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## Foster's English Shorts

### THE DARK SIDE

#### Discuss after the programme:

- This episode focuses on the imperial crimes in the Commonwealth. What examples of such crimes can you think of?
- Not only English has brought dark sides along with its spreading around the world. Can you think of other languages or cultures that have skeletons in their closets? Can you give examples?
- What do you think of the way Mr. Foster in South Africa speaks about Zachary from Angola who lives in the township? Do you agree or disagree with him and why?
- People in the Philippines speak English so well partly since there was a huge American naval base there until the nineties. Do you think the sex industry would be as big there without Philippines' high level in English?
- What do you think of the sex industry in the Philippines? Do you agree with the British men who say the women involved in it have a lot of freedom and do it because they want to or do you agree with the bar owner who says the women work in the industry because they have to support their families?

#### To work with after the programme:

- Find out more about historical or modern slavery. Write an essay about it and include a discussion on how society can allow this kind of thing to happen.
- Research and find out about the sex industry in Sweden. Is there one? Who works in it? Who are the customers? What does the law say about it?
- Write a letter to one of the following;
  - To Zachary from Angola in the South African township
  - To Mr. Foster who employs Zachary to work on his home in the nicer parts of the town
  - To one of the sex sellers in the Philippines
  - To one of the sex buyers in the Philippines

#### Vocabulary from the episode:

township – kåkstad

to employ – att anställa

demeaning – förminskande

affection – ömhet, värme, kärlek

to provide for – att försörja

to exploit – att utnyttja