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### **Anti-Trafficking Activities Briefing Paper August 2008**

This briefing paper is an update to the [Anti-Trafficking Activities Briefing Paper 2008](#).

#### **Service Delivery**

##### **Membership Outreach Trends and Issues**

- Outreach and services to migrant sex workers continue to be a key area of work for the health funded sex worker services across Australia.
- Language groupings in 07/08 include Chinese, Thai, Korean and Japanese.
- Questions about visas, anti-trafficking support, migration rights and access to sexual health clinics continue to be prevalent for migrant sex workers.
- Peer education services for migrant sex workers are in demand at sex worker organisations in Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide, Darwin, Townsville, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sydney, ACT and Tasmania.

#### **Research**

##### **Chinese Sex Workers Needs Analysis Survey**

- Scarlet Alliance Migration Working Party co-ordinated survey collection from Chinese sex workers in Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney, in partnership with Australian sex worker organisations Sex Industry Network South Australia (SIN), Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP), Sex Workers Outreach Project ACT (SWOP ACT) and Resourcing Health and Education Victoria (RhED), funded by international partner Zi Teng, Hong Kong Sex Worker Concerned Organisation.
- Link to multi-lingual outcomes (English and Chinese) at <http://www.scarletalliance.org.au/events/0809/mexico08/chinesesexworkers0607/>

#### **Government Consultation**

- Department of Immigration and Citizenship representatives met with Scarlet Alliance to talk about potential partnerships in promoting [Visa Entitlement Verification Online](#) to migrant sex workers.
- Attorney General's Department representatives met with Scarlet Alliance to discuss the 2007 communications campaign.
- Office for Women representatives met with Scarlet Alliance to obtain feedback on the tender for the support package for trafficked persons in Australia.
- TRANSET Australian Federal Police, met with Scarlet Alliance and other community groups to plan for strengthening ties between the AFP and relevant communities.
- Participation on HREOC led steering committee for Ethical Guidelines for NGO's working with trafficked persons.

## **Conferences**

- [Globalised Sex Work 2, April 2008](#) Scarlet Alliance. A full-day national training seminar presenting data and trends for migrant sex workers in Australia, sex workers in the Pacific and key international events and approaches.
- [2020 Summit April 2008](#) Australian Government. Elena Jeffreys represented Scarlet Alliance to the Regional Security and National Prosperity stream of the 2020 Summit, chaired by Foreign Minister Stephen Smith and Griffith University Professor Michael Wesley.
- [Crawford School of Economics and Governance](#), Pacific labour Migration Forum.
- Attorney-General Roundtable, June 2008. Elena Jeffreys participated, bringing key issues relating to visa's to the attention of Ministers and DIAC, and signing a joint community statement for the de-linking of victim support and visas.
- [Australian Institute of Criminology](#) Roundtable, June 2008. Five Scarlet Alliance representatives and membership attended to present and discuss prevalent research on people trafficking in Australia.
- [Anti-Slavery Project Community Conference](#), July 2008. Tish Norris presented, joined by Scarlet Alliance members SWOP, to educate other NGO's about sex worker rights and their intersection with anti-trafficking efforts in Australia.
- [International AIDS Conference Mexico](#), August 2008. A poster on the multi-lingual [Chinese Sex Worker Needs Analysis Project](#) was presented.

## **Networking**

- Migration Working Party Regular Teleconferences of multilingual peer educators are held to share and discuss localised issues at a national level.
- Migration Working Party Regional Teleconference, June 2008, included representatives from China and Thailand, to discuss regional issues and emerging trends.
- Coalition of Sex Workers and Supporters Taiwan (COSWAS) delegates toured New South Wales to learn more about the laws in Australia and anti-trafficking efforts, hosted by Scarlet Alliance and SWOP.

## **Media, articles and Community Education**

- [A Sydney Morning Herald opinion piece](#) by Scarlet Alliance highlighted the need for visa reform.
- Scarlet Alliance participated in extensive interviews for a [feature article in The Age](#) about the Victorian Crown High Court case relating to cases of alleged slavery.
- The 2020 Conference was covered by Scarlet Alliance for the [Australian Feminist Law Journal](#).

*This is an abridged representation of the anti-trafficking work of Scarlet Alliance, Australian Sex Workers Association, Scarlet Alliance members and health services for sex workers in Australia. For more information please access <http://www.scarletalliance.org.au>*