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THE FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION (UK – ROMANIA)

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BRIAN AND MARY'S VISIT TO ROMANIA 5th – 11th NOV. 2017

On Tuesday 7th Brian was invited to make a presentation to over 80 undergraduates and research students at The University of the West, Timisoara. This was the first in a series addressing all forms of exploitation as part of a year-long project on raising public awareness of human trafficking throughout Romanian society. The theme of this lecture? - Sexual Exploitation.

Speaking of which, what about the series of arrests here in Lancashire soon after our return from Romania? A report from Lancashire Constabulary reads:

Six men and a woman have been charged with human trafficking offences after a string of raids across four counties. On Wednesday 29th November warrants were executed in Lancashire, Manchester, Northampton and Luton. The searches were part of an investigation into the trafficking and sexual exploitation of a large number of Romanian women. . . Over the last two days seven suspects have been interviewed at length by the Human Trafficking Team and tonight have all been charged with conspiring to traffick, conspiring to cause prostitution and firearm offences.





METROPOLITAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF TIMISOARA

The photo shows Mary with Puiu Tarcea, President of our partner charity, Pro Prietenia Arad. Timisoara is the capital city of Timis County and the main social, economic and cultural centre of western Romania. It is the European Capital of Culture for 2021. The cathedral acts as a memorial to those who lost their lives during the

1989 Revolution which overturned communist rule.

COMING UP IN DECEMBER

5 December: Inaugural meeting of the Clewer Initiative, a response by the Church of England to modern slavery and human trafficking, Church House, Blackburn which Brian and Mary will attend.

8 December: 12.00 to 2pm at St. George's Centre, Preston, Mary and Brian will be distributing leaflets to raise public awareness alongside singing by the Gathered Voices Choir.

15 December: Inaugural meeting of Lancashire Anti-Slavery Network, at Police Headquarters, Hutton, which Brian and Mary will attend.

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