

Events on June 2nd 2023, the International Sex Workers Day

AUSTRIA | Graz

SEX WORKERS. A QUITE NORMAL LIFE

The organisation SXA is currently showing a photo exhibit by Tim Oehler - SEX WORKERS. DAS GANZ NORMALE LEBEN (Sex Workers. A quite normal life) - at their premises Infocafé Palaver, Lendplatz 38, in Graz.

The exhibition will end on June 2th, the International Sex Workers' Day, with speeches, a few welcoming words via video from the artist, a little buffet and time for questions and discussions related to sex work.

Along the lines of "Don't judge a life you haven't lived yourself", sex workers give

insights into their everyday lives. In very personal texts, they describe their view of sex work. Their portraits, their voices and their thoughts depict facets of a diverse and stigmatised life that is not just black and white.

The goal is to give sex workers a voice, through pictures and texts.



AUSTRIA | Vienna

MORE RIGHTS FOR SEX WORKERS!

For the 2023 **International Sex Worker's Day**, Vienna is organizing a public event at the Urban-Loritz-Platz, 1070 Vienna. It will be hosted by several organisations: Lefö, Grüne Frauen Wien, Amnesty International/Netzwerk Frauenrechte, sexworker.at, Red Edition and the Queer Sex Workers Collective. There will be music, speeches, info-points, a flash mob, and much more!

The **demands** are:

- No paternalism and political instrumentalization of sex workers!
- Stop criminalization of sex workers!
- Stop criminalization of clients!
- Stop the double standards with regard to sex work!
- The legal recognition of sex work as work!
- Residence and work rights for migrant women in the sex work.
- Involvement of sex workers in all laws that affect them.
- Sufficient good and safe work places for sex workers.
- Protection from violence, discrimination, sexism and racism.



GERMANY | Hamburg

50 YEARS SUPPORTING SEX WORKERS ON THE REEPERBAHN

For 50 years, the Sperrgebiet on St. Pauli (formerly Kaffeekluppe) has been a meeting place for sex workers, where they get support and counselling.

On June 2nd, the International Sex Workers' Day, the organisation will review these five decades experience, taking a look at the current situation and the challenges of social work in the milieu.

The event will take place in the premises of the Sperrgebiet St. Pauli at Seilerstraße 34, 20359 Hamburg, with talks about the discrimination and stigma sex workers face, and a tour through St. Pauli.



GREECE | Athens, Thessaloniki

AWARENESS RAISING FOR SEX WORKERS' RIGHTS

The organisation RED UMBRELLA, with branches in Athens and Thessaloniki, will organise the following on June 2nd:

- a press release which shall be signed by several Greek organizations, to maximize its impact
- social media posts and an online campaign to raise awareness for sex workers' rights
- an interview on TV



ITALY | Bologna

Sex Workers Speak out: FOR RIGHTS, AGAINST CRIMINALISATION

Italian sex workers' movements and organisations will meet on June 2nd at a Congress. They are organising a public meeting on "Sex Workers Speak Out, for Rights, against Criminalization", held in Bologna on June 3rd 2023, from 9.30am to 4.00pm at the Auditorium Enzo Biagi di Sala Borsa.

20 years after their last collective and public event, sex workers' organizations in Italy will publicly take the floor again to discuss the issue of sex work.

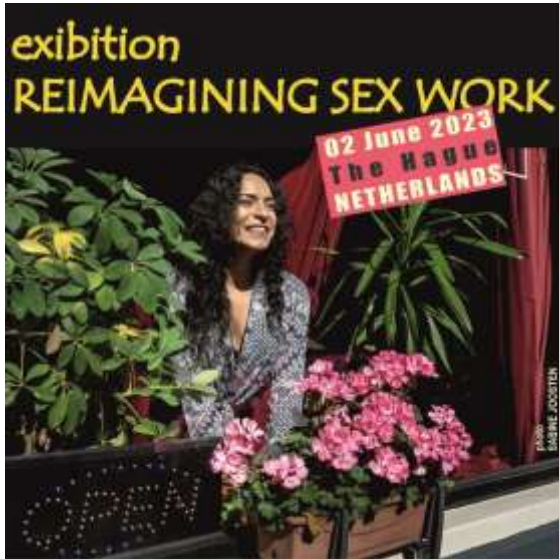
The meeting is open to interested citizens, experts, policy makers and the press. It will feature sex workers' organizations in their struggle for rights and the decriminalization of sex work.

