

# ‘SHIFTING THE BURDEN’

## Sex Trade Survivors Symposium

Jubilee Room, House of Commons. 10.00am - 5.30pm, Wednesday July 13th

TIME	DESCRIPTION
<b>10.00</b>	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Fiona MacTaggart</b>
<b>10:20</b>	<p><b>UK and US Frontline Service Provision – The Reality on the Ground</b></p> <p>London based frontline service provider Lynda Dearlove (CEO women@thewell) discusses the realities in the lives of the women she has been supporting for 20 years, along with Cherie Jimenez who has served prostituted women through the EVA Center in Boston for over a decade.</p>
<b>11.00</b>	<p><b>Women’s experiences of different legislative models</b></p> <p>A panel of women prostituted under different legal systems in the UK, Germany, Australia and the US talk about their experiences under different forms of legislation, and the cultural climates such legislation imposes. With Marie Merklinger, Amy Hooke, Fiona Broadfoot and Autumn Burris.</p>
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.00</b>	<p><b>The Impact of Decriminalised Pimping and Sex Buying in New Zealand</b></p> <p><b>Keynote – Sabrina Valisce</b></p> <p>Much commentary on prostitution today revolves around the recommendation that it would be a good idea to decriminalise the entire sex trade, including pimps, brothel keepers and sex buyers, in line with the approach taken by New Zealand. In this keynote we hear from Sabrina Valisce, who was prostituted in New Zealand prior to and after decriminalisation, and actively championed and campaigned for the NZ decriminalisation model until she saw the carnage it wrought on the women of her country.</p>
<b>13.20</b>	Sabrina Valisce is joined in conversation by Julie Bindel and Rachel Moran, who both visited New Zealand on a recent research project and spoke to women currently in prostitution and frontline service providers there.
<b>14:00</b>	<p><b>Prostitution and Gender Inequality</b></p> <p>UK academic Madeleine Coy presents research-based evidence for the success of the Swedish Model, and Swedish journalist, author and social commentator Kajsa Ekis Ekman explains the intentions that underpin the law.</p>
<b>14:40</b>	<p><b>Targeting Demand – The Social Justice Response</b></p> <p>Swedish Police Officer Simon Haggstrom discusses the enforcement of the law including cooperative partnership with social workers to ensure prostitution laws are enacted as a social justice response. Agnete Strom discusses the situation in Norway and US Social Worker Jeanette Westbrook explains why this approach is necessary across the globe.</p>
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>16:00</b>	<p><b>The Examples of Northern Ireland and France</b></p> <p>France has recently voted to implement the Nordic Model of decriminalising prostituted persons, criminalising sexual and economic exploiters and offering exit services. Gregoire Thery and Rosen Hitcher will discuss the new French social justice response, their involvement in the campaign and the reasons why it was necessary. Lord Maurice Morrow will discuss the passing of the Human Trafficking Bill in Northern Ireland, which made the purchase of sex there a criminal offence.</p>
<b>16:45</b>	<p><b>Racial marginalization as an entry point into the Sex Trade</b></p> <p>A conversation about how racial marginalisation of Black and Indigenous women functions as a coercive force that funnels women and girls of colour into the global sex trade. With Vednita Carter, Ne’Cole Daniels, and Bridget Perrier. Facilitated by Taina Bien Aime, Executive Director of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women.</p>
<b>17.30</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>