

Scarlet Alliance, APNSWP & NSWP Sex Worker Networking Zone Calendar of Events

Time:	Monday 21 st July	Tuesday 22 nd July	Wednesday 23 rd July	Thursday 24 th July	Friday 25 th July
10:00	Opening speech (10-10:15) African Erotic dance (10:15-10:35am)	Migration and mobility for sex workers: Migration Project And Empower	HIV/AIDS Issues for Transgender people and sex workers in Japan: Lily Taiga (10 -10:20am)	Violence against Sex Workers: APNSW	Film: "Kiss for Gabriella"
10:30	Sex Workers are Human Rights Defenders: Ye Haiyan (10:35- 11am)	(10 -11am)	Trans Sex Workers on sex work legislation, trans rights & international HIV/AIDS Response (10:20-11:20am)	(10-11am)	Screening & Discussion 10-11am
12:30	Sex Worker Asean: Empower (12:30-1pm)	The Life and Experiences of a Timorese Sex Worker: Angkis (12:30-12:50pm)		New Zealand; A Working Model of Decriminalisation: where Sex Workers' Occupational Safety and Health Matters: NZPC (12:30-1:30pm)	
1:00		Lives of sex workers in Papua New Guinea: Anna James (1-1:15pm)	Strengthening capacity to build, lead and maintain sustainable, independent sex worker organisations: Scarlet Alliance International Project, Friends Frangipani & Scarlet Timor (1-2pm)		
2:00	Experiences from Sweden; a community perspective: Pye & Carina (2-3pm)	Direct action as a component of HIV prevention work, advocacy and community building: Scarlet Alliance (2-3pm)		Sex Worker Asean: Empower (2-2:30pm)	
3:00			Andrew Hunter Memorial Film & Tribute (2:30-4:30pm)		
3:30	Whore Logic: Akynos (3:30-4pm)			Legal & enabling environments impact on sex workers: Scarlet Alliance (3:30-4:30pm)	
4:30	Launch of Global Consultation on PrEP: NSWP (4:30-5:30pm)	<i>*Also Sunday 2-6pm Sex Worker Only Session*</i>			
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Sex Worker Networking Zone

Monday 21st July

10-10:15 Opening of the Sex Worker Networking Zone! Welcome speech

10:15- 10:35am African Erotic dance: Adonis

10:35-11am Sex Workers are Human Rights Defenders: Ye Haiyan



"Sex worker" is a new word for China that has been generally accepted by some Chinese media professionals, as well as gradually gaining acceptance in the general public. There has been a rapid development of civil society in China, and lawyers have become active defenders of sex workers rights. Little by little we have a tiny space to discuss the decriminalisation of sex work. Unfortunately discrimination remains unchanged. Sex workers raise our voice against discrimination in a positive and challenging way. Current issues still include: there needs to be more funding for HIV programs, Government still do not have clear manner or direction to secure sex workers rights, condoms are still the evidence of crime, Chinese 'anti-vice' activities are become regular political events and the crack-down have become more serious than in the past. Additionally the

law in China still does not protect sex workers. More and more people are pushing for the abolition of "Custody and Education" camps ("black jail" - forced labour camp for sex workers in China). *Ye Haiyan's presentation will be translated from Chinese and presented by a sex worker delegate. Ye Haiyan had intended to join us but Chinese authorities have told Ye her passport has been "lost" after she attempted to apply for a visa for AIDS 2014, making it impossible for her to travel.*

12:30-1pm Sex Worker Association of Southeast Asian Nations (SWASEAN): Empower

Empower Sex Worker ASEAN project is about learning about sex work in the ASEAN countries - especially how we live and work on top of the laws; how we will be affected when ASEAN becomes a joint economic community; and also building our space to stand up in the ASEAN Community. We began sharing and working with representatives from sex worker organizations in 9 ASEAN countries plus Timor Leste. As part of the project we have created education kits & documents. Sex worker reps from other organisations who have been involved in the SW ASEAN project will also join to talk about their experiences.



2-3pm Experiences from Sweden, a community perspective: Pye & Carina

Rose Alliance is the sex worker organisation in Sweden. They have important experiences to share about the impact of the law criminalising clients, sometimes known as the "Swedish Model." Sex workers in Sweden protested & opposed the laws before they were implemented, but the Swedish Government pushed on with the laws regardless. In the last ten years this has been incredibly negative for Swedish sex workers health & safety, yet Sweden tries to export the model to other countries. This is an interactive workshop where the Rose Alliance community based research will be presented.

