woodhouse   CSE Survivor and Activist</b> Experience and aftermath of child and adult exploitation
10.00 - 10.30	<b>Tom Farr   Human Rights Researcher</b> Behind the curtain of the porn industry; a look at the corporate giants profiting from sexual exploitation
10.30 - 11.00	<b>Dr. Kathleen Richardson   De Montfort University</b> Sex robots and the hatred of women and girls
11.00 - 11.30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
11.30 - 12.00	<b>Pat Branigan   Development and Impact Manager, NSPCC</b> Harmful Sexual Behaviour: Its prevalence and links to other types of abuse and trauma
12.00 - 12.10	<b>Laila Namdarkhan   Activist with Object</b> How small activism can bring results: how a central London Porn Fest got cancelled
12.10 - 13.00	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> Challenges to front-line services in the current political climate.  <b>Carole Stone CBE (Chair)</b> <b>Helena Croft, Director of Streetlight</b> <b>Caroline Hattersley, Director of women@thewell</b> <b>Pragna Patel, Director, Southall Black Sisters</b>

13.00 - 14.00

**LUNCH BREAK**

14.00 - 14.30

**Julie Bindel | Radical feminist activist**

**Fiona Broadfoot | Sex trade survivor and CEO, Build-a-Girl**

Press for Change: Helping journalists understand the reality of the global sex trade.

14.30 - 15.00

**Sarah Champion | MP**

Supporting women to exit sexual exploitation

15.00 - 15.30

**Dr. Sam Carr | Professor, Bath University**

Internet pornography and the erosion of empathy

15.30 - 15.40

**SHORT BREAK**

15.40-16.10

**Mary Sharpe | CEO, The Reward Foundation**

The challenges of teaching school pupils about internet pornography.

16.10 - 16.40

**Maureen O'Hara | Solicitor and Senior Lecturer, Coventry University**

Recognising the links between the sexual exploitation of children and women: How can we end demand for both?

16.40

**CONFERENCE CLOSE**

**09.10 - 10.00**

## Experience and Aftermath of Child and Adult Exploitation

Sammy Woodhouse shares about her sexual exploitation as a child in Rotherham and explores how this trauma went on to inform her adult life, leaving her vulnerable to what she now recognises as exploitation through the lap dancing industry. Explaining how her own experiences provide the powerful motivation behind her campaigning, Sammy shares what she's learned about the most effective ways to raise awareness and inspire real, lasting change.

### **Sammy Woodhouse | CSE Survivor and Activist**

*Sammy is a survivor and whistleblower of the Rotherham child sexual exploitation scandal. She is now an activist and an award winning campaigner who's fought for improvements around counselling services, better national funding, mandatory education, licensing policies and Sammy's Law. She's also an author, public speaker, fundraiser, consultant & training assistant, who has worked with multiple agencies around the UK including the Bedfordshire and Metropolitan police, TACT fostering and the NSPCC.*

**10.00 - 10.30**

## Behind the curtain of the porn industry - a look at the corporate giants profiting from sexual exploitation.

Porn is often treated as an expression of liberal sexual ideals, of freedom and choice. In fact, online pornography is largely generated by a vast, immensely wealthy global industry that's almost entirely unregulated and that profits from the dissemination of violent, illegal and exploitative footage. Indirectly, other big businesses also profit. So what, if anything, can we do about it?

### **Tom Farr | Human Rights Researcher, Writer and Project Coordinator, CEASE UK**

*Tom has worked alongside leading individuals and organisations in the battle against sexual exploitation, including Julie Bindel and Dr. Gail Dines. He has also compiled evidence submissions for various parliamentary committees, including the Conservative Party Human Rights Commission.*

10.30 - 11.00

## Sex robots and the hatred of women and girls

Sex robots are promoted by academics and business as capable of reducing child sexual exploitation, prostitution, rape and human loneliness. The miraculous benefits of robots come at the same time as a global discussion on the ethics of robots and AI among academics, policy makers, politicians and activists. Yet often high profile voices (mostly male) have ignored or downplayed the negative impacts of sex robots on the lives of women and girls. This talk will explore these issues and argue for an abolitionist feminist approach to sex robots.

**Professor Kathleen Richardson**

**Senior Research Fellow in the Ethics of Robotics at De Montfort University**

*Kathleen is Professor of Ethics and Culture of Robots and AI at De Montfort University. Her work exploring robots and AI has spanned nearly 17 years. In 2015, she launched the Campaign Against Sex Robots to draw attention to problematic effects on new technologies on human relations, and their potential impact to create new layers of inequalities. She is developing a theory of robotics inspired by anti-slavery abolitionist feminism. She is currently working with the Bedfordshire and Metropolitan police, TACT fostering and the NSPCC.*

11.30 - 12.00

## Harmful Sexual Behaviour: its prevalence and links to other types of abuse and trauma

Increasing numbers of prepubescent children are exhibiting harmful sexual behaviour. Pat explores the impact of the failure to identify the issue as a developmental issue, and the consequences of not recognising inappropriate, problematic and harmful sexual behaviour.