A press conference will be held between 10.00 and 11.00am. A city parade with the sex workers and allies will close the event of the Congress.

For more information:

sexworkerspeakout@gmail.com

The Organizing Committee: Committee for the Civil Rights of Prostitutes ApS / Padova Harcore & S.W.I.R. / Kinky Girls / MIT Trans Identity Movement / Ombre Rosse Transfeminist Collective of Sex Workers and Allies / SWIPE Sex Workers Intersectional Peer Education



NETHERLANDS | The Hague

REIMAGINING SEX WORK

The exhibition “Reimagining Sex Work” will be open on June 2nd, the International Sex Workers' Day. It introduces aspects of the lives of people in sex work, because there exist a stereotypical image around the profession, often with a negative connotation.

SHOP The Hague (Knowledge and expertise centre for sex work and human trafficking), Reimagining Sex Work, and the theatre De Vaillant proudly present this exhibition, where one get to know sex work as a profession and who sex workers are.

The festive opening is on Friday, June 2nd, 2023, at 7pm (walk-in from 6pm). With Maria Scali (director of SHOP) and Mischa Tydeman (Reimagining Sex Work) and music by DJ Sirina.

This exhibition will be on display throughout June at the theatre de Vaillant, in The Hague.

For more information: reimaginingsexwork.nl and shop-den Haag.nl



NETHERLANDS | Rotterdam

ACTIVITIES WITH AND FOR SEX WORKERS

Door2Door, a low-threshold centre for sex workers in Rotterdam, is organising a week of activities from May 30th to June 2nd, the International Sex Workers' Day.

They are planning workshops, excursions to the city's historical sex work sites, and queer sex toy workshops. On June 2nd, there will be free tattoos with the red umbrellas, the reading of the text 'My body, My Choice', and at the end of the day, a dinner with sex workers.

For more information:

<https://door2doorrotterdam.nl>



NETHERLANDS | Amsterdam

LEASURE PROVIDERS PILLOW TALK

On June 2nd, sex workers and allies are invited to gather at San Serriffe. From 8pm until 10pm, we will take the time to read, reflect and rest. MF Akynos, Alejandra Ortiz and Alice Danger will share stories with us. Kami Million will be hosting us for this night of Pleasure Providers Pillow Talk.

Let us be together and celebrate our existence as whores. On our day, we do not have to hide. This day is ours. We are allowed to thrive.

Address: San Serriffe (Sint Annenstraat 30, Red Light District). Doors open at 8pm, we start at 8:30pm, and close at 10pm.

For more information: kikiyesyouloveme@gmail.com



NORTH MACEDONIA | Strumica, Gostivar, Skopje

LIVING LIBRARY WITH SEX WORKERS

On June 2nd, the International Sex Workers' Day, **STAR, The First Sex Workers Collective in the Balkans** is starting the **SEX WORKERS' MONTH** campaign, within the frames of which we organize public events in three cities in North Macedonia:

- STRUMICA - "Living Library with Sex Workers" on June 9th 2023, in the European House
- GOSTIVAR - "Living Library with Sex Workers" on June 16th 2023, in the Civic Resource Centre
- SKOPJE - "Living Library with Sex Workers" on June 23rd, in the European House

The purpose behind the "**Living Library with Sex Workers**" events is to sensitize the broader public regarding sex workers rights, organized according to the "living library" concept, which enables interaction among people as a tool to overcome the prejudices and stereotypes in a safe public space. At the events, visitors from the general population will have the opportunity to hear out sex workers' personal stories and ask questions about their experiences.

The event will be promoted on June 2nd on STAR's Facebook profile:

<https://www.facebook.com/starsexwork/>



SWITZERLAND | LUCERN

"THE CHILDREN DON'T KNOW" - SEX WORK AND STIGMATISATION

LISA, the association for the interests of sex workers in Lucerne, is organising on June 2nd an event with talks and discussions regarding sex workers' rights to commemorate its 10 years jubilee. The event will take place at the Apéro Der MaiHof (Kirchensaal), Weggismattstrasse 9, Luzern, at 17.30



SWITZERLAND | ZURICH

WORKSHOPS FOR SEX WORKERS ONLY

ProCoRe (Prostitution Collective Reflection), the Sex Workers Collective and the Berlin Strippers Collective will organise on June 2nd a workshop only for sex workers. It will start at 2pm on Langstr. 200, Zürich.