

WHO WE ARE

The ECP is a grassroots network of sex workers working both on the streets and indoors campaigning for decriminalisation and safety.

Even though our job is legal, the law makes it illegal for us to work together with others. We're forced to choose between possible arrest and keeping ourselves safe or avoiding a criminal record and putting ourselves in danger.

We fight against being treated like criminals and have won against loitering/soliciting and brothel-keeping charges.

Most sex workers are mothers trying to do the best for their children. We campaign against poverty and austerity cuts and for housing and other survival resources so that any of us can leave prostitution if and when we want.

Our international network includes our sister organisations Empower (Thailand), Street Workers Collective (Ireland) and US PROStitutes Collective (USA).



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GET INVOLVED

See our latest campaigns and/or donate to support our work at www.prostitutescollective.net

If you would like to volunteer – whether you have a little or a lot of time – please get in touch. Weekdays are best for us and we prefer to work together in person (although for people who live outside of London there may be work that can be done online). We are based at the Crossroads Women's Centre in London with 14 other groups, so everyone can come and go without anyone knowing which organisation they are part of. If you would like to get involved, please email us and tell us about your interests and skills and we'll get back to you.

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WHAT WE STAND FOR

- Decriminalisation of sex work – on the street and in premises. The laws land us in prison, divide us from families and friends, make us vulnerable to violence and isolate us. Criminal records trap us in prostitution.
- Protection from rape and other violence.
- An end to police brutality, sexism, racism, transphobia, and other illegality. Prosecute police who break the law.
- No zones, no licensing, no legalised brothels – they are ghettos and state pimping.
- Self-determination. Sex workers must decide how we want to work – not the police, local authorities, pimps, madams/managers who profit from our work.
- An end to racism and other discrimination within the sex industry.

- Rights for sex workers like other workers: the right to organise collectively to improve our working conditions, a pension and to join trade unions.
- No criminalisation of clients, which forces sex workers underground and into more danger. Consenting sex between adults is not a crime.
- Free and accessible health services for all: no mandatory health checks.
- Women's right to organise independently of men, including of male sex workers.
- Money in women's hands and economic alternatives: no one should be forced into sex by poverty. People who want to leave the sex industry (or any industry) should get resources.
- Shelters and benefits for children/young people so no-one has to beg or sell sex to survive.
- No 'rehabilitation' schemes which punish us or force us into low-paid jobs.
- The right to freedom of movement within and between countries. Stop using anti-trafficking laws to deport sex workers.

OUR WORK INCLUDES

Protesting the horrific murders of 13 women by the Yorkshire Ripper and the official disregard for sex workers' lives.

A 12-day occupation of a church in King's Cross, London in 1982 to protest police illegality and racism against street workers.

The first ever successful private prosecution for rape in England and Wales in 1995 which put a serial rapist behind bars.

Forming the Safety First Coalition in the aftermath of the tragic murder of five women in Ipswich in 2006, which includes prestigious organisations like the Royal College of Nursing and Women Against Rape.

Opposing civil orders used against street workers to criminalise and ban us from particular areas.

Opposing gentrification and the closure of sex workers' flats in Soho, London, because it is safer to work inside.

Migrant sex workers winning against Brexit-inspired deportation orders.