**Pat Branigan | Development and Impact Manager, NSPCC**

*Pat is an anthropologist with a background in public health. He is responsible for leading on the development of key elements of the NSPCC's response to child sexual abuse with a focus on the prevention of and responses to addressing harmful sexual behaviour displayed by children and young people.*

**12.00 - 12.10**

## How Small Activism can Bring Results: How a Central London Porn Fest got Cancelled

This 10-minute session details OBJECT's successes in derailing the London Porn Festival, and outlines simple ways for us to get local authorities to take action.

### **Laila Nadarkhan | Activist**

*After a career in Senior NHS management, Laila joined WISH (Women in Secure Hospitals) as Regional Director where she witnessed first hand the emotional, psychological and physical long-term harm caused to girls and women when groomed, coerced, forced into the sex trades. Her team proposed radical, therapeutic solutions in place of outdated policies based solely on containment. She has also acted as chair of school governors and been a board member for the YWCA and OBJECT.*

**12.10 - 13.00**

## PANEL DISCUSSION: Challenges to front-line services in the current political climate

In this panel discussion, Carole Stone will lead a discussion with three women who have long experience of assisting victims of sexual violence and commercial sexual exploitation.

### **Carole Stone CBE (Chair) | Networker, author and broadcaster**

*Carole spent 27 years at the BBC rising to becoming the producer of Radio 4's flagship discussion show Any Questions? For ten years until 1990. Since leaving the BBC Carole became a trusted media advisor to Chairs and Chief Executives of major British companies. In 2007, Carole became the Managing Director of YouGovStone, where she established the YouGovStone Think Tank. Carole was appointed a CBE in 2015 for her services to market research and charity. Among Carole's exceptional charitable work, she is Chair of the Ambassadors of the Tutu Foundation UK and in 2016, she was elected to succeed Baroness Scotland as Patron of the Global Foundation to Eliminate Domestic Violence.*

**Helena Croft | Streetlight UK**

*Helena is the Founding Trustee and Executive Director of Streetlight UK, a specialist support service for women involved in prostitution across Sussex, Surrey and London. As a former Cabinet Member and Deputy Leader of Horsham District Council, she has wide experience as a senior local community leader. Having worked with some of the most vulnerable and marginalised women within communities for over 20 years, establishing projects and highlighting issues related to domestic abuse, separated families and the impact of prostitution; Helena is an advocate and role model for women across all walks of life.*

**Caroline Hattersley | Director, women@thewell**

*Caroline is the Director of women@thewell, a women-only service dedicated to supporting women to exit from a life entangled in the sex trade. A member of the Institute of Directors, the UK Psychological Trauma Society and the European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Caroline has over 20 years experience working in a wide range of settings with children, young people and adults with autism, people with complex needs, and mental health difficulties. She has a particular interest in, and writes and speaks regularly on women's issues, autism, complex trauma, safeguarding, self-harm and suicide.*

**Pragna Patel | Director, Southall Black Sisters**

*Pragna Patel is a founding member of Southall Black Sisters' advocacy and campaigning centre and Women Against Fundamentalism. She worked as a coordinator and senior case worker for SBS from 1982 to 1993 when she left to train and practice as a solicitor. In 2009 she returned to SBS as its Director. She has been centrally involved in some of SBS' most important cases and campaigns around domestic violence, immigration and religious fundamentalism. She has also written extensively on race, gender and religion.*



14.00 - 14.30

## Pressing for Change: showing journalists the reality of commercial sexual exploitation

The media plays a significant role in the way we understand and respond to sexual violence and exploitation. As well as reflecting our dominant assumptions about what is 'normal', 'natural' and 'inevitable', the media also helps to create and reinforce them. It can also, under the right circumstances, play a role in challenging them. In this session Julie and Fiona talk about their new training programme for journalists, Press for Change, designed to ensure that those working in the media report on issues regarding the sex trade with greater accuracy, sensitivity and understanding.

