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Thompson exhibit exposes sex trade

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Exhibition devised by Emma Thompson exposes the sex trade

The experiences of women sold into the sex trade will be exposed in a new exhibit which is the brainchild of British Oscar-winning actress Emma Thompson.

The exhibit will use seven transport containers to show each stage in the process as part of a United Nations forum on the global billion-dollar human trafficking industry next week.

About 2.5 million people from 127 countries have been trafficked to 137 countries for purposes such as forced labour, sexual exploitation, the removal of organs and body parts, forced marriages, child adoption and begging, according to UN estimates.

Sense and Sensibility star Thompson came up with the idea and the containers will be designed by leading artists, a UN spokesman said.

"The Journey Against Sex Trafficking" is an interactive exhibit based on the experiences of young women who leave their homes in search of a better life only to find themselves tricked or forced by traffickers to work in the sex industry, the spokesman added.

"The aim of Journey is to show visitors the reality of human trafficking - a crime that happens every day, all around the world - and to encourage the public, politicians and especially consumers to take action," he said.

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