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NOT
RESCUE

Don't we have **LAWS** protecting ~~S*~~WORKERS?

Canadian ~~sex~~ work laws are based on models that originated in Scandinavian countries, known as **"End Demand."** This approach aims to reduce the demand for ~~sex~~ work by **CRIMINALIZING** the purchasing of

~~sexual~~ services, with the **EXPECTATION** that clients will be

from seeking ~~sex~~ workers.

**RESPECT SEX WORKERS
ALL OVER THE WORLD**

DETERRED

What are some of the **KEY ISSUES** these dates address?

~~Sex~~ workers' labour RIGHTS, access to JUSTICE, and VIOLENCE against ~~sex~~ workers

The **"End Demand"** laws perpetuate existing harms for ~~s*x~~ workers, disproportionately impacting racialized, trans, im/migrant ~~sex~~ workers who are viewed as

VICTIMS of exploitation but deemed **UNWORTHY** of occupational protections.

In Canada, Bill C-36, the Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act substantiates a

polarizing narrative

that **FRAMES ALL S*X WORK** as a form of inherent exploitation, all ~~sex~~ workers as victims, and ALL CLIENTS as

VIOLENT CRIMINALS.

DECRIMINALIZE SEX WORK

1975/06/02

International
Sex Worker's Day

100 sex workers occupied Saint-Nizier Church in Lyon, France for 8 days to protest the criminalization and exploitation of their living conditions.

On June 10th, police RAIDED the church. The action sparked a national MOVEMENT that ignited the CONTEMPORARY SEX workers' RIGHTS MOVEMENT, beginning in Europe.

International Sex

Workers' Rights Day

2001-03-03

25,000 ~~SEX~~
WORKERS
GATHERED FOR A
FESTIVAL
ORGANIZED BY DURBAR
MAHILA SAMANWAYA
COMMITTEE,
A CALCUTTA BASED
GROUP WITH OVER
50,000 ~~SEX~~
WORKER
MEMBERS AND MEMBERS
OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.
ALTHOUGH
PROHIBITIONIST
GROUPS TRIED TO
PREVENT
THE FESTIVAL FROM
TAKING PLACE
BY PRESSURING THE
GOVERNMENT
TO REVOKE
THEIR PERMIT, IT IS
NOW CELEBRATED
AS AN ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL
event

STOP THE WRONGS
ONLY RIGHTS WILL

DECEMBER 17, 2003

**INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END VIOLENCE
AGAINST SEX WORKERS**

**ANNIE SPRINKLE AND ROBIN FEW,
FOUNDERS OF THE
~~SEX~~ WORKERS OUTREACH PROJECT-USA,**

**ORGANIZED A MEMORIAL AND
VIGIL ON THE LAWN OF SAN FRANCISCO
CITY HALL FOR THE VICTIMS OF
THE GREEN RIVER KILLER
IN SEATTLE, WA.**

GARY RIDGWAY CONFESSED TO

MURDERING

**AT LEAST 49 WOMEN, MOST OF THEM
~~WOMEN~~, AND WAS CONVICTED ON THIS
DAY. IT IS NOW OBSERVED ANNUALLY IN
CITIES A C R O S S THE WORLD
AS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END
VIOLENCE AGAINST-~~SEX~~ WORKERS.**

**"NO MATTER WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT SEX
WORKERS AND THE POLITICS
SURROUNDING THEM, SEX WORKERS ARE
A PART OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS,
COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES"**

- ANNIE SPRINKLE

**Sex-Worker Pride
2019/09/14**

**LAUNCHED BY THE
GLOBAL NETWORK OF
SEX WORK PROJECTS,
~~INTERNATIONAL SEX
WORKER PRIDE DAY~~
CELEBRATES "~~SEX~~ WORKERS'
SELF-DETERMINATION AND
ENHANCED VISIBILITY"
AS WELL AS "THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF ~~SEX~~ WORKER-LED
ORGANIZATIONS."**

**THE ANNUAL EVENT AIMS TO
A M P L I F Y
THE DIVERSE STORIES AND
EXPERIENCES OF ~~SEX~~ WORKERS AND
CHALLENGE THE HARMFUL
DICHOTOMY
OF VICTIMIZATION VERSUS
LIBERA-
TION
THAT THEY ARE
OFTEN SUBJECTED TO.**

SEX WORKER SOLIDARITY IS

IZATION

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about the
CHALLENGES,
EXPLOITATIONS,
SYSTEMIC BARRIERS,
and STIGMATIZATION

of the global **SEX**
worker movement!

