

**ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019**

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## CEO REPORT

Abolishment is dedicated to the abolition of modern slavery. We are continually inspired by the survivors we meet, those that have been willing to share their stories with us and the huge amount of professionals working to end human trafficking in Europe.

Abolishment continued this year to break the systems that keep people in sex slavery by working diligently in our key areas. Here is what we achieved:

- Raising Awareness
  - Train 181 individuals with our online training course.
  - Reach 2816 people in our outreach and prevention programs.
- Professional Training
  - Train 333 professionals from medical, social work and community sectors.
  - Trained 20 anti-trafficking specialists with Art & Soul
- Capacity Building
  - We were a key partner in the European Freedom Network Conference. This conference provided professional training, networking and support to 160 anti-trafficking specialists.
- Restoration Care
  - We employed 1 survivor in our ROAM Living social enterprise. We also worked closely with 1 other survivor as they worked to rebuild their lives after slavery.

## ABOLISHION IN REVIEW

Abolishment has now in its seventh year of operation. This year we took the time to look back over what we had accomplished in this time, the programs we have built, what we did well and what was effective.

Since its beginning Abolishment has done the following in our key areas of influence:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
<b>Raising Awareness</b>							
Number of sessions						88	88
Number of schools					7	21	28
Students			200	666	692	2,339	3,897
Parents						56	56
Roma Community			43		29		72
30 Day Course	81	195	229	167	120	258	1,050
High at Risk Groups					18	10	28
<b>Total Raising Awareness</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>2,663</b>	<b>5,103</b>
<b>Professional Training</b>							
Teachers	22					242	264
Social Workers	30		11	81	58	81	261
Anti-Trafficking Sector					176	26	202
Crime Fighting				94	35		129
Medical				8	58	186	252
Volunteers				9	29	6	44
Church Based	31	115	205	182	76	29	638
Government			107				107
<b>Total Professional Training</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>1,695</b>

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
<b>Restoration Care</b>							
Survivors				10	19	5	34
<b>Total Restoration Care</b>				<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>TOTAL DIRECT INFLUENCE</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>3,238</b>	<b>7,034</b>
<b>European Freedom Network</b>							
Conference Attendance					262		262
Campaign Influence				595,506	518,645		1,114,151
<b>Total European Freedom Network</b>				<b>595,506</b>	<b>518,907</b>		<b>1,114,413</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLUENCE</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>596,723</b>	<b>520,217</b>	<b>3,238</b>	<b>1,121,447</b>

Whilst we celebrate every one of our victories this review has led us to refocus our programs moving forward. We could see that we are clearly strong on the prevention front, particularly with our Be Safe on Social Media program being so well received in schools. Our partnership with the Department of Education in Bihor, Romania has given us access to the majority of schools in our region. We are committed to continuing this program, classroom by classroom, to ensure that students are aware of how traffickers might try to recruit them online.

We also understood that dynamics had changed for the survivors we worked with, with many preferring to stay with friends and family rather than in shelters. We could see that survivors prioritised opportunity to gain employment over accessing accommodation and counselling services. These were trends that we were experiencing, as well as many other shelters across Europe. We saw that our ROAM living social enterprise had provided employment for survivors whilst also giving them a sense of self worth and the dignity and independence that comes from providing for yourself. With this information at hand, we made the difficult decision to close our shelter and focus our energies on building our social enterprise in order to provide empathetic employment for survivors.

This year we also have begun running our Be Safe on Social Media program in Portugal. Our team in Romania has developed over the last 6 years and our staff have become experienced professionals. We are now working to take the tools and experience we have developed and set up a second Abolition office in Portugal in 2020. A priority will be to see our schools program flourish there. Romania is a source country and we have focused on prevention there. Portugal is a transit and destination country, which will provide us opportunity to look at the other demand end of human trafficking.

In order to break the systems of sex trafficking it is important to work with others. No one organisation is able to do everything and it is imperative that we continue to work to build capacity in other organisations and networks. Abolition remains committed to its partnership with the European Freedom Network, a network of over 250 anti-trafficking organisations and the National Agency Against Trafficking in Persons in Romania. Together we will work to fight this hideous crime.

