Progress & Impact Since Last Meeting

Action	Outcome
Modern Slavery face-to-face conference in partnership with CCLA Investment Management	Over 130 attendees from 60 organisations!
Deliver 'Using Data to Tackle Labour Exploitation – webinar'	Collaboration with Achilles / Nutral / Unseen 60 attendees
Confirm venue hosts and dates for SME roadshows	Hosts: DfE (Tilbury Douglas), Galliford Try, Multiplex To be delivered 1 - 16 October, late Jan and mid-March
Confirm webinar with Unseen on survivor-centred response strategies	Modern Slavery Response and Remediation: Learning from Lived Experience (Unseen), Wednesday 30th September 2026, from 10:00–11:00am.
Unseen Business Awards	Nomination submitted for Modern Slavery Due Diligence Assessment (fingers crossed)
Operational toolkit review	Ongoing. In contact with FWA. GLAA resources no longer available e.g. workers' rights poster.

Impact Delivered

- ✓ Delivered successful f2f conference
- ✓ Delivered collaborative webinar with Achilles, Nutral and Unseen
- ✓ Confirmed hosts and venues for upcoming SME roadshows
- ✓ Submitted Unseen award nomination
- ✓ Operational toolkit resource under review

Progress against business plan priorities

(1 April 26 – 31 March 27)

1 Accelerate leadership commitment to urgent modern slavery action

- Commitment: In person conference responding to growing risks and changing legal and commercial expectations
- Progress: In person conference. 130+ attendees from 60+ organisations, 18 expert speakers

2 Equip SMEs to identify, prevent, and report labour exploitation risks

- Commitment: Deliver regional roadshows for subcontractors/SMEs
- Target: 4 x regional roadshows
- Progress: 1 event delivered (30 attendees), 3 scheduled
- Next: Need partner support with engaging subcontractors, Q&A panel and catering

3 Drive uptake and impact of due diligence assessment & existing School resources

- Target: 200 assessments
- Progress: 374 completed since 1 April. Most popular assessment in the School in 2026!
- Commitment: 2 x webinars on how members are using School resources
- Progress: 397 attendees at virtual conference launching new supply chain mapping guidance

4 Raise awareness of effective remediation

- Commitment: x2 webinars to be run on remediation
- Commitment/Progress: School lived experience workshop to be run for more partner organisations
- Next: Modern Slavery Response and Remediation: Learning from Lived Experience (Unseen), Wednesday 30th September 2026, from 10:00–11:00am.

Leadership Group Delivery Tracker

- Complete
- On Track
- At Risk
- Off Track
- Not Started

Ref	Action	Owner	Due	Status
BEAS LG – 01	Deliver supply chain mapping virtual conference	School Team	April 2026	
BEAS LG - 02	Deliver full day in-person conference	School Team & Chairs	May 2026	
BEAS LG – 03	Deliver x4 regional roadshows for subcontractors/SMEs	School Team & All members	April 2026 – March 2027	
BEAS LG – 04	Engage and invite your high-risk supply chain to the Cambridge and Glasgow SME roadshow events	All members	April 2026 – March 2027	
BEAS LG – 05	Deliver x2 webinars on how members are using School resources	School Team	April 2026 – March 2027	
BEAS LG – 06	Deliver x2 webinars on remediation	School Team	September 2026 & TBC.	
BEAS LG – 07	Drive uptake of modern slavery due diligence assessment	School Team & All members	Ongoing	

Key Outcomes & Decisions:

8th September 2026 Meeting

Topic	Key Takeaway
Addressing labour risks in Vietnam's construction and building materials supply chains	IOM shared practical guidance for engaging construction and building-material SMEs in Viet Nam. Terms such as "forced labour" and "modern slavery" can feel sensitive or disconnected from day-to-day operations, while familiar language linked to Vietnamese law, ESG, buyer expectations, competitiveness and market access creates a more constructive starting point for supplier engagement. Buyers should combine clear minimum expectations with simple tools, phased improvement and ongoing supplier support.
Chinese supply chain legislation	Achilles outlined how new Chinese countermeasures may restrict supply-chain audits, data collection and action taken in response to foreign due diligence requirements. Organisations should review assessment methods, contractual clauses, data transfers and third-party assurance providers; engage suppliers early; and disclose where restrictions limit the reliability of assurance. Trusted supplier relationships will become increasingly important.
Operational update	Conference attendance and assessment targets exceeded; resource views remain on track. SME roadshow attendance identified as the main area requiring partner support.
In-person conference	Positive feedback and evidence of organisational impact; one member reported that learning from the conference had directly influenced the inclusion of a human rights target in the organisation's roadmap to 2030. Since conference also seen increased demand for senior leadership training sessions from partner organisations.
Modern Slavery Due Diligence Assessment	Assessment target exceeded, with SMEs accounting for approximately 86% of completions. Members encouraged to complete and promote the assessment across higher-risk supply chains.
SME Roadshow progress	Next event in Nov/Dec (TBC.) in Birmingham, in partnership with Department for Education. Further events confirmed for 21 January in Cambridge, hosted by Galliford Try, and mid-March in Glasgow, hosted by Multiplex. Partners urged to invite their higher-risk SME suppliers, volunteer as Q&A panellists and support catering.

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Supply Chain Mapping: Steel	Steel selected for the cross-leadership-group supply chain mapping project. Final output format still TBC by the group; additional members still able to join. Project completion expected by April 2027.
Operational Toolkit review and shared resources	Operational Toolkit links are being reviewed following the move from GLAA to the Fair Work Agency. Partners invited to share replacement resources; Helen Carter to share labour-law slides. M-Site and Biosite highlighted as tools for improving visibility of lower-tier subcontractors on site.
Modern slavery watch	Forced-labour import bans and entity lists continue to expand internationally; members encouraged to monitor Dr Laura Murphy's tracker. House of Lords debated the JCHR report on Forced Labour in UK Supply Chains on 4 September, including calls for targeted import bans, mandatory human rights due diligence and stronger enforcement.
AOB	BEAS members encouraged to use the School's impact survey to highlight human rights, modern slavery and supply-chain resilience priorities Upcoming webinar: Modern Slavery Response and Remediation: Learning from Lived Experience (Unseen), Wednesday 30th September 2026, from 10:00–11:00am. Next meeting is business planning – 11 November, 09:30 – 11:30 AM.

Key Decisions

- Focus member efforts on driving registrations for the Glasgow and Cambridge SME roadshow events
- Continue promoting the Modern Slavery Due Diligence Assessment,
- Continue the Operational Toolkit review, identifying suitable replacements for unavailable GLAA resources.
- Maintain the group's focus on response and remediation, including promotion of the upcoming Unseen webinar.
- Apply the keynote learning to future activity, particularly by using context-sensitive language when engaging overseas suppliers and reviewing due diligence processes in light of changing Chinese legislation.
- Use the School's impact survey and November business-planning meeting to shape the group's priorities for 2027/28.

Resources and upcoming events

Upcoming webinars

- Modern Slavery Response and Remediation: Learning from Lived Experience (Unseen), Wednesday 30th September 2026, from 10:00–11:00am.

Relevant resources

- Resource: IOM, Strengthening Social Sustainability in Construction and Building Materials Sector in Viet Nam [LINK]
- Resource: Supply Chain Mapping Guidance [LINK]
- Tool: Forced labour import ban tracker and interactive map [LINK]
- Article: Gulf states look to critical minerals as global supply chains shift [LINK]
- Article: UK Right to Work Checks: Major Changes from 1 October 2026 [LINK]
- Webinar: MSite Supply chain & worker assurance executive briefing [LINK]