

# Modern Slavery & The UK Construction Sector Industry Charter

The issue of slavery and other human rights abuses in modern supply chains is of great concern to stakeholders at all levels in society, from consumers through to legislators. Freedom is a universally declared right enshrined in national and supranational legislation and declarations.

In 2015, all 193 governments that are UN Member States endorsed and agreed to deliver 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) tackling major environmental and human rights world issues by 2030. The SDGs include Goal 8.7 which is to *"Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms"*.

We, the coalition of partners, commit to seek opportunities to uphold, preserve and promote the right of freedom in the United Kingdom's Construction Industry. Specifically, we are committed to:

- Developing tools, materials and training that support the development of best practice approaches to the issue of business and human rights
- Supporting best practice through collaboration and research
- Using our influence, and working with relevant authorities, to champion the abolition of illegal and unethical practices whenever they are found