### **Julie Bindel | Radical feminist, writer, broadcaster and journalist**

*Julie Bindel has been active in the global campaign to end violence towards women and children since 1979 and has written extensively on rape, domestic violence, sexually motivated murder, prostitution and trafficking, child sexual exploitation, stalking, and the rise of religious fundamentalism and its harm to women and girls. She is co-founder of the law-reform group, Justice for Women.*

### **Fiona Broadfoot | Sex trade survivor and CEO of Build A Girl**

*Fiona is a sex trade survivor, having been trafficked into prostitution at the age of fifteen. She spent 11 years entrenched in the violent world of prostitution, exiting after the murder of her 17-year-old cousin by a sex buyer in 1995. Since then, she has campaigned tirelessly on the issue of violence against women and girls. She co-founded Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE) and Street EXIT and recently started her own social enterprise called 'Build a Girl Project' which is based on survivor-led perspectives, and is deeply committed to supporting and empowering victims and survivors of sexual exploitation and prostitution abuse.*

14.30 - 15.00

## Supporting women to exit sexual exploitation

In this session, Sarah shares on the importance of ensuring that those who are exploited through prostitution are not criminalised, but are instead supported to exit and access the services they need. Prioritising help for such individuals depends on exploding the myths about prostitution as a matter of 'free choice' and recognising it as a form of violence against women with clear links to child abuse, coercive control, trafficking and modern slavery.

### **Sarah Champion | MP Rotherham, and former shadow Equalities Minister**

*Sarah Champion was elected as the first female MP for Rotherham in 2012. From 2015 to 2016, she served as Shadow Minister for Preventing Abuse and Domestic Violence as part of the Shadow Home Office team, and from 2016 to 2017, she was Shadow Secretary of State for Women and Equalities. She does not consider herself a career politician but is driven by a commitment to creating a fairer and more just society.*

15.00 - 15.30

## Internet pornography and the erosion of empathy

The use of internet pornography is increasing at an alarming rate. For many, it is a significant educational force in relation to the meaning of sex and human relationships. However, key features of internet pornography (and its use) are fundamentally incompatible with human empathy. This talk will explore how internet pornography poses a threat to human intimacy through the erosion of empathy and will critique the significance and consequences of this threat.

### **Dr. Sam Carr | Senior Lecturer, Department of Education & Centre for Death and Society, Bath University**

*Sam has a particular interest in exploring human relationships and their role in shaping our psychological experiences through the lifespan. To this end, attachment theory (as a way of thinking about and understanding relationships) is one of his favoured frameworks. He is equally intrigued by (a) the impacts of our close attachments on our existence and (b) the impacts of broader social and political structures upon our attachment bond formation and psychological experiences.*

**15.40 - 16.10**

## The challenges of teaching school pupils about internet pornography

In this session, Mary will explore three different areas: Schools; Sexual Politics and Parents. She will explain how The Reward Foundation meets the various issues posed by each challenge to enable pupils to engage with the risks and rewards of using internet pornography today.

### **Mary Sharpe | CEO, The Reward Foundation**

*After practicing as a solicitor and advocate, Mary set up The Reward Foundation in 2014. This presents current scientific research to tackle the real issues today around love, sex and the internet. It has been accredited by the Royal College of General Practitioners to run workshops about internet porn's impact on health.*

**16.10 - 16.40**

## Recognising the links between the sexual exploitation of children and of women: How can we end demand for both?

Many women's exploitation in the sex trade began when they were children. Often the same men pay for sexual access to both children and adult women, and the same third party profiteers (pimps) coerce and exploit them. Maureen suggests that the sexual commodification of women creates a social context which encourages the sexual commodification of children. She argues that CSE can only be challenged effectively by law and policy which recognises the links between the different forms of sexual exploitation and aims to end the demand for them all.

### **Maureen O'Hara**

#### **Feminist activist, solicitor and senior lecturer in law at Coventry University**

*Maureen has been involved in a number of feminist campaigns against the sex trade, and has volunteered in rape crisis and domestic abuse services. She has worked in child safeguarding as a policy officer, trainer, and legal practitioner where her main areas of practice were child and family law, and immigration law. She is currently carrying out research into the sexual exploitation of children, and criminal justice responses to it.*

### **Naomi Miles | Chair of the Board of Trustees, Cease UK**

Naomi has long been passionate about promoting a greater awareness of the subtle but far-reaching harms of the objectification of women and the hypersexualisation of culture. She has previously worked in television, as a freelance copywriter and as a volunteer for an Indian charity devoted to helping prostitutes and their children.

### **Vanessa Morse | Chief Executive, Cease UK**

Ness has spent the past decade working in the charity sector in Wales. Prior to joining Cease UK in September 2019 she ran a division of the international disability arts charity, Hijinx. A passionate advocate for disability rights and equality of opportunity, she developed an award-winning jobs programme, creating hundreds of paid work opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and autism in Wales. She has also worked nationally to lead successful collaborations between third sector organisations and politicians, the media, corporates and digital innovators.

