



## SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO INDIVIDUALS

- Condoms (50 condoms for €10)
- Lube (in sachets or bottles)
- Free Rapid HIV Test
- Free Counselling
- Information and referrals to services



We can also provide personal support. This means that you can access our designated support workers and ask for information or support on any issue. We can be contacted via email, telephone or by dropping into our project.

Among other things, we can help with:

- STI screening
- Sexual Health
- Housing
- Safety
- Recovery
- Reporting a Crime

You do not have to choose to exit sex work in order to access our services.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

Getting a STI screen is free to everyone, at all STI clinics (regardless of whether you have a medical card or not).

Ugly mugs is a national online forum for sex workers to report people who might pose a danger to sex workers.

Henry Street Garda Station is the Limerick City central garda station. They want to hear from you if you have been a victim of a crime.

### USEFUL CONTACTS:

Free STI CLINIC  
(Nenagh, Ennis, Limerick)  
061 482382  
theclinic@hse.ie

UGLY MUGS SCHEME  
www.uglymugs.ie

HENRY STREET GARDA STATION  
061 212400

Redwood Place,  
18 Davis Street,  
Limerick  
061 314354  
support@goshh.ie  
www.goshh.ie



## Information for Sex Workers and people affected by prostitution



**Female, Male and Trans\*  
Indoor Escorts  
Street Workers  
Prostitutes  
and other people who sell sex**

## WHO ARE WE?

One of the first questions you may have about a project is *“how will I be treated when I contact them?”*

We have been working with sex workers since we began as Limerick AIDS Alliance in 1989. Our ethos is one of respect. We respect your right to decide what you want to do with your own body.

We are a harm reduction, health promotion and community development charity, (governed by a volunteer board of interested and experienced people). Each member of our staff is bound by the ethos of our project; to treat people with respect.

We are experienced with sex workers, we understand the nature of sex work, in all its forms, and we welcome new members to our community.

We will be non-judgemental, keep your confidentiality, and accept any name you wish to give us.

We will assume you are well and happy, unless you tell us otherwise.

**Our vision is to create an environment where the mental, emotional, physical, and social wellbeing of everyone is promoted and sexual rights are respected, protected, and fulfilled.**

## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

One of the difficulties facing Sex Workers in Ireland, is the isolation inherent in the nature of the work.



We are here to support the empowerment of the sex worker community from within.

As a group, sex workers have an innate set of skills for dealing with buyers, the law and other people.

We know that sex workers generally support each other, and that it can sometimes take time to meet other sex workers, if you have just started out or are working in a new city.

If you would like training on anything, or wish to start up, or join in with any campaigns, we can provide information that may help you.

The sex worker rights campaign group in Ireland is called the Sex Workers Alliance of Ireland.

[www.sexworkersallianceireland.org](http://www.sexworkersallianceireland.org)

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

**The first thing you need to know is that it is LEGAL to sell consensual sexual services to another adult indoors when you work alone.** However, buying sex and some things associated with selling sex are against the law.

To arrest you, the Gardaí must have a reasonable suspicion that you have broken the law.

You have the right to be told very clearly that you are under arrest and the reason for your arrest.

If you are arrested and English isn't your first language ask for an interpreter so you understand everything. Even if you speak English well, always ask for an interpreter. You need to understand everything.

If you are arrested ask to call a solicitor and don't answer any questions until your solicitor arrives.

You have the right to have a solicitor present when you are being questioned by the Gardaí in a Garda Station.

Always have a number for a solicitor with you when you work.

Contact the Sex Workers Alliance of Ireland ([info@swai.eu](mailto:info@swai.eu)) for more information about what to expect, how the laws affect you and how to make sure your rights are upheld.