

Solidarity Event in association with hundreds of other actions across the world!

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Meet at 10.45am next Thursday, Dec 17th, at front of Downing Centre (court), 143-147 Liverpool Street, Sydney, and wearing red.

Sex workers and supporters welcome.

THIS EVENT WILL INCLUDE A MINUTES NOISE FOR SEX WORKER RIGHTS

Sex workers face all kinds of violence; sexism, transphobia and racism, especially as a result of criminalisation. In NSW sex work is decriminalised. Many sex worker communities around the world are commemorating Dec 17th, International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers. Violence against sex workers comes from the laws, from persecution for our work, and from a society that sees sex workers as the "natural" victims of violence for these other systemic oppressions. This discrimination has been blatant in a recent court case in NSW, sex workers and supporters will protest this next Thursday. Please come along.

ASSAULT IS AGAINST THE LAW – VIOLENCE AGAINST SEX WORKERS IS ILLEGAL.

We'll be protesting the discrimination apparent in the recent NSW court case. The accused was charged with assault with intent to have sexual intercourse and assault occasioning actual bodily harm. They admitted to using a "lock down manoeuvre" to pin the woman to the bed and putting a hand across the victims mouth, but was still found "not guilty." This is an injustice and is discriminatory against sex workers – Would it be acceptable if this happened to a worker in hospitality or other industries? This is not justice.

The protest outside Downing Centre will be followed by lunch on Oxford Street. Sex workers and supporters welcome. Come and protest for sex worker rights, spread the message. See you on Thursday!

To see news articles of the court case that we are protesting on International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers, please see the links below:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/10/14/2390124.htm>

<http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-national/us-sailor-not-guilty-of-rape-in-sydney-20091123-iu50.html>

To see what sex workers all over the world are doing to mark International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers 2009, please check the SWOPUSA link below:

<http://www.swopusa.org/dec/17>