



Sex workers deserve safety, dignity, and the freedom to work without stigma or criminalization. Our organization stands firmly on the belief that sex work is work, and we partner with groups who share this commitment. Public statements of support help dismantle stigma, increase safety, and strengthen mobilization efforts across movements. The statement below offer examples on how different communities can affirm sex workers' rights within their own frameworks and values.

Affirming Taglines:

- Sex Work Is Work
- Sex Work Is Work. Full Stop
- Safety, Not Stigma
- Decriminalize. Destigmatize. Humanize
- Support, Not Surveillance
- Justice Includes Sex Workers
- Safety for All Workers Means Safety for Sex Workers
- Protect People Not Systems of Harm
- No Sex-Positivity Without Sex Workers
- Sex Workers Built This – Respect the Blueprint
- Nothing About Us, Without Us

The following are sample public statements tailored to intersections movements.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

As a reproductive justice organization, we affirm that sex work is work. We recognize that bodily autonomy includes the right to choose one's form of labor, free from criminalization, stigma, and coercion. Sex workers—many of whom are Black, Indigenous, migrant, LGBTQ+, and caregivers—deserve safety, economic opportunity, and full access to reproductive and family care. We support the decriminalization of sex work as a necessary step toward ensuring all people can make empowered decisions about their bodies, families, and futures.

LGBTQ+ RIGHTS

As an LGBTQ+ rights organization, we affirm that sex work is work. We stand with sex workers in demanding safety, respect, and legal protections. Decriminalizing sex work is essential to protecting queer and trans lives, reducing police violence, and ensuring that all LGBTQ+ people have the freedom to live and work without fear.



KINK AND BDSM COMMUNITIES/ORGANIZATIONS

As a community rooted in consent, personal autonomy, and the right to self-expression, we affirm that sex work is work. Many kink and BDSM practitioners engage in professional labor that relies on skill, negotiation, emotional intelligence, and ethical boundaries. We support the decriminalization of sex work and the removal of stigma that places community members at risk. Upholding consent culture means advocating for the rights, safety, and dignity of all sex workers.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS

As an anti-trafficking organization, we affirm that sex work is work and recognize the critical difference between consensual sex work and trafficking. Criminalization makes it harder - **not easier** - to identify and support people who are experiencing exploitation. We stand for approaches that center human rights, harm reduction, and survivor-led solutions. Supporting the decriminalization of sex work strengthens community trust, increases access to resources, and ensures that people experiencing trafficking can seek help without fear of arrest.

MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

As a mental health organization, we affirm that sex work is work. Criminalization and stigma harm the emotional well-being of sex workers and create barriers to accessing services, support, and safety. We advocate for trauma-informed, nonjudgmental care that respects the autonomy and lived experiences of sex workers. Decriminalizing sex work is essential to reducing stress, improving community safety, and ensuring equitable access to mental health resources.

SEX-POSITIVE ORGANIZATIONS

As a sex-positive organization, we affirm that sex work is work—and that any movement claiming to support sexual liberation must center the voices of those who have historically led it: **Sex Workers**. Sex workers bring lived experience, expertise, embodied knowledge, and cultural leadership to conversations about pleasure, autonomy, consent, and safety. If sex-positive programs, events, or education spaces are not actively guided, informed, and advised by sex workers, then they are incomplete and risk reinforcing stigma rather than dismantling it. To do sex-positive work with integrity, we commit to including sex workers at every stage of program development, leadership, and advocacy.