



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 10 – REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Transcript of interview with Professor Dave Walsh of De Montfort Law School, following the launch of a new partnership set up to tackle modern slavery.

It's recognised that the police alone cannot undertake any combative action solely. They have to work in partnership with a huge number of agencies, I think that's accepted across the country except that what we see in recent reports is that unfortunately what partnership looks like and how we measure their effectiveness is really misunderstood.

What we're doing at DMU is actually trying to support initiatives and trying to show what we think works is a good model of partnership between police and NGOs, statutory agencies and in turn of course because we're talking about modern slavery businesses.

And what we're doing is saying instead of just coming together, talking and then not doing anything is that the plan we have, and the partnership model we propose, supports this idea of turning this talk into action because this is what it's all about, rescuing people from modern slavery.

There's no doubt that the Prime Minister is right behind it (tackling modern slavery). When she was Home Secretary brought in the Modern Slavery Act. It is a real evil. For those who say it is not much of a problem, when you see it face on, you realise the misery that is cast upon these people by exploiters.

It is horrendous. 11,000 to 13,000 people is a conservative estimate in this country alone. It's much more. In this day and age we shouldn't be allowing people to be victimised in the way that they are by people who only doing it for the money.

We've showed the role that the university plays in helping tackle this problem, in raising awareness among the students because we think that's one way of helping combat modern slavery is really generating and mobilising, opinion, views, awareness of the problem.