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ASIOX NEWS

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Big news!

We are delighted to announce that we have recently launched our Survivor Support Hub in Oxfordshire, more details below.

We are thrilled to be supporting two drama productions which will be held in Oxford in August and September.

Survivor Support Hub

Following our work with a lady exploited in the care sector locally, for which we have been commended, we have been invited to set up a Survivor Support Hub to support those who are experiencing exploitation, or deemed at risk of exploitation. This Hub will provide bespoke, client-led support, in the form of information, friendship, help finding new work and other forms of assistance. We have seen that this kind of provision assists in the recovery process, reduces the risk of being re-exploited and enables them to make well-informed decisions about their futures.

Commendation from local agency

'I am writing to commend ASIOX for the invaluable work they are doing in helping victims of modern slavery in our local area.

I work as a Modern Slavery and Victim Adviser for Migrant Help and they have been incredibly helpful for one of my Service Users. They have been proactively involved in multi-agency discussions and have been very good at communicating with professionals and my Service User.

At a time when many of the statutory bodies are stretched or have large caseloads, having an additional layer of help has been extremely useful. ASIOX have been able to commit considerable time and resources to my Service User, when she was in a very difficult and fragile position.

She has described being 'really encouraged' by the mentoring she received, as it helped her a great deal emotionally. This included taking her out for walks, coffee and helping her with shopping. She has also spoken about the great help they have been in assisting her financially with some of the costs associated with her visa application, clothing and food, as well as the provision of a laptop. ASIOX have also helped her gain access to online courses, have liaised with other agencies for her, and have given her advice on a range of different issues. She summed this up by saying that they have 'done a lot for me' and have 'been there for me in every situation'.

As the above suggests, ASIOX have made a crucial difference in the life of my Service User, and I have no hesitation in commending them in the strongest of terms. They are providing a very important service for some of the most vulnerable people in society.'

We are thrilled to support Living the Drama - Box Office is now open!

'Can't See For Looking' opens at The Old Fire Station on 28 September, and then at The Cockpit, London on 18 October, Anti-Slavery Day.

When Rosa finds herself enslaved in London, she's desperate to escape. But what's her freedom worth, once she's trapped inside the UK immigration system? Based on five in-depth interviews with modern slavery victims rescued from domestic servitude, this shocking, fast-moving play highlights the prevalence of hidden slavery in Britain today and how many of us turn away, because of what it might cost us to confront a neighbour, friend or employer.

https://oldfirestation.org.uk/whats-on/cant-see-for-looking/

Justice in Motion presents 'CODE' - an urban odyssey with up-close, dazzling, adrenaline-fuelled audacious story telling, inspired by true stories.

It's free! Where: Broad St, Oxford 19 Aug, 12 & 3pm

Barton Neighbourhood Centre, 20 Aug, 2 & 5pm

Workshops 15 & 16 Aug

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