We have also focused a great deal of our time looking at how technology, artificial intelligence and research can be used to fight human trafficking. It is early days for us working in this area, but we are convinced that both proactive investigation of trafficking patterns online and targeted deep

research into how the operations of human trafficking are shifting will be key parts of our future program development in 2020 and beyond.

Here at Abolishion, we will continue our work towards a world where nobody is sold for the highest bid. Thank you to all of our generous partners and donors who have joined us in the fight against modern day slavery.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Rhodes  
CEO and Founder - Abolishion

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### PROFIT AND LOSS

Period: 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

#### Income

Donations	
- General	93,840.36
- General - Romania	4,314.04
- Wages	18,789.50
- Restoration Care	3,272.00
Professional Training	305.00
ROAM	235.00
Interest	109.92
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>120,865.82</b>

#### Expenses

Raising Awareness	28,846.42
Professional Training	1,870.39
Capacity Building	17,839.54
Restoration Care	13,858.72
ROAM	2,411.88
Freedom Analytics	5,324
<b>Total Projects</b>	<b>70,150.95</b>

Fundraising	2,892.97
General	20,180.58
<b>Total Admin</b>	<b>23,073.55</b>

**Total** **93,224.50**

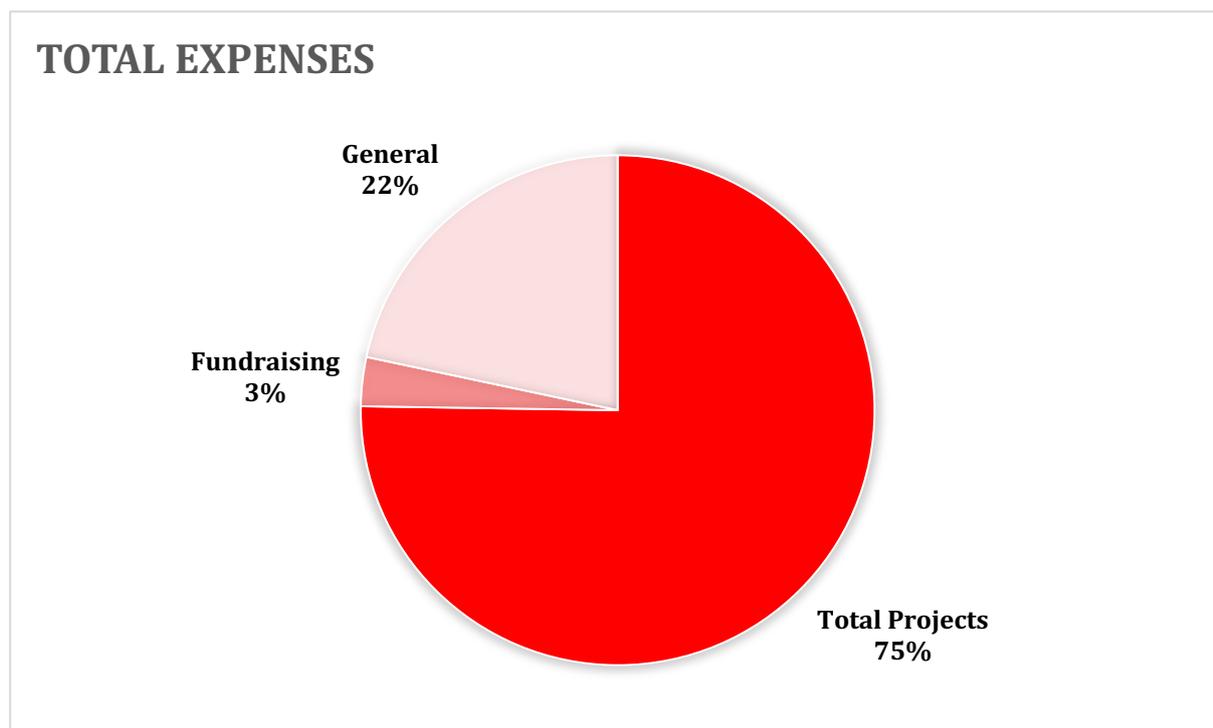
**Total Profit/Loss** **27,641.32**

## BALANCE SHEET

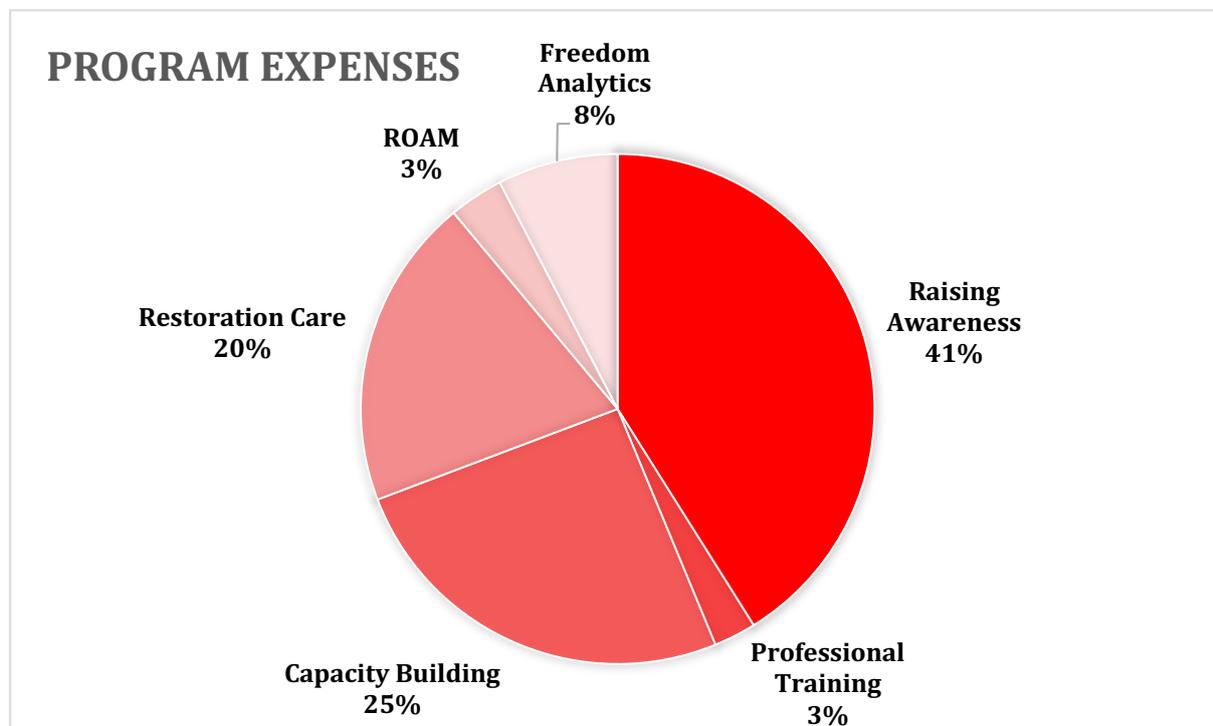
As at 30 June 2019

		<b>Total</b>
<b>Asset</b>		
<b>Banking</b>		
1-1000	Westpac 440962	34,422.49
1-1100	Westpac 440970	50.00
1-1300	PayPal	19.18
<b>Total Banking</b>		<b>34,491.67</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
1-1900	Abolishion Romania Holding Acc	2,498.81
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>2,498.81</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
1-2000	Furniture & fittings	264.03
1-2001	Less Accumulated Depreciation	-264.03
1-2400	Office equipment & computers	3,666.51
1-2401	Less Accumulated Depreciation	-3,666.51
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Asset</b>		<b>36,990.48</b>
<b>Liability</b>		
<b>Credit Card</b>		
<b>Total Credit Card</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
2-2400	GST paid	-88.51
2-2600	PAYG withholdings payable	663.00
2-3200	Superannuation payable	692.85
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,267.34</b>
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>		
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Liability</b>		<b>1,267.34</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>35,723.14</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
<b>Current Earnings</b>		
3-1800	Current year earnings	27,641.32
<b>Total Current Earnings</b>		<b>27,641.32</b>
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
3-1600	Retained earnings	8,081.82
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>		<b>8,081.82</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>35,723.14</b>

