



South Australia's peer sex worker association

SIN Newsletter

Autumn - April 2017

Promoting the health, rights and wellbeing of sex workers!

Do you need assistance with?

- Safe sex information
- Housing Referrals
- Legal Advice
- Safe Sex Products
- Advocacy
- Clean Needle Services
- New Worker Training
- Counselling
- Transport
- Workshops
- Your Rights
- Volunteering
- Our wonderful SIN Mag



Hello everyone, and welcome to the first edition of our new look newsletter.

This year has been a busy one when it comes to fighting for our rights. We have seen a marked change in the policing methods around sex work, and we continue to fight for the decriminalisation of our industry through community engagement and parliamentary pathways.

The parliamentary select committee, formulated to debate the pros and cons of decriminalising sex work in SA, are currently collating their findings into a written report, which will then be used as evidence in the final voting on the proposed Bill in the upper house. As sex workers, we all know that the decriminalisation of our industry is the only way to secure our rights and better our health – let's just hope the powers that be also see it this way!

SIN, as always, will keep you updated on any further developments on this process. Until then, stay safe, stay vigilant, and stay sexy.

Much love, Sharon (SIN Manager)

WORD ON THE STREET

SINNERS DINNERS IS CHANGING:

As many of you know, SINners Dinners is a once a month event specifically held for past or current street based sex workers. The dinners are held on the last Wednesday of each month, and are an opportunity to catch up with the SIN outreach team and other street based sex workers, while enjoying a FREE meal.

SIN has recently been investigating a change of scenery for our monthly catch ups, and I am pleased to announce that we will be holding our future dinners, at either the Junction Tavern, or at CASSA (Vietnamese Community Centre). As always, reminders for time and venue will be given on outreaches and via a phone call on the day.

NEW TIME FOR SINNERS DINNERS: 5:30PM-7:15PM

If you're in the local area we can pick you up and drop off (with prior arrangement).

NEW VENUE DETAILS:

CASSA (Vietnamese Community Centre)
ADDRESS: 62 Athol Street, ATHOL PARK, 5012

The Junction Tavern
ADDRESS: 174 Grand Junction Road, Pennington SA 5013

UPCOMING SINNERS DINNERS DATES

- 26/4/17 - The Junction Tavern
- 31/5/17 - CASSA
- 28/6/17 – CASSA

Can't wait to catch up with you all
The Street Outreach Team

TESTING BUDDY

Did you know that SIN offers a 'testing buddy' service where a peer worker from SIN can pick you up and take you to C275, or any other screening service of your choice? Get in touch with us for more details.

SIN MALE PROJECT

Have you heard about the guy who wasn't allowed into the USA because they thought he was a sex worker? It turned out that he was just a regular guy, but stigma and discrimination for male sex workers is real. Follow this link to read the story - www.dailyextra.com/canada/news-and-ideas/news/us-customs-block-canadian-man-reading-scruff-profile-215531.

Know about PrEP? If you're a guy who sleeps with guys, for work or for pleasure, you can take part in an Adelaide trial starting in April 2017. The sex worker community has done a lot of consultation on the use of PrEP. If you're interested in chatting about this HIV prevention method, you can contact SIN. For more information on the trial head to - www.alfredhealth.org.au/research/research-areas/infectious-diseases-research/prep-south-australia.

Our Male Project Worker, Joel, and a SIN community member are currently co-developing a 'self-care' skill-share: how do we manage fatigue, stress, and make ourselves feel great after a long day at work? Stay-tuned for launch details and if you have any ideas or requests for skill-shares, let SIN know!

SIN's male project office hours: 9:30am to 4:00pm Tuesday and Wednesday.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SEX INDUSTRY (SASI) CLINIC

Clinic 275 on North Terrace, are running Sex Worker STI screening clinics on Wednesday's from 11am – 3pm. The clinic has a dedicated waiting area and a dedicated doctor and nurse. Phone interpreters are also available for sex workers who speak English as a second language. You can contact C275 directly on 8222 5075 for more information.

SIN Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Project

Office hours –

Wednesday 1.30pm till 5.30pm

Thursday 1.30pm till 5.30pm

Friday 10am till 5.30pm (deliveries & outreach)

All outreach deliveries will be done on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your orders are forwarded to SIN by close of business the day before (Thursdays). You can call the office on 8351 7626 or contact me on my mobile: 0450 847 626.

Happy Thai New Year!

The CALD project will be hosting a coffee and cake get together in April! Date and time to be advised.

Suree x

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วันพุธเวลา 13.30 ถึง 17.30 น

วันพฤหัสบดีเวลา 13.30 ถึง 17.30 น

วันศุกร์ตั้งแต่เวลา 10.00 ถึง 17.30 น

บริการส่งสินค้านอกสถานที่จะดำเนินการในตอนบ่ายวันศุกร์

โปรดตรวจสอบการสั่งซื้อของคุณเพื่อให้แน่ใจว่าได้ส่งมายัง SIN

SIN FEMALE PROJECT

Are you a 'Ho in the know'? Do you want to be a 'Ho in the know'? If so, contact us and I'll add you to my email list! I put together an online newsletter called 'Ho in the know' every couple of months. It's full of news, updates, reports and anything I think may interest sex workers. Flick me your email address and you, too, could be a 'Ho in the know'.

My office hours are 9.45am till 2.45pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9.30am till 5.30pm Thursdays, and 9.30am till 2.30pm Fridays. I do free deliveries of safer sex products on a Thursday afternoon (in the metro area) and am available to visit you wherever you live or work to chat or conduct training.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Kat.

TRANS PROJECT NEWS AND EVENTS

Trans project office hours: 11:30am to 5:00pm Tuesday and Friday.

Outreach and condom delivery is Friday afternoon.

GENDASA meetup: is a social gathering for the trans and gender diverse community and our supporters.

When: Last Saturday of every month.

April 29 2pm to 5pm

May 27 2pm to 5pm

June 24 2pm to 5pm.

I will be attending every meeting and encourage all trans and gender diverse sex workers to come along and say hi and join me for a chat, coffee, drink, or a bite to eat.

Location: Venue 63, 63 Light Square Adelaide.

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THE SIN GOVERNANCE AND AUTONOMY GROUP (GAAG)

SIN has recently filed an application to become an incorporated body. This is exceptionally exciting news, as it is something we have strived towards since our conception, 30 years ago.

To be an effective independent sex worker organisation, WE NEED YOU! Do you want to be part of SIN's future? Would you like to have your voice heard in how SIN operates? We are seeking motivated, enthusiastic and committed sex workers, to join the SIN GAAG.

You do not need to be an academic, or have any particular skills, as training will be given (although if you are good with figures and finance we would especially like to hear from you). All we ask is a commitment to a monthly meeting, a once a year Annual General Meeting (AGM) and a couple of hours a month in total, to monitor and respond to emails. You will get the opportunity to travel interstate once a year, and all out of pocket expenses will be covered.

Please contact Roxana or Sharon at the SIN office, if you feel you may have the time to spare, to be part of this amazing opportunity.

UGLY MUGS SMS ALERTS

SIN is committed to promoting the health and safety of SA sex workers. One of the ways sex workers do this is by sharing information – and we do it well! SIN has initiated a text messaging ugly mug (UM) service. If you'd like to be on our text list and receive timely updates of UM's drop us a line at info@sin.org.au or call 8351 7626. All we need is a mobile phone number.