Image: Pye Jacobsen

3-4pm Whore Logic: Akynos

WHORE LOGIC melds elements of burlesque, an uncensored spoken-word performance & astounding archival footage of a car crash caused by public indecency to explore the journey of one woman who discovers the joy of using her body for power, to pay her rent, & to finally understand her sexual objectification.

Burlesque performer "The Incredible, Edible, Akynos" thrills audiences with her descriptions of what it takes to negotiate safer sex in an unequal & racialised world. This is a film of the performance, first time shown in Australia, not to be missed!

Filmed by PJ Starr. *Image: Akynos.*



10–11am Migration & mobility for sex workers: Scarlet Alliance Migration Project & Empower



This will be a panel discussion and interactive workshop focusing on migration & mobility & sex work, & how anti-trafficking responses have changed the landscape for sex workers. Sex Workers are a highly mobile population but often lack access to safe legal migration pathways. Restrictive laws in relation to sex work affect the ability of sex workers to have our work recognised as work & to use legal channels to migrate for our work. Anti-trafficking discourses & policy responses have further impacted on the migration of sex workers.

This discussion and workshop led by migrant sex workers will discuss current & emerging issues for migrant sex workers, & share sex worker led approaches to address these issues. This session will aim to increase understanding of the implications of current trends towards restrictions & criminalisation of migration & mobility of sex workers on HIV vulnerabilities. The session will attempt to track the status & impact of anti-trafficking laws on sex workers globally.

Image: *We Don't Cross Borders, Borders Cross Us, Poster by Scarlet Alliance Migration Project*

12.30-12.50pm The Life and Experiences of a Timorese Sex Worker: Scarlet Timor Collective

A presentation on the lives of Timorese sex workers by two Timorese sex workers with time for group discussion and questions.



1-1:15pm Lives of sex workers in Papua New Guinea

Performance in traditional costume by Papua New Guinean sex workers, including sharing about the lives of sex workers in PNG!

1.15-1.40pm Brief History of Friends Frangipani, Papua New Guinea, Sex Worker Peak Organisation

Friends Frangipani is the national sex workers organisation of Papua New Guinea, working to represent the rights and interests of sex workers, including addressing the vulnerability of sex workers to HIV. The meaningful involvement of a strong sex worker community organisation in advocacy for developing & implementing the HIV response is very important.

Sex workers in Papua New Guinea are experiencing the impact of HIV as individuals & as an affected community. Sex workers experience stigma & discrimination, both act as barriers to access to services & achieving human rights. Friends Frangipani has a key role in providing advocacy for enabling environments within policy, law & program development forums.

Photo: *Daera, Cathy and Daniella at the Lae Offices of Friends Frangipani, PNG*

2-3pm Direct action as a component of HIV prevention work, advocacy and community building: Scarlet Alliance

This session is a chance to consider the role of direct action, including its many creative forms, in HIV prevention, advocacy, visibility & community building activities.

Participants will be asked to demonstrate, through photo, or description or action, a form of creative direct action they have used.

The facilitation will prompt discussion & some analysis.

This session is just before the community mobilization march and the second half will provide a chance for us to prepare for the march.

Photo: *Red Umbrella Protest, Melbourne, International Whores Day 2013*



Wednesday 23rd July

**WE STAND WITH
MONICA JONES**
STOP PROFILING TRANS WOMEN OF COLOR



10 -10:20am HIV/AIDS Issues for Transgender people and sex workers in Japan: Lily Taiga

For Transgender people, the access of medical care, including HIV testing, care & support is difficult. Social exclusion & marginalisation also play a role. Lily will expand upon research done at HIV testing sites around Japan.

10.20-11.20am Trans Sex Workers on sex work legislation, trans rights & international HIV/AIDS Response: Panel Discussion

Panel discussion facilitated by Mish Pony of Scarlet Alliance. Speakers include Monica Jones, Emy Fem and Cyd Nova.

