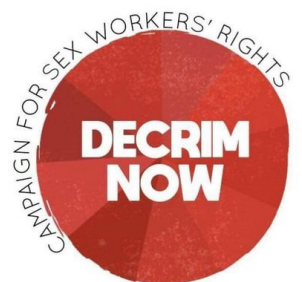


DECRIM MOTION FOR YOUR 2024 CONFERENCE



This conference notes:

1. Sex workers are often marginalised people who have been let down by the state/ government. People living in or escaping poverty, disabled people navigating a harsh and unfair benefits system, single mothers, migrants, working-class students, women and LGBTQIA+ people.
2. The current law of partial criminalisation is dangerous. The law penalises safety measures. To avoid a soliciting charge, street workers work apart from each other, out of sight and away from safety. Any two or more workers who work together for safety can be charged with brothel keeping. Criminal charges are a barrier to employment for sex workers should they wish to leave the industry. Sex workers vulnerable to criminalisation are less likely to access healthcare services and disclose their sex worker status. Sex workers routinely face discrimination from financial institutions. Sex workers face barriers to unionisation due to criminalisation.
3. Decriminalisation of sex work is supported by human rights organisations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, UNAIDS, the World Health Organization, Terrance Higgins Trust, Sisters Uncut, The UN Working Group On Discrimination Against Women and Girls, and the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women. Unions such as the Royal College of Nursing, Unison NI, GMB, UCU, CWU, ASLEF, Equity and IWW all support the full decriminalisation of sex work in the UK.

Conference Believes:

1. Sex workers are workers and members of our communities. Sex work is a result of poverty and the current laws perpetuate a cycle of poverty. [here you can include how the struggle for sex workers' rights aligns with the values of your union or organisation]
2. Full decriminalisation is essential for sex workers' safety, public health, women's rights, LGBTQIA+ rights and workers' rights.

Conference Resolves:

1. To support the full decriminalisation of sex work.
2. To support the unionisation of sex workers and their demands for labour rights, safety and fair working conditions.
3. To campaign against any attempt to further criminalise sex work.
4. [Here you can include a resolution that your organisation or union, specifically, can fulfil in solidarity with sex workers]

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