

NORDIC MODEL NOW!

15 February 2021

To: Joanna Ewart-James, Executive Director, Freedom United
Miriam Karmali, Senior Advocacy Officer, Freedom United
cc: Nadia Whittome, MP

Dear Ms Ewart-James and Ms Karmali

We are writing to express our very serious concerns about the webinar entitled ‘Taking the trafficking out of sex work’ that Freedom United hosted on 3 February. We fear it reveals a lack of understanding of the realities of the sex industry and of the relevant international human rights instruments.

When introducing the webinar, Ms Ewart-James said, “we are concerned with the degree of exploitation in this industry and that is why we firmly believe that the industry should have protections in place to prevent trafficking and exploitation and there are different ways of doing this and we aim to explore some of those today.”

But in fact, the webinar did not explore how to prevent trafficking and exploitation in the sex industry. With the exception of Esta Steyn, the speakers almost appeared to be in denial about the very existence of human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation and the vast amounts of money that can be made from it.

By way of example, a British man recently made £1.6 million in **one year** from the exploitation of the prostitution of women in his brothels, and as Tony Talbott put it, “You can sell a kilo of heroin once; you can sell a 13-year-old girl 20 times a night, 365 days a year.” Of course, this applies to vulnerable adult women as well as girls. Such huge profits are powerful incentives, especially when they come with few, if any, risks.

As an organization that claims to be dedicated to the eradication of human trafficking and ‘modern slavery,’ Freedom United should know that almost all [pimping](#) meets the internationally agreed [definition](#) of human trafficking, because pimping is, by definition, the exploitation of the prostitution of others and it invariably involves some form of coercion or abuse of the person’s vulnerability, if not more overt forms of force and deception.

And yet five of the speakers, with the explicit support of Ms Karmali, advocated for the full decriminalization of the sex trade, including of pimps and brothel keepers, and argued that prostitution should be considered a normal job and be brought under regular labour laws. This, they claimed, would make ‘sex workers’ safer and protect their human rights.

There was even a suggestion that human trafficking for sexual exploitation should not be separated from human trafficking for forced labour. But the [Palermo Trafficking Protocol](#) separates them precisely because sexual exploitation is not a form of regular labour and the harms are of a different nature.

[SDG Goal 8](#) includes the aim of “decent work” for all. The [ILO defines decent work](#) as:

“Productive work for women and men in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity. Decent work involves opportunities for productive work, delivers a fair income, guarantees equal opportunities and equal treatment for all, provides security in the workplace and protection for workers and their families, offers better prospects for personal development and social inclusion, and gives people the freedom to express their concerns, to organize and to participate in decisions that affect their lives.”

How can prostitution and other forms of sexual exploitation ever be compatible with this? Let’s cut through the euphemism and remind ourselves what prostitution really is. Harriet, one of the members of Nordic Model Now! explains it like this:

“People think prostitution is about having consensual sex for money. It’s not. Those men don’t want to pay for that. They paid me and then used me however they wanted. I was beaten with objects until I bled; spat at; anally raped; gang raped; passed around at sex parties like a toy, men slipping off their condoms; I was shouted at, threatened, choked, told to look like I enjoyed it or he’d take the money back. I was scared every single second.”

How is this productive work? Where is the human dignity? Where is the personal development? Where are the equal opportunities and equal treatment – when it is overwhelmingly men who are the buyers and women and children who are the bought?

Would you be able to tolerate this as your everyday working life? If not, why would you advocate this for anyone else?

Have you considered what happens to a society when it gives free rein to men to pay to bypass women’s consent? Because isn’t that what prostitution is about – men having unlimited sexual access to women who otherwise wouldn’t give them the time of day? Does that not brutalise everyone and implicitly define women as second class?

We do agree with the speakers on a number of points. For example: people involved in prostitution should be decriminalised and have their criminal records purged of offences related to their own prostitution; governments should invest in alleviating poverty and inequality; trafficking legislation should be clearly separated from immigration enforcement; far too many people are incarcerated in the prison system for non-violent crimes, particularly in the US but also here in the UK; and the police often target the most vulnerable, particularly people of colour and women and trans people involved in prostitution.

However, as Esta Steyn so eloquently explained, once pimping and brothel keeping are given free rein, the sex industry becomes a vast money laundering machine and the criminals who feed off the vulnerability of the women and children who have been sucked into the prostitution system become respectable business men. Women and children are bought and sold as commodities. All of this means that the human rights abuses become invisible to the general population and the scale is such that it is impossible for the police and other authorities to make a significant impact.

[Evidence](#) * from New Zealand suggests that it makes little difference whether the free rein is given through legalisation or decriminalisation as the broad impacts are much the same. You wouldn't know that from listening to the webinar because the speakers rely on lobby groups who misrepresent the impact of the law in New Zealand and what it has achieved. The fact that New Zealand is a small and isolated island nation means that the results are less obvious than in Germany and the Netherlands.

While the Nordic Model may not be perfectly implemented in most of the countries in which it has been legislated, it does offer the best hope for bringing about change and working towards an end to the heinous and misogynistic system of prostitution, while honouring the human rights of those who are caught up in it and providing routes out and genuine alternatives to those who want them.

It was perplexing to hear the Nordic Model and Dame Diana Johnson's Sexual Exploitation Bill so severely misrepresented by your speakers. It was particularly troubling to hear Nadia Whittome, Labour MP for Nottingham East, suggest that the Bill would criminalise National Ugly Mugs. This is scaremongering because the Bill seeks only to criminalise those who enable and profit from another person's prostitution, and not those, like National Ugly Mugs, who provide genuine support services to those in prostitution.

Nordic Model Now! has worked to provide a detailed critique of many of the things that Nadia Whittome and others claimed in your webinar and we urge you to take the time to study it. In particular we recommend the article, [Dame Diana Johnson's Sexual Exploitation Bill: The Debate](#) (a copy of which is enclosed) and the [recording of our webinar](#), 'Prostitution policy: The Nordic Model or full decriminalization? What do sex trade survivors say?'

It is clear to us that Freedom United has taken a wrong turn on its position on the sex industry. As such a large and powerful institution, this is of very serious concern. However, there is no shame in admitting that we have made a mistake and seeking to rectify it. We urge Freedom United to have the courage and integrity to do so.

* Johnson, H; Pitt, T. (2020). Review of the Decriminalisation Model in New Zealand. SASE. Available at <http://www.sase.org.uk/resources> (Accessed: 5 Jan 2021).

Yours sincerely

Organisations

1. **Nordic Model Now!**
2. **ACTS Action of Churches Together in Scotland**
3. **Alberta Radical Feminists**
4. **Alberta Women's Advocacy Association**
5. **Anti Pornography and Prostitution Research Group**
6. **Apne Aap**
7. **Campaign Against Sex Robots**
8. **CEASE UK (Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation)**
9. **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women**
10. **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women Australia**
11. **Collective Shout**
12. **Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, Latin America and the Caribbean.** It is important to bear in mind that prostitution is the last option for poor women without development opportunities, as well as to listen to the voices of survivors. Prostitution is a structural problem that pimps use to enrich themselves through the suffering of women and the attack on their freedom and dignity.
13. **Corner Space**
14. **Cornerstone Dignity**
15. **Counselling Services Manchester**
16. **Culture Reframed**
17. **Democracy Development Center**
18. **Canadian Women's Declaration**
19. **Edmonton Small Press Association**
20. **Edmonton Women & Allies Against the Sex Industry (EWAASI)**
21. **EMARGI**
22. **Embrace Dignity**
23. **End Demand Switzerland**
24. **End the War on Women Collective.** Prostituted women need positive options to escape this form of violence that ranges from sexual exploitation to torture.
25. **Episcopal Diocese of New York Task Force Against Human Trafficking**
26. **European Network of Migrant Women**
27. **Exodus Cry.** We must reject the term "sex work" and the false and misleading premise it presupposes. All prostitution sex operates on the basis of a lack of desire. Therefore, payment takes place. Sex and desire are inextricably linked, and sex without desire is violation, regardless if someone is getting paid. Stop supporting paid sexual abuse!
28. **Feminist Observatory of Violence against Women (Belgium)**
29. **Feministische Partei DIE FRAUEN KMV Frankfurt**
30. **Femrevolt**

