

SUPPORTING WORKERS IN THE SEX INDUSTRY: CANADIAN ORGANIZATIONS

#### **ALBERTA**

#### Shift

Located in Calgary, Alberta, Shift provides supports for former and current sex workers. Shift provides counseling, short- and long-term support, advocacy, legal support, escort/massage/entertainment licensing information and more.

110 - 1603 10 Ave SW
Calgary, AB T3C oJ7
(403) 237-8171
info@shiftcalgary.org
http://www.shiftcalgary.org/

#### **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

## **PACE Society**

PACE Society has existed since 1994, it is a support program by and for sex workers of all genders. They provide one-on-one support, drop-in services, peer outreach services, and more.

49 W. Cordova Street
Vancouver, BC
(604) 872-7651
http://www.pace-society.org/

#### **PEERS Victoria**

A grassroots agency established by, with, and for sex workers in 1995, PEERS Victoria provides a numbers of supports for sex workers from outreach and drop in to education and employment training.

1-744 Fairview Road Victoria, BC V9A 5T9 (250) 388-5325 admin@peers.bc.ca http://www.safersexwork.ca/

### **PIVOT Legal Society**

PIVOT Legal Society's mandate is to use the law to address the root causes of poverty and social exclusion. This involves a "bottom up approach" to law reform in which those who suffer from poverty and/or social exclusion are involved in the discussion about what needs to be changed in order for their lives to be improved.

121 Heatley Avenue Vancouver, BC V6A 3E9 (604) 255-9700 http://www.pivotlegal.org/

# **Prince George New Hope Society**

The New Hope Society drop-in centre for women involved in the sex trade is the only one in Prince George, BC. The drop-in provides hot meals, cleaning facilities, clothing, and more. The society also hold sexual health workshops to help inform their program users.

1046 4th Ave
Prince George, BC V2L 3J1
(250) 562-8680
http://princegeorgenewhopesociety.ca/

#### **SWAN Vancouver Society**

SWAN (Supporting Women's Alternatives network) provides support for newcomer, migrant and immigrant women. The society offers two programs: outreach and netreach. Because they cater to women from diverse cultural backgrounds they provide assistance in Cantonese, Mandarin, Japanese, Hindi, Farsi, Creole, Spanish, French and English.

P.O. Box 21520 1424 Commercial Drive Vancouver, BC V5L 3X9 info@swanvancouver.ca http://swanvancouver.ca

## Triple X Workers' Solidarity Association of BC

Triple-X advocates for sex workers' active involvement in improving their lives, they seek remuneration for their members (who are sex workers), and more. Triple-X is comprised of workers from the sex industry and is open to join.

3075-349 Georgia Street West Vancouver, BC V6B 3X6 info@triple-x.org http://triple-x.org/

# WISH Drop-in Centre Society

WISH provides support and programming exclusively for female survival sex workers. The society offers a drop-in centre, learning centre, nursing care, a night outreach van, and more.

334 Alexander Street Vancouver, BC V6A 1C3 (604) 669-9474 wishdropincentre@shaw.ca http://wish-vancouver.net/

# **NOVA SCOTIA**

# **Stepping Stone Association**

Stepping Stone provides services for adult sex workers of all ages. They offer a number of services including drop-in hours, basic necessities, court support, outreach, and more.

2224 Maitland Street Halifax, NS (902) 420-0103 http://steppingstonens.ca/

#### **ONTARIO**

#### Butterfly

Butterfly is designed to help Asian and migrant sex workers. They provide legal aid, health support, outreach, emergency support, and public education via workshops.

1 (416) 906-3098 cswbutterfly@gmail.com http://www.butterflysw.org/

# Maggie's: The Toronto Sex Workers' Action Project

Maggie's works with workers from all sectors of the sex industry. They provide program users with safer sex and drug materials, information and education.

> 298 A Gerrard St. E. 2nd Floor Toronto, ON M5A 2G7 (416) 964-0150 maggiescoord@gmail.com http://maggiestoronto.ca/

# POWER (Prostitutes of Ottawa-Gatineau Work, Educate & Resist)

POWER is open to former and current workers in

the sex industry. The organization hosts fundraisers, community information sessions, rallies and protests to promote the decriminalization of sex work.

http://www.powerottawa.ca/

#### Sex Professionals of Canada (SPOC)

SPOC is lead exclusively by sex workers. They provide legal support, host monthly meetings, and offer information and resources.

P.O. Box #305 245 Gerrard St. East Toronto, ON M5A 2G1 http://www.spoc.ca/

#### **SWAG Kingston**

SWAG (Sex workers' action group) Kingston provides supports for sex workers of all genders and ethnicities working in any sector of the industry. The group offers health services, an updated bad date book, harm reduction materials, legal aid, counselling and support, as well as a Thursday drop-in.

HARS, 844 Princess Street Kingston, ON swagkingston@gmail.com http://swagkingston.com/

### **OUEBEC**

## Projet L.U.N.E.

Projet L.U.N.E. works with Quebecois streetbased sex workers. The organization provides female sex workers in emergency situations with support from Mon-Sat, offering a max of 5 beds each night.

365 rue Saint-Luc

Quebec G1N 2T8 (418) 641-0168 info@projet-lune.org http://www.projet-lune.org/

#### SIDA-Vie Laval (Venus Project)

Sida-Vie Laval provides sex workers, regardless of their gender or ethnicity, with health care support, psychosocial council, and a "bad client" list.

90 boul. Lévesque Est Laval, QC H7G 1B9 (450) 669-3099 http://www.sidavielaval.ca/

#### Stella, l'amie de maimie

As an organization designed for sex workers, Stella provides their program users with information and support which promotes physical, mental and sexual safety. They publish a magazine for sex workers by sex workers, as well as a monthly bulletin which includes a "Bad Tricks and Assaulters List." In addition to these publications, they host art workshops, community meals, free vaccination clinics and more.

2065, rue Parthenais, bureau 404 Montréal, QC H2K 3T1 1 (514) 285-8889 http://chezstella.org/stella/en

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