

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**

TWO-HOUR SESSION

Aims of the session

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

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the session, participants will:

- Recognise some of their own responses to on-street prostitution
- Be aware of the reasons why women work as street sex workers in Sheffield
- Be aware of the common problems and risks faced by women working as street sex workers
- Be aware of the impact of street sex work on women's lives
- Start to identify how organisations can provide more responsive services that:
 - support women working as street sex workers
 - help women to exit from street sex work
- 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 by SWWOP trainers who have experience of direct work with women working as street sex workers.