

COLLECTIVE THINKING

Our year so far...

JUNE 2025

DAVOS,
OECD, FAKE
FASHION
AND MUCH
MORE...

THE
ANTI-SLAVERY
COLLECTIVE

From our CEO

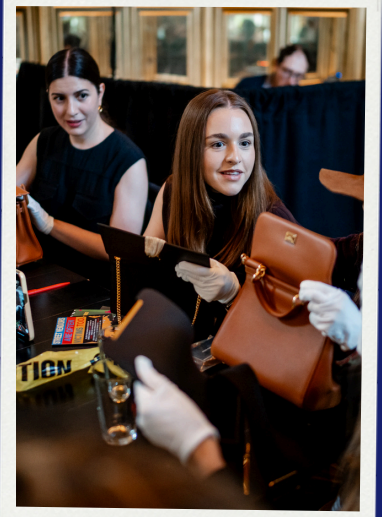
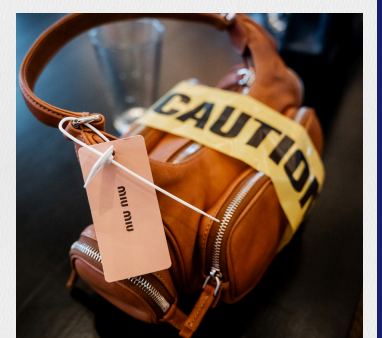
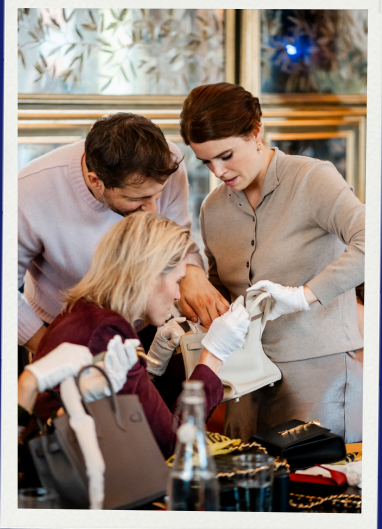
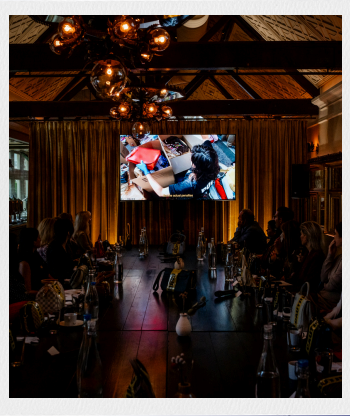
The last six months at The Anti-Slavery Collective have been a whirlwind of activity and change. Our small organisation has undergone quite a transformation - we've grown our team, brought in new technical experts, and are in the process of developing four new programmes - Empathy through Education, Fake Fashion & Forced Labour, Responsible Business, and Supporting Survivors. We have been busy conducting research, building partnerships, and developing action plans for each new programmatic area. Much more to come on education and fake fashion in the coming months!

