

FREEDOM TO ASSOCIATE IS OUR RIGHT!

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

This year marks the **11th year** that sex workers, allies, families and friends stand together in the fight against Canada's unjust prostitution laws. "Freedom of Association," section 2(d) of Canada's *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* guarantees the collective pursuit of common goals. "Sexual Services," section 286 of the *Criminal Code of Canada* violates the Charter because this law prevents sex workers from forming trade unions and professional associations; from collecting membership dues; and from sharing membership benefits. Read more about how the *Protection of Communities and Exploited Persons Act* violates sex workers' Freedom to Associate at: triple-x.org/freedomtoassociate



RUM 2023 SEX WORK SOLIDARITY

Vancouver
Saturday
June 10

11th Annual
Red Umbrella
March

2 P.M. MEMORIAL LAMP POST, 1130 JERVIS ST.

The annual Vancouver Red Umbrella March for Sex Work Solidarity is co-sponsored by: Sex Workers United Against Violence, Pivot Legal Society, PACE Society, SWAN Society, B.C. Bad Dates and Aggressors Reporting Project, B.C. Coalition of Experiential Communities, and 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.