



Ending Commercial Sexual Exploitation TACKLING DEMAND FOR PROSTITUTION

Tuesday 20 April 2010 ● 1.00 – 3.00pm

A free seminar and debate concerning changes to the law and the impact of Section 14 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009

On 1 April 2010, the Policing and Crime Act 2009 enters into force. It creates a new criminal offence in England and Wales of paying for the sexual services of a person who is or has been subject to force.

This new legislation reframes the debate on prostitution, for the first time focusing attention on those who purchase sexual services and deterring them from doing so.

We invite you to come and hear from a panel of leading practitioners and campaigners working on this issue to find out why this change in legislation is a victory for the rights of women and a crucial step towards ending violence against women.

This seminar and debate will:

- Take you through changes to the law and explain key legal concepts;
- Explore the arguments concerning the need to tackle the demand for prostitution;
- Highlight the links between exploitation, prostitution, and trafficking;
- Consider what steps need to be taken by public and voluntary sector organisations to ensure that the new legal provisions are effective;
- Examine the impact of law and policy in this area on black, Asian, minority ethnic and refugee women and how their experiences and needs are reflected within policy and service responses.

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Panellists include:

Catherine Briddick, Senior Legal Officer, Rights of Women

- **Louise Jenkins, Exiting Prostitution Development Officer, Eaves Housing**
- **Anna van Heeswijk, Campaigns Coordinator, Object**
- **Richard Martin, Detective Chief Superintendent, OCU Commander for CO14 Clubs and Vice**
- **Marai Larasi, Director, Imkaan**

Refreshments will be provided.

Who should attend?

This seminar is open to representatives of voluntary and statutory sector organisations interested in finding out about changes to the law and policy around prostitution.

The seminar will offer an excellent learning and networking opportunity for representatives of women's organisations as well as representatives from other voluntary and statutory organisations working on violence against women, equality and non-discrimination issues.

Booking information

This seminar is free of charge. To book a place, please complete the booking form below, contact events@row.org.uk or call the Policy Officer on 020 7251 6575. Please let us know if you have any special requirements.

Places are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For administration purposes, we request that you provide at least one week of notice if you book and need to cancel.

BOOKING FORM

Participant's Details *(please copy this form for each participant, use block capitals and print clearly)*

Name

Occupation/position

Organisation

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