Ness is determined to expose the interconnections between and drivers behind all forms of sexual exploitation, and is thrilled to lead Cease UK into the next phase of its life.

## Are you connected to CEASE UK?

In 2020 we will be launching exciting new initiatives and we want you on board. Make sure you're getting the latest news from the Cease team by signing up to our mailing list at [www.ceaseuk.org](http://www.ceaseuk.org)

### We need you.

Over the next year we will be building a network of ambassadors, influencers and fundraisers to help us in the fight against sexual exploitation. If you'd like to get more closely involved with Cease, drop us a line at [hello@ceaseuk.org](mailto:hello@ceaseuk.org). We'd love to hear from you.

### Donate

As a registered charity everything CEASE UK does depends on first raising funds. If you would like to support CEASE you can make a donation via the bank details below.

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# Supporting Organisations



## **The Naked Truth Project**

The Naked Truth Project exists to inform, educate and equip people to talk about and tackle the damaging impact of pornography through initiatives such as school lessons, parent workshops, books and conferences.

Naked Truth Recovery Project offers professional, accessible and affordable programmes and resources to help porn users and their partners or spouses.

[www.thenakedtruthproject.com](http://www.thenakedtruthproject.com)



## **NGW**

The NWG is a charitable organisation formed as a UK network of over 14 500 practitioners who disseminate information down through their services, to professionals working on the issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE) and trafficking within the UK. Its network covers voluntary and statutory services and private companies working in this field. It offers support and advice; raises the profile of CES; provides updates and training; shares national developments; and influences the development of national and local policy informed by practice.

[www.nwgnetwork.org](http://www.nwgnetwork.org)



### **Nordic Model Now!**

Nordic Model Now! is a grassroots women's group campaigning for the abolition of prostitution and related practices (such as lapdancing, pornography and surrogacy), and the effective implementation of the Nordic Model (also known as the Sex Buyer Law). We have no funding other than donations from supporters, and everything we do is done by unpaid volunteers. The group includes women from a wide range of backgrounds, ages and disciplines, including survivors of prostitution and child sexual exploitation. Follow us on social media ([@nordicmodelnow](https://twitter.com/nordicmodelnow)) and see our website ([www.nordicmodelnow.org](http://www.nordicmodelnow.org)) for more information.



### **Not Buying It**

Not Buying It was set up 3 years ago to challenge the porn and sex trades, and the ways in which they have normalised sexual exploitation. They have successfully petitioned Ann Summers to cut its link with Pornhub and have had the Equality and Human Rights Commission investigating why advertising regulator, the ASA, still allows porn and sex ads in newspapers. It also spearheaded a successful legal challenge against one Council showing how the licensing of strip clubs is in breach of equality law. [www.notbuyingit.org.uk](http://www.notbuyingit.org.uk)



### **NSPCC Learning**

Everyone who comes into contact with children and young people has a responsibility to keep them safe. At NSPCC Learning, we help individuals and organisations to do this. We keep you up-to-date with the latest child protection policy, practice and research. We deliver expert elearning courses and face-to-face training for your organisation. And we provide bespoke consultancy and share our knowledge of what works to help you deliver services for children and families. With your support, working together, we can help protect more children right across the UK. Visit us at [nspcc.org.uk/learning](http://nspcc.org.uk/learning)

## OBJECT

Women Not  
Sex Objects

### OBJECT

OBJECT is a prize-winning feminist campaigning group, originally founded by Dr Sasha Rakoff. OBJECT campaigns against the sexual objectification of women and the oppression of women as a sex class. OBJECT promotes understanding of the objectification and oppression of women from a radical feminist perspective, and takes action based on that understanding. OBJECT currently focuses on 5 Key Issues relating to the oppression and objectification of women: pornography, prostitution, sex encounter venues, surrogacy and 'transgender.' [www.objectnow.org](http://www.objectnow.org)

PRESS RED  
Turn the silence off



### Press Red

Press Red educates, equips and empowers individuals, churches and the wider society to speak out against the violence suffered by women and girls globally. Such abuses are rarely confronted, due to fear, shame or cultural conditioning. This charity shines a light on the issues, helping to promote understanding of what's going on and holding out the tools and resources people need to challenge the status quo and make a difference. [www.pressred.org](http://www.pressred.org)

