

# SWWOP AWARENESS RAISING TRAINING ABOUT WORKING WITH STREET SEX WORKERS

**Sheffield Working Women's Opportunities Project (SWWOP)** is a small voluntary organisation that works to reduce the harm arising from street sex work in Sheffield. This includes providing advice, support and practical harm reduction for the working women themselves, as well as supporting an increasing number of them to exit from sex work and related substance misuse via our Recovery, Exit & Support Team (REST).

SWWOP offers a range of awareness raising and training opportunities for statutory and voluntary organisations that provide services to women working as street sex workers including:

1. One-hour and two-hour awareness raising sessions
2. A one-day training course (Working with Street Sex Workers: Awareness Raising and Multi-Agency Working) delivered as two half-day sessions

The session content can be tailored to focus on the specific needs and priorities of the agencies involved. For details of the full programme please contact Sali Harwood, Manager SWWOP, **Tel 0114 275 2040**

## ONE-DAY TRAINING COURSE

### Aims of the training

- To raise awareness about the realities and effects of street sex work in Sheffield
- To help participants to develop their confidence and skills in tackling the issues
- To identify resources available in the city to support this work

### Learning Outcomes

At the end of two half-day training events, participants will:

- Be aware of the reasons why women work as street sex workers
- Recognise their own responses to on-street prostitution
- Be aware of the problems and risks faced by women working as street sex workers
- Be aware of the needs of this group of women and how to engage with and work with them on a 1:1 basis
- Start to identify how organisations can provide more responsive services that meet the needs of this client group
- Be able to identify resources available in Sheffield to support their work

### Who the training is for

1. Staff or volunteers working directly with women working as street sex workers
2. Staff or volunteers who come into contact with working women in the course of their work e.g. as health, housing, drugs, childcare, community workers, police officers
3. Managers from organisations that commission or provide services to this client group, who want to make these service more effective

### How the training is delivered

The training will be delivered in two half-day sessions by SWWOP trainers who have experience of direct work with women working as street sex workers.