VIOLENCE AND TORTURE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS IN TRAFFICKING & PROSTITUTION: EDUCATING SERVICE PROVIDERS

WHERE: UN Commission on Status of Women, New York
ON: 12 March
AT: 6:15 pm
VENUE: The Armenian Centre – Guild Hall

This Panel Presentation will inform attendees of the need for Social Protection Systems to provide Women Centered informed programs that meet the needs of prostituted, trafficked and sexually exploited women and girls who experience torture and assault in systems of exploitation.

This panel will consist of survivors who provide direct services and protection to tortured and exploited women as well as international experts in the area of Non-state Torture (NST) who advocate for legislative and system changes to address and acknowledge torture gender-based violence.

The panel will also seat an award-winning writer, visual artist, and international speaker of European and Native American ancestry who will share her history of torture lived experience and survivor leadership.

CHAIR: Emerita Law Prof. Jackie Jones, Chair, Wales Assembly of Women, EWLA
SPEAKERS:
Jeanette Westbrook – survivor of family-based torture and human trafficking
Summer Dickerson - survivor of NST in prostitution
Megan Walker - London Abused Women's Centre, Canada
Christine Stark - survivor of NST in human trafficking
Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald – Persons Against Non-State Torture
Jackie Jones – WAW, EWLA, Campaigning for a UN Treaty to eliminate VAWG