

Universal Declaration of Sex Workers' Rights

Preamble

Acknowledging that sex work, in regions where it is legal and regulated, involves individuals providing consensual adult sexual services in exchange for compensation, and recognizing the inherent dignity and equal rights of all individuals involved in this profession:

1. ****Right to Personal Safety and Freedom from Exploitation:****
 - Every individual has the right to work in environments that are safe, secure, and free from violence, exploitation, coercion, and discrimination.
2. ****Right to Access Health Services:****
 - Individuals have the right to access comprehensive health services, including preventive care, treatment, and counseling, without facing discrimination or judgment.
3. ****Right to Privacy and Confidentiality:****
 - The privacy of sex workers should be protected, ensuring confidentiality in health and legal services, and safeguarding personal data against misuse.
4. ****Right to Legal Protection and Fair Treatment:****
 - Sex workers are entitled to legal protection under the law, including recourse to justice in cases of abuse, exploitation, or labor disputes, without fear of retribution or legal repercussion for their occupation.
5. ****Right to Work Without Discrimination:****
 - No individual should be discriminated against on the basis of their engagement in sex work. This includes discrimination in accessing housing, education, and other services.
6. ****Right to Informed Consent:****
 - Every sex worker has the right to give or withhold consent for any services freely and to set boundaries that are respected by clients, employers, and colleagues.
7. ****Right to Association and Representation:****
 - Individuals have the right to form or join associations, collectives, or unions that advocate for their rights, safety, and well-being.
8. ****Right to Fair Compensation and Working Conditions:****
 - Workers should receive fair and transparent compensation for their services, work under fair conditions, and have the right to negotiate the terms of their labor.
9. ****Right to Education and Professional Development:****

- Access to education, vocational training, and professional development opportunities should be available to support individuals' rights to personal and professional growth.

10. ****Right to Exit and Transition Support:****

- Individuals wishing to transition out of sex work should have access to support services, including education and employment programs, to facilitate this change.

This declaration advocates for the recognition of sex workers' rights as human rights, emphasizing the need for policies and practices that ensure their safety, dignity, and equality. It calls upon governments, organizations, and society at large to work towards eliminating stigma, discrimination, and violence against sex workers, promoting their health, safety, and human rights.