

Resourcing Health & Education in the Sex Industry

Who are we?

Resourcing Health & Education (RhED) is a service for the sex industry in Victoria. The service operates from 10 Inkerman Street, St Kilda and provides site based and outreach services in collaboration with relevant programs and agencies. RhED is committed to respecting and reflecting the needs of the sex industry, and actively promoting the rights of sex workers.

As a program of the Inner South Community Health Service, RhED operates from a harm minimisation approach providing practical and realistic health information and supports. We aim to provide a service that recognises that health is not only a physical dimension but includes a person's emotional and social wellbeing.

The Program aims:

- To provide health, education, support and advocacy services for sex industry workers.
- To share understanding and knowledge of safe sex practices through the promotion of positive health and wellbeing strategies.
- To be inclusive of sex worker views and experience through peer based mechanisms.
- To participate at a national level to promote solidarity amongst workers in the sex industry.

The people we work with:

- Sex workers: female, male and transgender:
 - at brothels
 - at escort agencies
 - in private situations
 - on the streets
 - at other negotiated venues.
- Commercial and private partners of those associated with the sex industry
- Relevant service providers

Services available through RhED:

- Sexual health screening, allied health services and health information
- Free confidential telephone, drop-in and outreach services
- Support and debriefing
- Counselling by appointment
- Information, referral and advocacy
- Education about sexually transmissible infections, HIV and blood borne viruses to individuals and groups within the community
- Development and distribution of educational resources
- Supplies of needles and syringes, condoms and lube
- Occupational Health and Safety education and support
- Ugly Mugs Reports that provide an avenue through which sex workers can report people (Mugs) who commit violent offences against them.
- RED – sex industry magazine
- Interpreter services and translated educational materials

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