

- Have you seen a nasty client?
- Was he nice in the introduction only to turn nasty in the room?
- Have you received numerous harassing phone calls from annoying clients?
- Have you been sexually assaulted by a client?

Consider making an Ugly Mug report to RhED.

The information does not identify brothels, agencies or workers but is used to ALERT OTHER WORKERS so that they can be aware of potential safety issues.

You can make an Ugly Mug report by:  
Telephoning RhED 1800 458 752 or go to [www.sexworker.org.au](http://www.sexworker.org.au) and complete the online form or email [sexworker@sexworker.org.au](mailto:sexworker@sexworker.org.au)

### **RHED JOINED GLOBAL DAY OF PROTEST TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST SEX WORKERS**

On Friday July 19th, 2013, people gathered in 36 cities across the globe to protest violence against sex workers and express condolences for the grieving families and friends of sex workers Dora Ozer and Petite Jasmine who were murdered on the 10th and 13th of July 2013.

RhED joined the Scarlet Alliance protest outside the Swedish Consulate in Toorak which drew attention to the notorious 'Swedish model' of legislation which criminalises all sex work (see page ? for further information on this model). The Melbourne gathering was united in demanding justice for Dora and Jasmine and an end to discriminatory laws across the planet that stigmatise sex work and compromise workers' safety.

Speaking on the illegal status of street sex work in Victoria, Scarlet Alliance CEO Janelle Fawkes commented "When violence occurs we should be able to access police in their role of protectors. Instead it is police in their role of prosecutors" and pointed out that "across the border in New South Wales, street work is considered legal". Christian Vega, a member of Victorian sex worker group Vixen Collective, said the stigma associated with sex workers was entrenched in the legal system, resulting in softer penalties for violent offenders. "People think that because [street sex workers] are breaking the law, they can do whatever they want and there will be no recourse," he said.

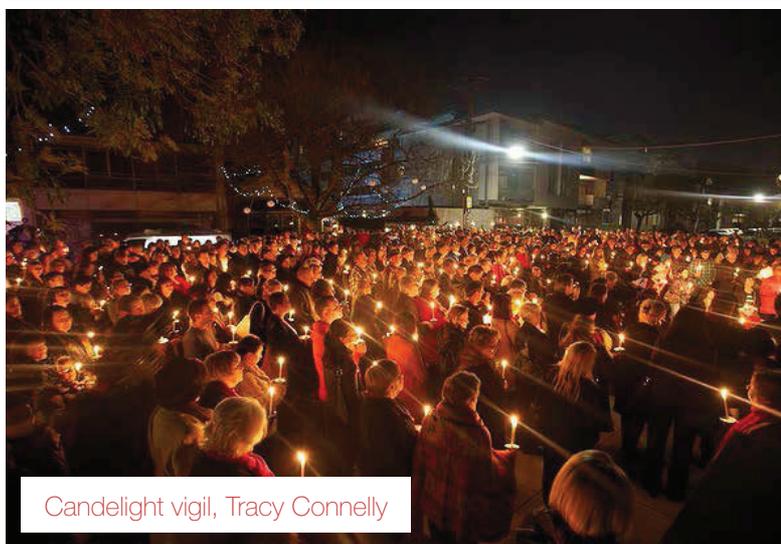
Within days of the protest, our message that criminalisation makes workers vulnerable to violence echoed tragically on St Kilda's streets. The murder of local sex worker Tracy Connelly on the weekend of 20 July, has devastated her loved ones. RhED staff often commented that it was always a pleasure to chat with Tracy in the course of an outreach session and will remember Tracy as a hardworking person whose beauty, style and charisma really lit up St Kilda's streets. RhED joins with the rest of the community in expressing our condolences to all those that worked with and loved Tracy. Her loss has a huge impact on the community of both sex workers and allies. RhED advocates for the decriminalisation of street sex work, a change that would go a long way towards preventing violence against workers.

# UGLY MUGS

## Big Sister is watching you



violence against sex workers is  
**A CRIME**  
Report Ugly Mugs  
to RhED 1800 458 752



Candlelight vigil, Tracy Connelly



Melbourne protest against the violent abuse and murder of sex workers.