



Tuesday, September 19th

PLAZA 3

1:30pm-2:30pm

ADDRESSING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN CANADA AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE

About the Workshop

CEASE works to uphold the United Nations Palermo Protocol, Article 9.5 to prevent, protect, alleviate the factors that make persons, especially women and children, vulnerable to trafficking, such as poverty, under-development and lack of equal opportunity and to discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation of persons, especially women and children, that leads to trafficking. Human Trafficking for sexual exploitation is driven by the demand for sexual access to the bodies of girls, women, men and gender diverse persons. This demand creates the market for human trafficking.

Canada has the largest population of Ukrainians outside of Ukraine. Since the war began, more than 120,000 Ukrainians have arrived in Canada, with 26,000 resettling in Alberta.

CEASE will present on the training organized by the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights held in Warsaw, Poland. The training focuses on addressing human trafficking risks in the light of military attack on Ukraine. Liz will speak about identifying victims of trafficking in crisis situations and migration context, understanding vulnerabilities and gender-specific needs of people fleeing an armed conflict and protecting children from human trafficking in crisis situations.

About the Presenter

Liz John-West

CEASE Executive Director

Liz has over 30 years' experience working in the social services sector. She has supported women who are sexually exploited, and women experiencing intimate partner violence. She recently participated in the training on 'Addressing human trafficking risks in light of military attack on Ukraine', which was held in Warsaw, Poland by OSCE: ODIHR (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights).