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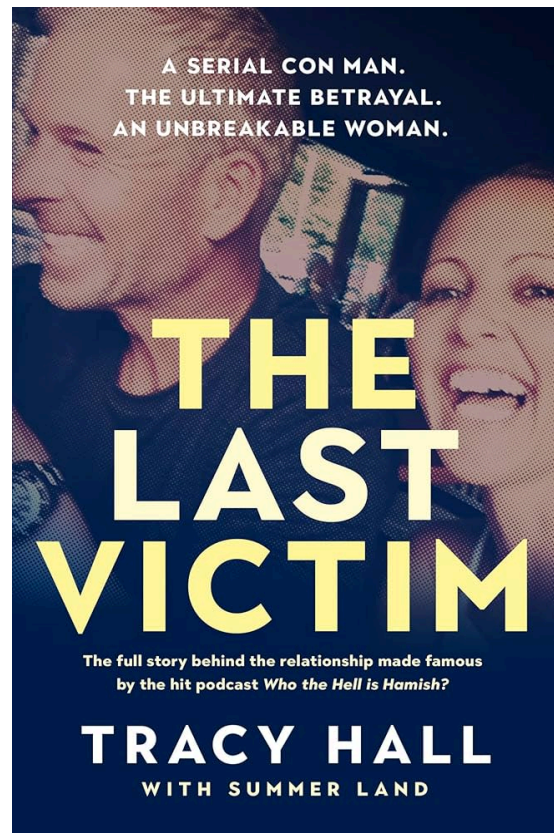
Welcome!

Welcome to the February news letter.



Advocating with other victims
across the globe!

Let me introduce you all to Tracy Hall, victim turned advocate. Tracy was victim to an in person romance fraud of a serial con man. Like many victims, Tracy is a fierce warrior who fights tirelessly to raise awareness and this month, we got together to start a new project. Tracy is over in Australia. Erin West and Kathy Walters in the USA and Cecilie and I here in the U.K. Even working out a joint meeting time across these time zones was a mission! More on this in the coming months but crazy excited about this.



Tracy's Book

Also on Podcast- Who the hell is Hamish?
Learning about others experiences can be really cathartic and therapeutic to victims. It helps us recognise what happened to us and to realise that we are not alone in these abuses and crimes.

The book is available on Amazon.com and in September will be released in the UK!

What have we been up to in February?



Following on from Good Morning Britain where I discussed the use of AI manipulation in the saved videos of Sophie B, we were asked to do some interviews for German TV Channel, RTL. It's great that the awareness is starting to spread into Europe!



I did a training session with Blind Veterans this month, helping to build on the great work they are doing and to deepen the understanding about Romance Fraud so they can support their community further. Veterans are not only used in these frauds for their pictures and profession but are also targeted.



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This month has seen the start of another unit of work with Portsmouth University. This university has a Cyber Crime Unit and the students are helping research the latest software available which uses AI to power them. Deep fakes, voice cloning, picture and video manipulations and Chat GPT, all used to make Romance Fraud more legitimate to victims. This research is looking at the improvements since the last unit and also the limitations, which means we can advise victims on what to look for and test when meeting people online. Quality is always improving unfortunately.

New Website Updates

Both Catch The Catfish and LoveSaid are getting an upgrade on their websites! More information and resources will be available. Hopefully going live next month.

Take care and stay safe,
Anna and Cecilie

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