

Geneva 2001:

Commercial sex and health

Sex workers, representatives of sex work organisations, people who work with sex workers and members of AIDS organisations highlighted the following issues :

- Sex workers' organisations wish to create alliances with others AIDS service organisations, human rights organisations, the private sector and donor agencies.
- Community development programmes and networking programmes are essential in order to protect the health of sex workers.
- Research must lead to interventions which in turn must lead to empowerment.
- Sex worker research must be properly documented and use sound epidemiological methodology and involve sex workers from the conception to the delivery of the outputs.
- Safer sex programmes are possible and effective for intravenous drug using sex workers.
- Male sex workers' sexuality must be properly understood in order to deliver appropriate programmes.
- Clients must not be demonised.
- Case study : situation in Russia
 - Sex work is not illegal therefore, in Moscow, residency permits are used as a form of control
 - De facto controls result in both police corruption and corruption related to organised crime;
 - Police sometimes require monetary bribes and monthly sexual favors.