

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

**6TH ANNUAL RED UMBRELLA MARCH FOR SEX WORK SOLIDARITY  
SEX WORKERS, ALLIES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS STAND TOGETHER**

**New start time and place!**

**Saturday, June 9, 2 p.m.**

**Victory Square, Cambie Street at Hastings**

**Vancouver, BC**

This year the Red Umbrella March celebrates 130 years of resistance against Canada's unfair prostitution laws with a march through Gastown to the site of Old City Hall at Main and Hastings. This historic re-enactment commemorates the "Court Parade" of steam-era Vancouver, when ladies of the evening got dolled up and marched together to pay their fines.

The rally will feature several stops along the march where speakers will point out historic sites and facts. A souvenir brochure documenting sex workers' courageous fight against stigma and displacement since 1888 will be available to first 50 participants.

Everyone is invited to come and bring their friends and associates to this fun, family-friendly event. Participants are encouraged to dress up in steam-era costumes, wear red, make noise and have fun!

The event is free and all are welcome. Light refreshments are provided at the end of the march in CRAB Park.

**Red Umbrella Film Night**

**Saturday, June 9, 6-8 p.m.**

**Carnegie Centre Theatre, Main St and Hastings**

Red Umbrella March organizers are proud to present the Vancouver premiere of the award-nominated documentary "No Human Involved" by PJ Starr. This event is presented in partnership with UBC Humanities 101, Documentaries for Thinkers program.

*page 1 of 2.*

---

In May of 2009, Marcia Powell died after being tortured in an Arizona prison. She was a 48-year-old woman who was sentenced to 27 months in prison for doing street-based sex work. PJ Starr's documentary "No Human Involved" tells Marcia Powell's story through the actions of Peggy Plews. She launched a passionate campaign to seek justice for Marcia Powell after her death.

The event is free and all are welcome. Light refreshments are provided.

The Red Umbrella March for Sex Work Solidarity is co-organized by the following groups: Triple-X Workers' Solidarity Association of B.C., Downtown Eastside Sex Workers United Against Violence (SWUAV), Pivot Legal Society, PACE Society, B.C. Coalition of Experiential Communities, FIRST: Feminists Advocating for the Decriminalization of Sex Work, SWAN Society Vancouver.

For more information visit [www.triple-x.org](http://www.triple-x.org), or contact [info@triple-x.org](mailto:info@triple-x.org).

**Event hashtag: #RUM2018**

**Connect on social media:**

[twitter.com/xxxworkers](https://twitter.com/xxxworkers)

[Instagram.com/triplexworkers](https://www.instagram.com/triplexworkers)

[facebook.com/triplexworkers](https://www.facebook.com/triplexworkers)

**Media inquiries:**

Andy Sorfleet

[a.sorfleet@gmail.com](mailto:a.sorfleet@gmail.com)

604-488-0710

– 30 –

*page 2 of 2.*

---