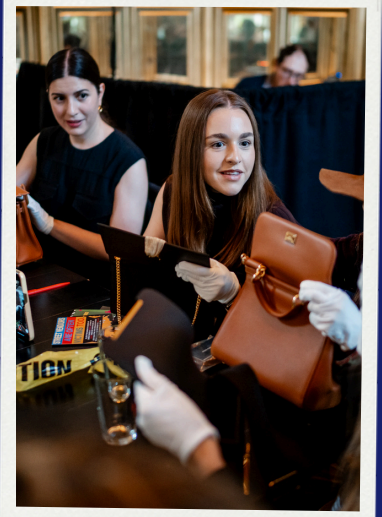
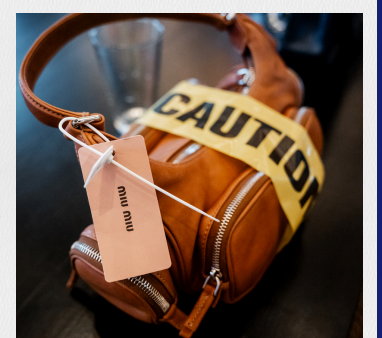
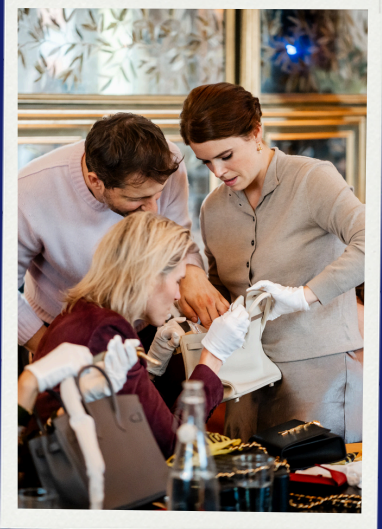
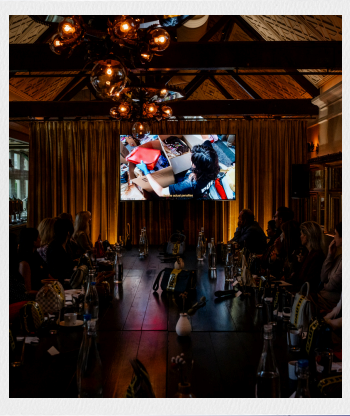
In late 2024, The Anti-Slavery Collective began our new small grants programme supporting grassroots organisations with survivors at their heart. A highlight for me this year has been the process of building partnerships with these



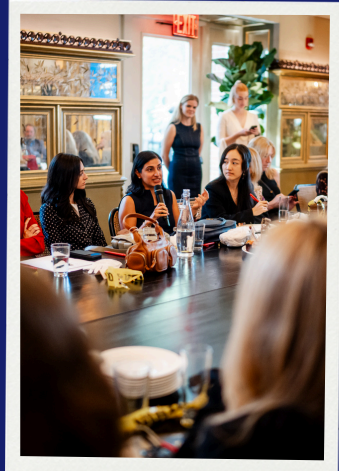
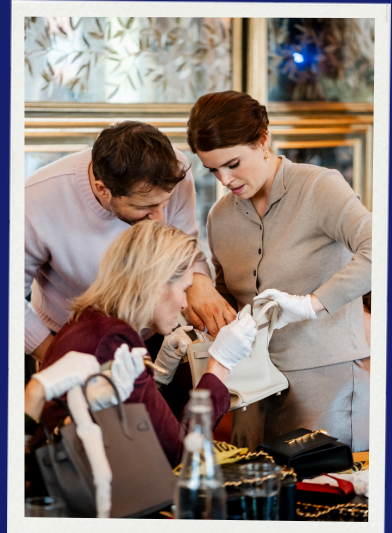
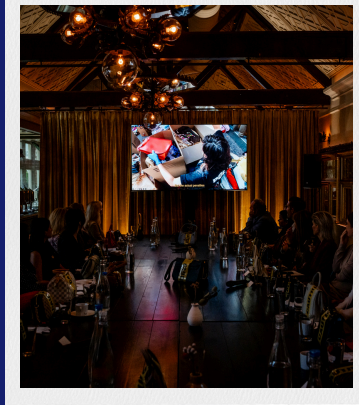
organisations, and seeing firsthand the deeply thoughtful work they do. We are trying to build a more thoughtful and empathetic granting model; one where small organisations are not over-burdened by reporting or bureaucracy, can spend the money where they see the greatest need, and which is built on the foundation of equality. Grassroots organisations like the Sophie Hayes Foundation and Bramber Bakehouse are on the frontline with survivors and have vital evidence and testimony to share to build our understanding of the root causes of modern slavery. We hope we can continue to grow these connections and wherever possible amplify the voices of survivor-led groups and organisations ▣

Sarah Woodcock





We finally launched our new campaign Fake Fashion & Forced Labour: A Human Rights Scandal. We brought together a diverse group of speakers including our CEO Sarah Woodcock, Ashley Dahl from TRACIT, CEO of Entrupy Vidyuth Srinivasan, and behavioural scientist Dr Sheena Mipuri from BIT.

