

# Position Vacant

**Do you have a background in sex work and community development?  
Would you like to assist Scarlet Alliance in providing capacity  
development for sex worker networks in Papua New Guinea?**

## **International Project Officer (PNG) (full-time)**

Scarlet Alliance, the Australian Sex Workers' Association was formed in 1989, to represent Australian sex worker community based organisations, projects, groups and networks at a national level. Through its objectives, policies and programs, Scarlet Alliance aims to achieve equality, social, legal, political, cultural, health and economic justice for past and present workers in the sex industry.

This Scarlet Alliance project will facilitate the development of a PNG Community Sex Worker Network Response to HIV/AIDS. The project will act as a catalyst for the development of an autonomous PNG sex worker community network. This three year project will work in partnership with Save the Children in Papua New Guinea [SCiPNG] and will empower sex workers to develop self-determined responses to HIV/AIDS.

The successful applicant will

1. Work with PNG sex workers to establish a sex worker community network
2. Increase the capacity of NGOs, government departments and other service providers to provide effective support to PNG sex workers
3. Improve the capacity of the PNG sex worker community to mobilize a community response to HIV
4. Increase the leadership and peer education capacity of PNG sex work community

This position reports to the Scarlet Alliance Manager.

Responsibilities include:

- Operating within the aims and objectives of Scarlet Alliance
- Working closely with sex worker communities of PNG
- Supporting PNG sex worker communities using community development principles to build strong networks and participate in a response to HIV/AIDS and STIs
- Supporting a PNG sex worker network to meet legal requirements and achieve autonomous funding.

Essential criteria for the position include a demonstrated understanding and experience of the principles underpinning sex worker peer education and health promotion. Applicants must have sex work experience and a willingness to work with the diversity of the sex worker community and people living with HIV/AIDS.

A competitive salary will be offered for this Sydney based position requiring regular international travel.

The position description is available from [www.scarletalliance.org.au](http://www.scarletalliance.org.au) or contact Ms Alina Thomas 0407 083024 or [alinathomas@gmail.com](mailto:alinathomas@gmail.com)

**Applications addressing the selection criteria, a current C.V. and at least 2 references must be received by close of business on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2005.**

Note: This Position Description includes an attached copy of the Scarlet Alliance objectives.



### MISSION STATEMENT

**Through its objectives, policies and programs, Scarlet Alliance works to achieve equality, social, legal, political, cultural and economic justice for past and present sex workers in order for sex workers to be self-determining agents, building their own alliances and choosing where and how they live and work.**

### 3. OBJECTS

The objects for which Scarlet Alliance is established are:

- (a) To promote the civil and human rights of past and present sex workers and to work toward ending all forms of discrimination against them;
- (b) To lobby for legal and administrative frameworks which do not discriminate against sex workers;
- (c) To challenge any government at any time when and where it implements legislation, regulations, rules, policies or law enforcement practices which are discriminatory and /or repressive to the rights and autonomy of sex workers;
- (d) To actively promote the right of all sex workers to work in whatever area of their chosen occupation, including street, brothel, escort, private and opportunistic work.
- (e) To actively work towards guaranteeing the right of all sex workers to optimum occupational health and safety provisions. This will promote conditions where safe sex and general health knowledge can be converted to safe work practices. Furthermore, challenge any legislation, policy or process which does not so promote the rights of the worker;
- (f) To strive to eradicate sex worker stereotypes and stigmatisation in the popular consciousness and to communicate the diversity of ideas, opinions and aspirations of past and present sex workers;
- (g) To liaise with international sex worker rights groups in the development of regional and international networks, programs and objectives;
- (h) To support sex workers and sex worker organisations to become more politically active.
- (i) To enhance the capacity of sex workers to participate in advancing their rights and build networks & organisations.
- (j) To gather and disseminate sex industry related information to members.

These objects are undertaken in order to advance sex worker rights.