

FREEDOM TO ASSOCIATE IS OUR RIGHT!

March with us in the fight against Canada's unjust prostitution laws!

December 2014, Harper's Conservative government replaced Canada's old prostitution laws (which were struck down by the Supreme Court of Canada) with much broader new laws that make "Obtaining sexual services for consideration," "Material benefit from sexual services" and "Advertising sexual services" crimes.

If you live with, or hang out with someone who charges for sexual services, you are guilty under Section 286.2 unless you prove that you do not knowingly receive any material benefit.

Sex workers are now banned from associating with each other — or anyone else — in any way related to providing sex for pay. This includes any form of joint sex-business venture, whether it be employer/employee, or a co-operative — or even a sex-industry conference about health and safety!

Everyone in Canada has the right to gather in peaceful groups, and to associate with whom they choose. Canada's *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* was designed to protect us from exactly these sorts of unjust laws.

**RED UMBRELLA MARCH
FOR SEX WORK SOLIDARITY
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016, 2:30 P.M.
VANCOUVER ART GALLERY, ROBSON ST**

TRIPLE-X
WORKERS' SOLIDARITY
ASSOCIATION OF B.C.

WHY BUYING SEX SHOULD NOT BE A CRIME

1. Laws that make buying sex a crime infringe upon our sexual freedom, in particular, the freedom to set the terms under which we agree to have sex.
2. Sex buyers' access to healthcare that is relevant and non-judgmental is hindered when buying sex is a crime.
3. When buying sex is a crime, sex workers are denied protection under labour law.
4. When buying sex is a crime, sex workers' choices for work are severely limited.
5. When buying sex is a crime, sex workers are discriminated against and face social exclusion.
6. When buying sex is a crime, sex workers must work alone or incriminate their associates.
7. When buying sex is a crime, our families are torn apart.
8. Stigma and violence against sex workers are fueled when buying sex is a crime.
9. Risks that sex workers may face — such as violence, extortion, kidnapping or confinement— are already against the law.
10. Any law that makes buying sex a crime limits sex workers' ability to earn a living and does not protect sex workers from harm.