TOTAL EXPENSES BREAKDOWN 2017/2018



PROGRAM EXPENSES BREAKDOWN 2017/2018



## STORIES FROM THE FIELD

### STUDENTS ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT TRAFFICKING VICTIMS



Abolition has developed a Schools Against Human Trafficking program. This program informs teachers, students and parents about human trafficking techniques and is targeted at communities where we know human trafficking is happening. Our first session deals with how to be safe on social media and how traffickers work to recruit young people online.

This week we have had the privilege of speaking to students living in a Roma community where police have been monitoring trafficking activity. We had great discussions with engaged students that wanted to know more about human trafficking. Some of them started our free online

course that informs participants further about human trafficking and helps you to understand how it works and equips you to do something about it.

The students, many from Roma families, were interested to hear about the dangers of human trafficking and they also wanted to know what happened to the missing children. “Where are they found?”, “Are they still missing?”, “Look! This one is about my age.”, “How old is he?”, “What happened to them”? These were a few of questions when the students saw pictures of missing children.

Some of the female participants said that they will do anything to be safe on social media as well as in real life. We were glad to hear that we helped the students to realise that they can protect themselves from the dangers of human trafficking.

We will continue to bring awareness in the lives of many that need to be informed about human trafficking, right where it happens.

If you want to know more about human trafficking you can subscribe to our free online course: <http://www.abolishion.org/how>.

### AT RISK TEENAGERS LEARN ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON EU ANTI-TRAFFICKING DAY

On EU Anti-trafficking day Abolishion was invited to watch Nefarious: Merchant of Souls, a documentary about modern human trafficking and sex slavery, at an event hosted by Love-Bihor and Casa Nansen. This event targeted at risk teenagers.

Before watching the movie, the Abolishion team took time to talk about why it is important to know about human trafficking. We talked about the methods that are being used by the traffickers to get people to trust them, how they try to take control of someone’s life and then how they trafficking them into forced prostitution or forced labour.

We were honoured to be able to answer their questions and it was a great opportunity to bring awareness in the lives of teenagers about human trafficking. It was such a great way to celebrate this important day.

The at-risk teenagers now know they can learn more about human trafficking by signing up for Abolition’s free 30-day online course. It’s an easy to read course that is broken up into bite size chunks that you receive in your email every day for 30 days. The course is designed to inform you about human trafficking, help you understand how it works and equip you to do something about it.

## ART & SOUL HELPS ANTI-TRAFFICKING SPECIALISTS PROCESS VICARIOUS TRAUMA



Abolition was pleased to bring Art & Soul to European anti-trafficking workers in Pescara, Italy. On May 25, 2019, we hosted a one day event to 20 members of the European Freedom Network. The Art & Soul program was created by Dr. Michelle Sanders, who also sits on the Abolition board. Participants were all anti-trafficking specialists and the day provided a framework for working with vulnerable people through the medium of art as well as a time of reflection and self care for these hard working individuals.

“Anti-trafficking professionals are working on the front line of human trafficking. They hear the stories that can’t be unheard. They meet the people who have been traumatised by traffickers. As a result, many suffer vicarious trauma, also known as secondary trauma. It’s the trauma that you take on from listening to the details of other people’s stories. It is extremely important to provide safe outlets for professionals to work through this. That’s part of what we’re hoping to achieve today.” said Leanne Rhodes, the CEO of Abolition.

On the day, Dr. Sanders provided a discussion framework and art based activities that specialists could take with them. These tools can then be used by specialists in their work with survivors, family members and others impacted by human trafficking.

The program was well received by participants with much time spent in peaceful silence as everyone concentrated on their painting and reflected on the thoughtful dialogue that Dr. Sanders provided. Participants went home with 3 paintings each.

For more information on Art & Soul please visit: <https://www.artandsoul.org.au>