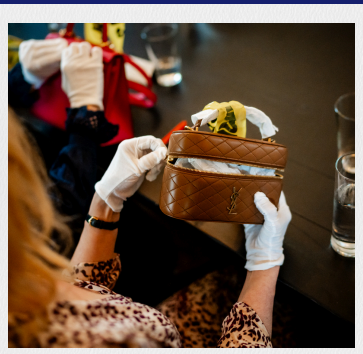
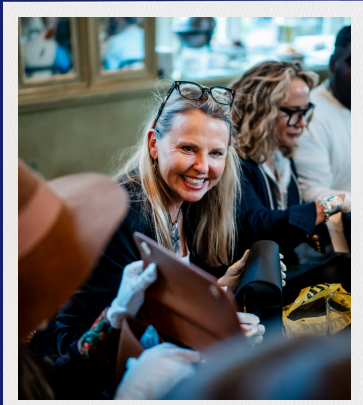


Hilary Milnes from Vogue Business, guided us expertly in a discussion about this booming criminal enterprise and invited guests to see if they can tell a fake.



Counterfeit fashion is booming and it's driving a hidden web of exploitation and harm to people and planet.

From forced labour and child exploitation to human trafficking, the supply chains behind counterfeit goods are rife with harm, often hidden in plain sight.



We were delighted to hear such passionate testimony from Nasreen Sheikh, a survivor leader, passionate campaigner, and Commissioner for the Global Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

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Davos

World Economic Forum

The Anti-Slavery Collective spent several days in the tiny Swiss town to connect with experts, activists, decision-makers and entrepreneurs. We saw the Washington Post's David Ignatius interviewing Polish President Andrzej Duda. President Duda shared his concerns about the migrant crisis as a result of the Ukraine war - something that is significant to our work given the huge spike in the vulnerability of migrant or refugee populations to human trafficking. We also heard Cindi McCain (Head of the WHO) share a passionate appeal about the devastating plight of people in Gaza, Yemen, and Sudan. Cindi is a major advocate for anti-trafficking work and heads the McCain Institute for International Leadership in Washington.



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Cambridge

A groundbreaking new Charter

Birketts, the High Sheriff of Cambridge, and the business community of Peterborough and Cambridge have been working on a groundbreaking piece of work. Supported tirelessly by Caroline Haughey OBE KC's leadership, The Anti-Slavery Collective joined Baroness Theresa May and others at an event in January, to develop the UK's first county-wide Modern Slavery Charter. The Charter reflects a business commitment to stand against modern slavery, but will also facilitate learning and the sharing of information to help businesses guard against labour exploitation. Cambridgeshire is taking the lead on this issue - we hope more counties will follow.



MARCH

London

People & Planet

Sustainable Markets Initiative was founded by His Majesty King Charles III (then Prince of Wales) in 2020 to accelerate the transition to a sustainable future, focusing on climate, biodiversity, and Sustainable Development Goals. In March The Anti-Slavery Collective was invited to join a panel of experts, who were each in different ways, forging bold new pathways in sustainable, fair fashion. In conversations about sustainability, the 'people' aspect of people and planet sometimes gets lost. No one wants to buy an item of clothing that has been made off the back of child labour or forced labour. And no one should be able to. However, data from the 2024 Better Buying Index showed that just shy of half of suppliers (48.9%) reported that prices paid by buyers and brands were not enough to cover the basic production and labour costs, let alone make a profit. When unreasonable demands are put on suppliers and factories, corners are cut, exploitation creeps in, and garment workers suffer.



New York

Leveraging data

As a founding member, The Anti Slavery Collective was delighted to support the launch of The Global Data Partnership in Davos. This public private partnership brings together leaders and technical experts to advance bold new approaches in leveraging data and accelerating accountability towards systemic action in the eradication of forced labour in supply chains. In March, the first of four Experts Workshops was held in New York, which our CEO attended. The workshop set in motion plans to develop a bold new plan to radically transform how we use data to combat forced labour.



