The International Compliance Association (ICA) and STOP THE TRAFFIK have partnered to collaboratively raise awareness of the risks of modern slavery in the financial and compliance industry.

The ICA has committed to provide scholarships for individuals displaced by conflict, including the Ukrainian and Afghani conflicts to earn an ICA certificate qualification in anti-money laundering. The aim of these scholarships is to prevent those displaced by conflict from becoming vulnerable to exploitation by increasing their employability through professional anti-money laundering skills and knowledge. At present, five Ukrainians have successfully applied and been approved for this scholarship – providing them with greater job opportunities.

"BUILDING AWARENESS ACROSS THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS OF THOSE ENGAGED IN FIGHTING FINANCIAL CRIME, WHETHER IN BANKS, FINTECH COMPANIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, OR THE GAMING INDUSTRY IS MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE. WE KNOW OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD VALUE THE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT PROVIDED BY STOP THE TRAFFIK."

PEKKA DARE
VICE PRESIDENT ICA

“IT IS SO EXCITING THAT I CAN USE THIS KNOWLEDGE RIGHT NOW. ICA CERTIFICATES ARE THE MOST VALUABLE. THIS ICA ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING CERTIFICATE IS A GOOD START TO MY OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS. I WANT NOT TO STOP AND DEVELOP FURTHER. I HOPE THAT I WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME MORE ICA TRAINING.”

ICA COURSE APPLICANT
Colleagues from across NatWest Group (NWG) attended a lunch and learn session where our business engagement team explained the various ways modern slavery could impact NWG at different levels of their operations.

This event highlighted the prevalence of modern slavery and taught NWG colleagues to recognise signs of modern slavery in their daily lives, as well as within NWGs supply chains and operations.

Virtual Workshop on Conducting an MSHT Risk Assessment

We provided a demonstration of the PowerBI dashboards produced as part of our inherent risk mapping work and facilitated group discussions giving a deep-dive session on the geographical, product and transactional risks related specifically to financial institutions.

EY Financial Crime Hackathon

STOP THE TRAFFIK joined 39 other participants from 21 different organisations and industries for a hackathon with EY, where we helped collaboratively design an innovative solution to fight modern slavery. In this collaboration, financial services, technology vendors, law enforcement and NGOs were all an integral parties to developing solutions to the difficulties faced by financial institutions when trying to share data.

BOTH SESSIONS HIGHLIGHTED THE DIFFICULTIES FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ARE FACING IN UTILISING DATA TO ASSESS THEIR RISKS.