Photo: Monica Jones campaign poster 2014, by Micah Bazant

1-2pm Strengthening capacity to build, lead and maintain sustainable, independent sex worker organisations: Scarlet Alliance International Project, Friends Frangipani & Scarlet Timor

Research shows a very low amount of HIV funding makes it to resourcing sex worker community led responses to HIV. Community led sex worker organisations urgently need resourcing to meet the needs of sex workers and actively contribute to country and regional HIV responses. The workshop will identify the need for sex worker organisations to be resourced for capacity building and civil society strengthening.

A panel of sex worker organisation representatives will reflect on how their capacity needs have been met through peer to peer organisation capacity development and skills strengthening.

The workshop will share experiences of partnerships between sex worker organisations and discuss the approaches that have supported sex worker organisations to gain and strengthen skills, and gain independent funding.

Photo: Friends Frangipani present at the PNG National AIDS Council event December 2012, Port Moresby



2.30-4.30pm Andrew Hunter Memorial Film & Tribute



Sex workers mourn the loss of Andrew Hunter, former NSWAP President and staff member of APNSW, a founding member of both APNSW and NSWAP. Andrew died in Bangkok on 26th December 2013.

His sudden death is an enormous loss to the sex workers rights and HIV treatment activist movement, and leaves us without words at this moment as the tears flow.

Andrew Hunter was a brilliant activist who campaigned tirelessly for more than 25 years around issues that affect sex workers, people living with HIV, drug users, transgender men and women, and gay men. Andrew worked for the Prostitute's Collective of Victoria (PCV) coordinating the male sex worker project and setting up the first community run needle exchange in Australia. He was one of the founding members of Scarlet Alliance and worked as Coordinator of the Queensland Intravenous Aids Association (QUIVAA). It was in 1994 that Andrew attended the International AIDS Conference in Yokohama where the Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW) was founded by sex workers from the region.

Photo: Andrew Hunter

Thursday 24th July



10-11am Violence against Sex Workers: APNSW

APNSW members Nisha (PT Foundation, Malaysia) and Wai Wai (AMA, Myanmar) will present on sex worker led initiatives that address violence against sex workers. They will examine the issues that increase the threat of violence against sex workers as well as the protective factors that can be adopted to make working conditions safer for sex workers from different settings and contexts. *Image: Kay Thi Win of APNSW*

12.30-1.30pm New Zealand; A Working Model of Decriminalisation: where Sex Workers' Occupational Safety and Health Matters: New Zealand Prostitutes Collective (NZPC)

Speakers include Catherine Healy, Calum Bennachie, Annah Pickering. It is now eleven years since New Zealand decriminalised sex work. A 30 minute DVD has been made by sex workers on the effects of decriminalisation on their lives.

This will be presented, along with a short discussion afterwards. *Photo: New Zealand Prostitutes Collective*



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3.30-4.30 Legal & enabling environments impact on sex workers: Scarlet Alliance, Rose Alliance, NZPC, SWOP, & Friends

The panel will provide short sharp outlines of different models of regulation and the key impacts on sex workers, from a sex workers perspective, followed by an opportunity for questions.

The session will provide a space to share information and understandings on different legal models and provide a chance for discussion.

Facilitated by Janelle Fawkes, CEO, Scarlet Alliance. *Image: Red Umbrella March, Sydney 2010.*



Friday 25th July

10-11am Film: "A Kiss for Gabriella" Screening & Discussion



Gabriela Leite is the first sex worker to run for Brazilian Congress.

"A Kiss for Gabriela" tells the story of her 2010 campaign as she faces 822 opponents and challenges a male dominated political system to see if a sex worker, activist, wife, mother, and cultural icon since founding the clothing line, Daspu, can beat the odds and win the election.

The film's website explains: "She began organising with sex workers in the late 1980s in response to the frequent rights abuses she witnessed among her colleagues. She fought for recognition of sex work by deconstructing stigma around sex work & giving it new meanings. In 1987 she organised the first national meetings of sex workers in Brazil, started participating in the international sex worker movement, & founded the newspaper, 'Beijo da Rua' - 'Kiss from the Street', as a way to circulate new discourses that affirmed women 'of the life' as social & political beings. She encouraged the movement to enter into the fight against AIDS by promoting health as a right and a means to citizenship."

Gabriela passed away on the 10th of October 2013. This event will celebrate her life with one minutes noise!