

Supporting Women in the Sex Industry & Women Trafficked for Sexual Exploitation:

Professional Development Workshop

Training Aims

The aim of this FREE training is to enhance knowledge and skills within the community sector to ensure frontline staff are informed of and responsive to the issues and experiences of women in the sex industry and women trafficked for sexual exploitation.

These aims support the broader goal of enabling women in the sex industry to access community support services without experiencing stigma and discrimination.

Details:

When: Thursday, 14th June 2018

Time: 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Where: Federation Estate

32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood, VIC 3134

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Workshop Learning Outcomes

At the end of the professional development workshop, participants will be able to:

- discuss Project Respect's vision, mission and services for women
- explain what constitutes sex work in Victoria, the legislation that underpins it and the nature and scope of exploitation
- explain the components of human trafficking as well as the indicators and support pathways
- discuss how family violence uniquely impacts on women in the sex industry
- describe the types of stigma and discrimination women in the sex industry face, including those from CaLD backgrounds, and how it impacts their daily lives and impedes access to services

 tailor the support you provide women in the sex industry, including those from CaLD backgrounds, by identifying appropriate referral pathways and resources available to your client/s

Pre-requisite Knowledge

- Knowledge of what constitutes family violence
- Basic knowledge of risk assessment

Organisational Benefits

Once trained, your organisation will:

- be up-skilled by a specialist service on a specific cohort
- have an increased capacity to identify human trafficking indicators
- be placed on our local services list that is given to women during brothel outreach
- be added to our referral list used in case coordination
- be able to use workshop towards CPD requirements pending confirmation with industry peak body
- have a greater understanding of the licensed Victorian sex industry and some of the issues experienced by women
- have established a relationship with Project Respect and know who to contact for secondary consults regarding women in the sex industry.

About Project Respect

Project Respect is a feminist, secular, non-profit community based organisation offering a support and referral service for women trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation, and for women in the sex industry.

We recognise that discrimination, violence and exploitation of women in the sex industry is significant, widespread and harmful. Human rights are fundamental to our work and we believe that all women have the right to feel safe and respected. Project Respect plays a unique role in connecting women in the sex industry and women who have been trafficked to essential services.

About the Trainer

Malvina Hagedorn is a refugee lawyer and advocate dedicated to social justice, with a particular interest in women's rights. She has more than ten years' experience specialising in immigration and refugee law, and has worked extensively with women seeking protection, including those who have experienced family violence and been trafficked for sexual exploitation. She regularly runs workshops and delivers training on protection issues for NGO's, community groups and government agencies.

Malvina has a Masters of Public and International Law and has worked as a protection officer with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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