



WELFARE IS POLITICAL



"It's something we do, not who we are" - Sex Workers Opera

SWARM@SexWorkHive / ECP@ProstitutesColl / Decrim Now (@ukdecrimnow) / Sex Workers of Opera @SexWorkersOpera / United Strippers of the World (@unitedstripper) / Women's Strike Assembly@Women_Strike / @students4decrim

National campaigns

Sexual Health services in Cambridge
Lime Tree Clinic, Mill Rd - contraception, treatment and testing for STIs
DHIVERSE (Gwydir St) - sexual health charity providing treatment, support and education (particularly LGBT+ inclusive) - 01223 508805 / enquiries@dhiverse.org.uk
Free STI tests online www.dontpassiton.co.uk / www.icash.nhs.uk to find out where you can get tested locally

Term coined by Carol Leigh in 1970s
Her aim was for people to understand sex work as a job, like any other
Workers deserve rights and have agency, no matter your (or their!) opinion of their job
If there's a problem with sex work it's the work not the sex

"Sex Work"?

- a drive for decrim

Supporting Student Sex Workers

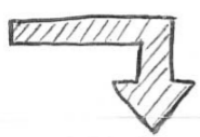
Student Sex Workers

"Sex work is the provision of sexual services for money or goods" (WHO, 2002)

= world health organisation

"I'm not just a prostitute. My name is Holly. I'm a student. I like baking, volunteering, running and well all of those every day things that people with normal jobs like to do."

- Holly, 'The Student Sex Work Project', 2015



- Approx. 5% of students do sex work ('The Student Sex Work Project', 2015)
- NUS Student Sex Work Survey 2016: 55% disclosed a disability
- Students work for many reasons: to afford rent/fees, because it fits around their degree, for ease, because they want to!



How can I show my support?

Campaign for **full decriminalisation**:

- ★ **Rights** - ability to fight discrimination + for better conditions through unions
- ★ **Safety** - ability to work in groups for safety, access to protection
- ★ **Health** - access to healthcare + treatment for STIs (WHO estimate: rates of new HIV transmissions would decrease by 46% over 10 years if sex work was decriminalised tomorrow)

in cambridge...

- ★ Free + anonymous protection/contraception and sexual health screening
- ★ Campaign to better support survivors - not all sex work is abusive, but all sex workers have the right to give consent like anyone else
- ★ Better bursaries so students can make a choice about working during their degree
- ★ Educate others/counter stigma - involve sex workers in your campaigns + sex workers, know your rights!