Asia-Pacific Network of Sex Workers

Making Sex Work Safe in Asia-Pasifika
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Recommendations

1. Local sex worker groups be involved in implementing the resource MSWS-A.P
2. That sex workers run their own groups and projects
3. To support the involvement and empowerment of more HIV+ sex workers in APNSW and local groups
4. The APNSW needs to receive support (including funding) for it to grow and fulfil the needs of sex workers in the region.
5. That we develop country and sub-regional networks of sex workers within APNSW
6. APNSW co-ordinate a regional campaign against discriminatory policing practices directed at sex workers, their families, their workplaces and homes.
7. Improve communication among sex workers at all levels in the A>P region
8. Work to improve quality, supply and design of female and male condoms
9. For sex workers to be included in policy making and that we try to work more closely with policy makers.
10. Work on issues relating to 100% condom use
11. Support and training visits and exchange programs be used more often — also for MSWS-A.P
12. More support for cultural programs at larger conferences be provided
13. Community Groups (sex workers and others) need to make recommendations for input to Kobe conference
14. We discuss and work to improve working conditions for sex workers
15. Work for stronger solidarity among sex workers in the region
16. That APNSW have more contact with other regional networks of sex workers — eg. with Europe (especially around Russian speaking Asia)
17. That transgender sex workers are more involved at all levels of networks in the region
18. We work to improve language diversity in APNSW and other international networks
19. We work to include and involve sex workers from Pasifika
20. We work to include and involve sex workers' children and partners
21. We explore having a regional and a global sex workers' Mela
22. Establish sex workers' study and research projects so sex workers can look into health issues and working conditions in all countries of the region.

23. That we work to involve more countries in our networks and meetings.

24. Good practice guidelines can be drawn up from this meeting and implemented as another project.

25. In our groups and networks we support new members and younger sex workers to become activists in our groups and networks. (e.g mentoring)

26. We look at issues for drug using sex workers in our countries and the region, and involve more drug users who are sex workers in the network.

27. We need improved funding and more political will to achieve health rights for sex workers.

28. Khartini gets an assistant (but not too glamorous)

29. We should rotate meetings in different countries in the region to support local sex workers and their groups.

30. We follow up this conference with continues networking — including APNSW listserv.

31. We call ILO (and International Council for Worker's health) to recognize sex work as work.

32. We work with IOM on sex work and migration issues.

33. Collect and send information on advocacy work to all member groups and look into advocacy training.