

CELEBRATE 130 YEARS OF RESISTANCE!

“What?! I can do better for myself in a week at Josie’s, than a year in somebody’s bloody kitchen!!”

~ Julia Anne Carver, Vancouver Court, 1888

In 1888, every time Vancouver City Council got into a financial bind, they rounded up the ladies of the evening and fined them for “keeping a house of prostitution.” The ladies were marched to court at City Hall so often, the parade became a holiday with the ladies showing off their finery to crowds of men who lined the sidewalks and filled the courtroom. The ladies pleaded guilty, paid their fines and profited well from their awaiting customers.

“You can’t throw me out! I already paid 150 bucks [to the Chief of Police] to stay right where I am!”

~ Blanche Douglas, Vancouver Court, 1906

2018 Red Umbrella March takes a history tour through The Shady Side of steam-era Vancouver! Join in our celebration of 130 Years of Resistance to find out more!

**RED UMBRELLA MARCH
FOR SEX WORK SOLIDARITY
SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018, 2 P.M.
VICTORY SQUARE, CAMBIE ST. AT HASTINGS**

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.