



Call for Expression of Interest Scarlet Alliance Positive Sex Worker Steering Committee

Scarlet Alliance has been funded through the Elton John AIDS Foundation grant, administered by the AIDS Trust to conduct a one year HIV Positive needs analysis project.

This investigation into the intersecting issues of HIV status and sex work will assist in ensuring the voices and needs of HIV positive sex workers are authentically represented in policy development, service delivery and prevention education.

Findings from the project will be documented in a final report assisting in informing Scarlet Alliance, our membership and the HIV sector generally on the needs of HIV positive sex workers in Australia.

The volunteer Steering Committee will be coordinated by a part-time Project Officer and will consist primarily of HIV positive people who are current or past sex workers.

The committee will:

- Provide technical expert advice to the project
- Participate in regular meetings
- Assist in identifying key strategies to address promotion, engagement,
- Inform analysis of key issues identified and the project findings
- Provide input into evaluation of the project
- Be acknowledged for input and participation in the project, if appropriate

Scarlet Alliance invites Expressions of Interest from individuals interested in participating in a **Scarlet Alliance Positive Sex Worker Steering Committee**. Expressions of Interest should be received by the **24th August, 2007**.

Steering Committee members may be based anywhere in Australia.

If you are HIV positive and either a current or past sex worker who would like to participate please send a short Expression of Interest including:

- Experience/knowledge relating to this area of expertise
- availability and contact details
- why you are interested in participating on the steering committee

Expressions of interest can be emailed to info@scarletalliance.org.au (please add EOI to the subject line). Scarlet Alliance has strict confidentiality guidelines. All personal information provided will be confidential.

For further information please contact Janelle Fawkes on 02 9326 9455 or 0411 985 135 or email info@scarletalliance.org.au.

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.