Restored  
Ending Violence Against Women

### Restored

1 in 4 women in the UK suffer domestic abuse during their lifetime; this includes both women who attend church and those who don't. Restored works to equip the church to respond better to this reality and to involve men in changing the beliefs, attitudes and behaviours that underpin this issue. Co-founded in 2010 by Mandy Marshall and Peter Grant (formerly of Tearfund), it works in the UK and internationally, campaigning to raise awareness, equip groups and individuals to act against violence against women, developing new initiatives where necessary. [www.restoredrelationships.org](http://www.restoredrelationships.org)



### **SASE | Stand Against Sexual Exploitation**

SASE aims to create more choice for people affected by involvement in the commercial sex industry and to eliminate harm and exploitation. We facilitate a network of practitioners, individuals, policy makers, survivors, and others who share this aim. We primarily support service providers to be effective in helping people, most commonly women, to exit from prostitution. We promote practice, policy and law that helps to achieve this. Our network aims to raise public awareness of these issues and to act as a resource and information hub disseminating research, policy and practice. It also aims to offer a safe and supportive space for survivors, practitioners and others to connect with one another and progress these issues.

[www.sase.org.uk](http://www.sase.org.uk)



### **Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking**

The Salvation Army provides specialist support for all adult victims of modern slavery in England and Wales through a government contract which was first awarded in 2011. It delivers a specialist support programme to protect and care for all adult victims, with a wide range of specialist services to meet individual needs, whether within a safehouse or through outreach support.

In addition to the government contract, The Salvation Army also operates:

- an International Response programme, aiming to stop trafficking at the source;
- a Victim Care Fund, providing additional support to victims in the UK; and
- Community Hubs, to provide continued support to victims moving towards an independent life.

[www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery)





### **Spectacular Woman**

Spectacular Woman provides a platform for leadership, inspiration and empowerment, influencing other women to take giant leaps in their personal or professional lives. It was created as a combination safe place, with carefully crafted inspirational and empowering networks and programs that unblock the limitations of limited beliefs and lack self-worth and confidence, enabling women to fulfil their complete potential. It offers various programs, including for a teen violence prevention program for schools, and a program to help women who have experienced domestic violence to get back into education, employment and training. [www.spectacularwoman.com](http://www.spectacularwoman.com)



### **Street Talk**

Street Talk is a counselling service for women trapped in street based prostitution, as well as women who have been the victims of trafficking. Our aim is to provide professional, specialist care to some of the most vulnerable and marginalised women on our streets.

Street Talk takes psychotherapy to women trapped in street prostitution and to women who have escaped from traffickers. Street Talk works with women in hostels, day centres and in prison. The aim of our work is to enable women to live safely and with dignity.

### **Street Talk: Not Angry, But Hurting** *by Pip Hockton*

A model for therapy developed through work with women in street prostitution, 2005-2018. This book makes the connection between trauma, addiction and prostitution.

### **Doorways** *by Bekki Perriman*

This anthology of writing and photography makes the connection between trauma and homelessness.



### **Streetlight UK**

Streetlight UK provides a dedicated, specialised support service for women involved in prostitution across Sussex, Surrey and London. This includes an on-call service for the Crawley and Gatwick Police 'Hotel Watch' schemes, servicing some 30 plus hotels around the airport and surrounding areas.

- We offer specialist advice and assistance to women with multiple related disadvantages of involvement in prostitution, including mental health issues. We also support law enforcers, local authorities and other statutory and non-statutory bodies with training and awareness on the harms of prostitution including sex trafficking.
- StreetlightUK is an affiliate member of Beyond the Streets sharing resource, training and good practice with similar projects and agencies all across the UK.

[www.streetlight.uk.com](http://www.streetlight.uk.com)



### **The Reward Foundation**

The Reward Foundation is a sex and relationship education charity that teaches about the impact of internet pornography on the brain and behaviour. It delivers evidence-based training to professionals, develops lesson plans for teachers and also teaches in schools. The Reward Foundation looks at internet pornography's impact on mental and physical health, relationships, attainment and criminality, making the supporting research accessible to non-scientists so that everyone can make informed choices about its use.

[www.rewardfoundation.org/services/](http://www.rewardfoundation.org/services/)



### **White Ribbon**

White Ribbon's mission is to end male violence against women, once and for all. It works with men and boys to challenge those male cultures that lead to harassment, abuse and violence. Its volunteer ambassadors engage with other men and boys to call out such behaviour among their peers and promote a culture of equality and respect. It calls on all men to take a stand against sexism and gender-based violence in all forms.

[www.whiteribbon.org.uk](http://www.whiteribbon.org.uk)

## Thanks

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**Feedback:** We'd love to know your thoughts on the Summit and are always looking for ways to improve how we run it. Look out for an e-survey from Cease UK in your inbox in the next few days.

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