INTRODUCTION

The ICRSE team is very proud to welcome you to our very first Digital Festival this December!

Taking place a week before the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers, we imagine this week-long festival as a space and time to come together as community.

2020 has been - and continues to be - a brutal and exhausting year for sex workers across Europe and Central Asia, and globally. COVID-19 has exacerbated the precarity and exclusion many sex workers face. But we have also seen the resilience of our communities. Sex workers have worked tirelessly to support one another and to continue the fight against attempts to criminalise our work and our lives.

We hope this festival will allow members of ICRSE and the wider community of sex workers and allies to discuss important issues that affect our communities, including mental health, policing and digital rights - to name just a few. Several sessions will be led in Spanish, French and Russian whilst two sessions will be reserved for trans and non-binary sex workers and black sex workers and sex workers of color. The final event of the week will be a celebration of sex worker achievements and a recognition of just how powerful our community can be.

Whilst an online event cannot replace a physical meeting (and even less so a protest!), we are really looking forward to seeing you all at our first Sex Workers’ Rights Digital Festival. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to come together and reflect, strategise, and learn from one another.

Sex Workers United! Will never be defeated!

To attend our fantastic public events that are open to everyone check out the rest of the programme for information on how to register!

To attend the full festival you will need to be a member of ICRSE or part of an ICRSE Member Organisation - to register for ICRSE Member only events please register here.

To get in touch, email: digitalconvening@sexworkeurope.org.

If you are participating in the festival check out our Public Noticeboard where festival goers will be posting photos, memories, and links to interesting events live throughout the week. You can upload your favourite pictures, film recommendations, or write loving messages to share.
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### Welcome Event

Welcome to ICRSE 2020 Digital Sex Worker’s Festival!

In this wonderful welcome event we’ll hear from event organiser Elio Beale about what we have in store for the week ahead. We’ll also see a presentation from ICRSE representatives on future plans and priorities, including an overview of what’s happening in different areas around Europe & Central Asia.

This session is open to ICRSE Members and ICRSE Member Organisations only - [register here](#) ICRSE Member only events. The session will be conducted in English.

### Supporting Mental Health in Sex Worker Organising

This session will take the form of an exploratory group discussion looking at the role of mental health in community and sex worker organising. We will talk together about how we can take care of ourselves and also each other while doing the important and often difficult work of advocating for our rights as sex workers.

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### COVID-19: Impact and responses on sex workers and marginalised communities in Europe

This event will look at how sex workers, undocumented migrants and people facing homelessness in Europe have been impacted by the coronavirus crisis and how they have organised in response.

We have all seen the coronavirus pandemic exacerbate existing economic and social inequalities across Europe. Sex workers in particular have experienced a dramatic impact on their living conditions, including on the ability to earn a living and to access healthcare. Community-led organisations have had to fill the gaps in health services, protecting sex workers and their families from the risk of COVID-19, HIV and STIs, all while supporting their safety and security.

The discussion will delve into the wide-ranging impacts of the coronavirus crisis on sex workers in Europe, while also asking - what has been effective and what is still needed?


This session will be conducted in English and will be live captioned.

Register online [here](#).

### Film Screening: Indianara


About the film: Indianara is a veteran sex worker rights activist in Rio de Janeiro. Bigger-than-life revolutionary, she and her group lead a fight for the survival of transgender people in Brazil. She gathers her forces for one last battle against the attacks from her political party and the totalitarian threat to come. [Trailer](#)

The film will be available from 1900 CET for 24 hours only. Register online [here](#).
**TUESDAY 8 DEC**

**12.00-1.30 PM CET**

**BPOC Sex Worker Morning Tea**
A closed, non-mixte-autonomous session for Black and POC sex workers.
This session is open to ICRSE Members and ICRSE Member Organisations only - register here ICRSE Member only events. The session will be conducted in English.

**2.30-4.00 PM CET**

**Furia Puta**
Following the success of the first online conference by Latinx sex workers in Europe in September, this session will focus on the impacts of COVID-19 and the self-organizing actions carried on by sex worker-led organizations across Europe and the Americas. Register online here.
Speakers include Linda Porn (APROSEX, Spain), Conxa Borrell (OTRAS, Spain), Juan Florian (STRASS, France), Agustina (COSMOPOLITRANS, Germany), Georgina Orellano (AMMAR, Argentina) Hosted by Sombrilla Latinas, this session will be in Spanish with English translation.

**7.00-9.00 PM CET**

**Film Screening: Siamese Dreams**
Thaï with English subtitles.
Mimi Aum Neko is not only a well-known activist for sex worker and transgender rights in France. She is a Thai activist who became one of the main targets for the military junta when they seized power in Bangkok in May 2014. For this creative documentary, Iv Charbonneau Ching followed her in the midst of her rapid rise to fame, of her fight for democracy, of her life in clandestinity and then into her flight from Thailand after the military took power.
**Trailer**
The film will be available from 1900 CET and can be watched until the end of the festival. Register online here.
Trans Sex Worker Morning Tea
A closed, non-mixte/autonomous session for trans and non-binary sex workers. This session is open to ICRSE Members and ICRSE Member Organisations only - [register here](#) ICRSE Member only events. The session will be conducted in English.

Digital Rights and Safety
Over the last few years we have seen the digital safety and rights online of sex workers under attack. From laws like FOSTA/SESTA or the EARNIT act in the United States, to expanding forms of surveillance and biometric data collection across Europe, we know that sex workers are often the first and hardest hit. As our lives and livelihoods are increasingly reliant on digital forms of work and connection, what are the challenges that we are facing and what do we do about it?

