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## Sarah Byrne guest speaker for FAST Podcast

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MVA's Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project Leader Sarah Byrne served as a guest speaker for the Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAST): The Podcast episode 4 titled, "Taking Back Control" which aired December 8. The episode explored why a lack of access to financial services can lead to greater vulnerability to modern slavery and human trafficking, how traffickers exploit victims financially through fraudulent financial identities, and the lasting impacts that this can have. Next the episode discussed what could be done to try to solve or mitigate these issues, discussing the importance of having financial independence and what economic empowerment can look like for survivors. The episode concluded with a discussion of the FAST Survivor Inclusion Initiative, how it works, and the resources it provides to its members.

FAST podcast is a series exploring the connections between global finance and modern slavery and human trafficking, hosted by James Cockayne, Head of the Secretariat of the Liechtenstein Initiative housed at United Nations University Centre for Policy Research.

To listen to the podcast, please [click here](#).