

No Pro-Life Groups Allowed, Says UK's Largest Christian Festival

The largest Christian festival in the United Kingdom has banned a pro-life group from having an exhibit at its annual event, despite covering other life issues such as poverty, human trafficking and the environment.

The Big Church Day Out attracts 20,000 visitors annually with entertainment by the biggest names in Christian music while also stating in its core values, "The event provides an opportunity to promote social justice and missions issues, by giving a platform to various organizations, and allowing them to engage a wider audience in their vision."

Abort67 describes itself as a public education project, displaying large images of aborted fetuses to show the public what abortion really involves, with the aim of "making abortion unthinkable." For the past four years, Abort67 has been refused a stall at the event, despite assurances that there would be no aborted images on display and only leaflets and fetal models to show the developmental stages of the pre-born child.

This year, Abort67 is planning to exhibit a large display leading to the entrance of the festival location, so all 20,000 visitors can be presented with the reality of abortion for the pre-born child.

"This is not a protest, but a plea for help" will be the slogan of one of its banners.

Andy Stephenson, founder of Abort67, says, "Frankly, we are dismayed that the church, which claims to be pro-life, is blatantly ignoring the plight of the pre-born child. The

church in this nation has been on a 'day out' over this issue for the past 46 years—the Big Church Day Out event is making more of a deal about their carbon offsetting than about the fact that babies are being systematically tortured to death.”