This session will involve presentations from ICRSE, EDRi (European Digital Rights) and Hacking/Hustling (USA). Participants will also be invited to join smaller discussions focused on safety, censorship and exploitation online.

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Intersectional Feminism & Sex Workers
This event will explore the connections between the struggle for women’s liberation and the sex worker rights movement.

The feminist movement in Europe is strong! Whether it be reproductive justice, access to healthcare, economic independence, bodily autonomy, or freedom from state surveillance and control - feminist struggles for freedom are waged every day. Sex workers are often on the frontlines of those battles, demanding dignity, respect and liberation for all women. Yet, while these two struggles are deeply entwined, contemporary discourse tries to suggest they might be in conflict. This session looks at historical and contemporary feminist struggle to draw out why the struggle for sex worker rights is actually a feminist fight. We will also discuss the ways in which experiences of womanhood are shaped by race, ability, language and gender norms, to really understand how we are all connected in our fight for freedom.

This session will be conducted in English and will be live captioned.

Register online [here](#).

Film Screening: Whores on Film

Whores on Film is documentary that explores representation of sex workers in cinema from the very first films to the present day. Since the dawn of cinema, sex workers have served as muses to movie-makers. From turn of the century white slavery pictures (*The Girl who went Astray*, 1900), to iconic rom-coms (*Pretty Woman*, 1990), to indie hits (*Tangerine*, 2015), hookers, hustlers, call girls, street walkers, strippers and dommes have been staples of the silver screen. With equal parts historical overview, critique, and homage, *Whores on Film* lets real life dommes, escorts, porn stars and hustlers tell you which films they love and which they hate, which get it right and which miss the mark and, most importantly, how perpetuating stereotypes in media affects real peoples’ lives. [Trailer](#)

The film will be available from 1900 CET and can be watched until the end of the festival. Register online [here](#).
THURSDAY 10 DEC

12.00-1.30 PM CET

Sex Worker Leadership and Accountability
How do we organise now and can we best organise in the future? This session will look at accountability and leadership within sex worker movements. Following a short presentation by ICRSE and NSWP representatives, participants will be invited to discuss their approaches to decision making, conflict resolution, and governance, and to imagine and share best practices.

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2.30-4.00 PM CET

Sex Workers Rights in Francophonia: Which Challenges
Luttes des travailleur-ses du sexe: enjeux en francophonie
For the first time, ICRSE invites you to hear sex workers from different French speaking countries from around the world. The panelists will present the situation in their country and the work of their organisations. This session will be delivered in French and live translated into English.

Pour la première fois, ICRSE vous invite à écouter les voix des travailleur-ses du sexe de différents pays francophones qui présenteront la situation dans leurs pays et le travail de leurs organisations. Cette session sera présentée en Français et traduite en Anglais.

Speakers / Le panel sera composé de:
- Eva Vocz, coordinator Fédération Parapluie Rouge, France
- Djénéba Ouedraogo/Drabo, président of association Yerelon+, Burkina Faso / Coalition Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre – Projet Travail du Sexe, CAFOC-TS
- Sandra Wesely, director of association Chez Stella, Montréal, Canada
- Maguette Diop, Femmes de Diamant, Senegal
- Iswamanee Thakurdas Luximon, Coordinator Parapli Rouz, Ile Maurice

Register online here.

5.00-7.00 PM CET

Sex Worker Activism Through Art
Art is used by sex workers to reclaim media and public space through various forms and processes. Some initiatives are born out of the emergency of a situation, others are part of a long term anti-stigma work. In all cases, the works that emerge reflect the ingenuity, creativity, critical thinking and derision that characterizes sex workers’ perspectives.

This panel proposes an encounter with several of these projects, which are as original as they are inspiring.

Speakers: Carol Leigh from the San Francisco Sex worker Festival, Holy Marie from the collective La_rue_est_aux_putes, Eva Sanglante from Decriminalized Futures, Jo Pollux from Sex in times of corona, Flavirina from Sistaaz of the Castle, and Olga Rozenblum for a tribute to Maïa Izzo-Foulquier.

Register online here.
FRIDAY 11 DEC

12.00-1.30 PM CET

Sex Work in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Секс-работа в Восточной Европе и Центральной Азии

Hosted by SWAN, this event will feature representatives from Tais Plus (Kyrgyzstan), SW Forum (Russia) and Ameliya (Kazakhstan) speaking on the situation for sex workers in these countries, the impact of COVID, and the key issues facing sex workers now and into the future.

This session will be conducted in Russian and live translated into English.

Register online here.

2.30-4.00 PM CET

Justice, Policing and Criminalisation

This session will feature presentations on justice and police in Europe, exploring the impact of criminalisation for sex workers across Europe. Attendees will be encouraged to discuss the role of policing, suggesting tactics for improving access to justice and rights for sex workers.

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Building Our Power: Looking Forward, Looking Back

A fun and fast paced closing event for the festival! We want to come together to celebrate all the amazing achievements of sex workers and to imagine glorious futures of mutual aid, support and collective power!

Speakers include Ceyenne Doroshow - the incredible powerhouse and founder of G.L.I.T.S., Juno Mac - co-author of Revolting Prostitutes, and Antonella Lerca Duda - the first trans woman, Roma, sex worker to run for office in Romania!

The last hour of this event will feature a DJ playing live music and the chance to end the week with some dancing!

This session will be conducted in English and will be live captioned.

Register online here.