

What is positive legislative change for
SEX work(ers)?

Decriminal- IZATION

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Why observe 4
INTERNATIONAL
SEX worker
rights days?

To raise AWARENESS

about the
CHALLENGES,
EXPLOITATIONS,
SYSTEMIC BARRIERS,
and STIGMATIZATION

faced by the **SEX**
work community, and
AMPLIFY the VOICES

of the global **SEX**
worker movement!



BELLE STATUE
RED LIGHT DISTRICT, AMS

RIGHTS RIGHTS RIGHTS RIGHTS NOT RESCUE

Don't we have **LAWS** protecting ~~SEX~~ 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

**RESPECT SEX WORKERS
ALL OVER THE WORLD**

DETERRED

from seeking ~~sex~~ workers.

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

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

~~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
AMPLIFY
THE DIVERSE STORIES AND
EXPERIENCES OF ~~sex~~ WORKERS AND
**CHALLENGE THE HARMFUL
DICHOTOMY**

OF VICTIMIZATION VERSUS
LIBERATION

THAT THEY ARE
OFTEN SUBJECTED TO.

SEX WORKER SOLIDARITY IS

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
WORKERS, 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

The “End Demand” laws
p e r p e t u a t e
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 **SEX** workers' RIGHTS MOVEMENT, beginning in Europe.

International Sex
Workers' Rights Day

2001-03-03

25,000 ~~SEX~~
W O R K E R S
GATHERED FOR A
F E S T I V A L
ORGANIZED BY DURBAR
MAHILA SAMANWAYA
C O M M I T T E E ,
A **CALCUTTA** BASED
GROUP WITH OVER
50,000 ~~SEX~~
W O R K E R
MEMBERS AND MEMBERS
OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.
A L T H O U G H
PROHIBITIONIST
GROUPS TRIED TO
PREVENT
THE FESTIVAL FROM
TAKING PLACE
BY PRESSURING THE
G O V E R N M E N T
TO **REVOKE**
THEIR PERMIT, IT IS
NOW **CELEBRATED**
AS AN ANNUAL
I N T E R N A T I O N A L
e v e n t

ONLY RIGHTS WILL
STOP THE WRONGS