London

Education Roundtable

In May, The Anti-Slavery Collective hosted a roundtable in London bringing together diverse experts to help shape our new Empathy through Education programme. Driven by our co-founders, who believe passionately in the importance of educating young people about Modern Slavery, our programme will raise awareness on forced labour and equip young people to take social action. Sincere thanks to the educators and youth-sector experts who gave up their time to join us and share their insights. In October we will be launching a whole new series of education activities, so watch this space!



Paris

OECD

In March, The Anti-Slavery Collective was invited by the OECD to speak at their inaugural Forum on Countering Illicit Trade in Paris. Over the last nine months the Collective has been collecting evidence, conducting research, and establishing an international partnership for a new project - Fake Fashion & Forced Labour. Exploitation exists from end to end in fake fashion supply chains, and in the worst cases, in the form of forced labour, child labour and human trafficking. The Anti-Slavery Collective was delighted to refocus attention on the devastation of forced labour within counterfeit supply chains. Much more to come on this project!

APRIL

UK

Growing our Team

In January we welcomed Lucy Milich as our new Director of Partnerships and Programmes. In February, Jasmin Kreutzer joined the Collective as an Associate, and in April Hannah Grey joined our ranks as our new Partnership and Programmes Officer.

MAY





UK

Bakhita House

As part of our continued commitment to survivor-informed work, The Anti-Slavery Collective visited Caritas Bakhita House — a safehouse providing trauma-informed support to women who have experienced trafficking and exploitation. We are proud to fund and collaborate with their team as part of our broader effort to strengthen survivor-led approaches. Led by our co-founder HRH Princess Eugenie, we spent time with residents, listened to their stories, and reflected on the challenges they have faced. These conversations continue to inform how we advocate and where we focus our support.



UK

Salvation Army

HRH Princess Eugenie led a visit to one of the Salvation Army’s safehouses — a secure and supportive space for people recovering from modern slavery. These safehouses provide residents with access to therapy, advocacy, and skills support tailored to individual needs. During our visit, we met with residents, took part in a creative activity, and heard directly about their experiences. Insights from visits like these are crucial in keeping our work grounded in the realities of survivor experiences.

Global

Fake Fashion

The Anti-Slavery Collective has built a new global partnership with the Anti Counterfeiting Group (ACG) in the UK and the Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT) in the US to combat forced labour in counterfeit supply chains. Having spent the last nine months speaking with Intellectual Property experts, law enforcement groups, Trading Standards, brands, and academics, we have developed a new evidence base to shed light on how counterfeiting drives forced labour. Our position paper details our key findings and sets out a 7 point plan to tackle this much overlooked human rights scandal.



UK

Bramber Bakehouse

The Anti-Slavery Collective recently visited Bramber Bakehouse, a charity that works with women who have experienced exploitation. Through our support and partnership with Bramber Bakehouse, we aim to strengthen survivor-focused initiatives that offer practical tools and meaningful next steps for those rebuilding their lives. During our visit, we joined participants in the kitchen and saw how the programme creates a structured, low-pressure environment where learning is paced and responsive to individual needs. We also observed a wellbeing session, which underscored how Bramber’s trauma-informed model prioritises emotional safety, trust, and support alongside skills development.





London

Sophie Hayes Foundation

The Anti-Slavery Collective had the privilege of attending one of The Sophie Hayes Foundation's CREW (Creative, Resilient, Empowered Women) events. The CREW network brings together women who have taken part in the Foundation's programmes over the last 10 years. Women meet at training sessions and events that build new skills, connection, and friendship.

During a beautiful picnic in the sunshine, many of the women shared how impactful the English language and employability programmes have been in their lives.

We are so proud to support this grassroots organisation, which has been supporting women to rebuild and develop the skills and confidence to achieve self-sufficiency and independence since 2011.

JUNE



UK

Home Office meeting

In May, Minister Jess Phillips hosted a range of civil society leaders, including our CEO, at the Home Office to discuss progress against the new Modern Slavery Action Plan targets. The Home Office are working hard to tackle the long backlog of NRM cases, and have made some early progress. A lot more work to do, but the Home Office has demonstrated a genuine commitment to work more closely with civil society organisations, including the Collective, which is great to see.

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