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ACRATH Members Reunite to Address Modern Slavery at Three-Day Gathering



After four years since our last face to face Gathering due to COVID, ACRATH Members, staff, and the National Committee have gathered for a three-day conference at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills, the perfect setting for discussions on the pressing issue of Modern Slavery Closer Than You Think.

The conference is providing an open platform for ACRATH members to delve into the exploitation of seasonal workers in the agriculture sector. Insights were shared by Fr Peter O'Neill ssc, Columban Regional Director of Oceania and ACRATH's representative on the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme Agriculture Committee. More resources are available from the 16 Days of Activism Campaign <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/16-days>. These resources are focused on women migrant workers vulnerable to exploitation and were launched by ACRATH and the Australian Embassy to the Holy See in Rome in November 2023.

Two leaders in modern slavery prevention are addressing the Gathering, Dr. James Cockayne, Anti-Slavery Commissioner NSW, and Cary Duffy, Assistant Secretary, Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Transition Branch. Participants are engaging in robust discussions and insightful sessions.

One attendee expressed, "It's inspiring to connect with so many individuals who share our passion. Together, we can make a difference in tackling exploitation."

The conference buzzes with enthusiasm as goals are established for 2024 and beyond, fostering crucial conversations and partnerships that support ACRATH's mission to eliminate human trafficking.

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