- 31. FiLiA**
- 32. For Women Scotland**
- 33. Greater Manchester Doulas CIC**
- 34. Guided Purposes**
- 35. Insights for Action**
- 36. INSPIRE VAWDASV Training & Consultancy**
- 37. Lesbian Strength**
- 38. Lib Dem Grassroots challenge**
- 39. Libres Mariannes**
- 40. Living-in-freedom-together-inc**
- 41. Louisiana for the Equality Model**
- 42. LYNN'S WARRIORS**
- 43. Malta Women's Lobby (MWL)**
- 44. Manchester Feminist Network**
- 45. MCAP – the Maryland Coalition Against Pornography**
- 46. Mentari**
- 47. Netzwerk Ella**
- 48. Nomoretears21:4**
- 49. Nordic Model Information Network**
- 50. Northern RadFem Network**
- 51. Not Buying It**
- 52. Not for Sale in Scotland**
- 53. OBJECT**
- 54. Older Feminist Network**
- 55. People Serving Girls At Risk (Malawi)**
- 56. Prostitution Research & Education**
- 57. Purple Hearts Missions Possible & Healthy Horizons**
- 58. RadFem Collective**
- 59. Radical Feminist Alliance.** Prostitution is not a job. The inside of a woman's body is not a workplace.
- 60. RadicalGirlsss**
- 61. Resist Porn Culture**
- 62. Ride For Murdered Women**
- 63. Rooms of our Own**
- 64. SAFE Network**
- 65. CELST**
- 66. Scary Little Girls CIC**
- 67. Sex Trafficking Think Tank.** Remove the phrase, "sex work" out of the sex industry. Prostitution is all intrinsically trafficking and rape-for-pay. You can't take the rape-for-pay and trafficking out of prostitution whether it is legal or not, whether or not one removes the word "trafficking" or adds the false phrase, "sex work", or ignore the huge amount of racism / classism, intrinsic in it. It is all bigotry on steroids.

- 68. Shine A Light Network**
- 69. Sierra Cares Foundation**
- 70. SISTERS – für den Ausstieg aus der Prostitution! e.V.**
- 71. StreetlightUK**
- 72. Survivors for Solutions**
- 73. Swansea Feminist Network**
- 74. The Avery Center for Research and Services**
- 75. The Judith Trust**
- 76. The Organization for Prostitution Survivors**
- 77. TRAC (Trafficking, Raising Awareness and Campaigning)**
- 78. Traffick Refuge**
- 79. Vera Media**
- 80. VictimFocus**
- 81. Wahine Toa Rising**
- 82. Wise Women**
- 83. Woman 2 Woman Counselling and Consultancy**
- 84. Womanchester (Manchester, UK).** Feminists are often asked whether pornography causes rape. The fact is that rape and prostitution caused and continue to cause pornography. Politically, culturally, socially, sexually, and economically, rape and prostitution generate pornography; and pornography depends for its continued existence on the rape and prostitution of women.
- 85. Women's Equality Party Sex-Based Rights Caucus.** Women and girls deserve meaningful help and support to exit prostitution safely. We believe decriminalisation for buyers can only serve to legitimise violence against women and the perception of a right to women's bodies. This is why we (and the Women's Equality Party as a whole) support the Nordic Model. We are appalled that Freedom United presented such a one-sided view of this crucial issue. We hope that this will be rectified urgently.
- 86. World Without Exploitation**
- 87. You My Sister.** We support survivors of the porn / sex industries – most of whom were trafficked and none of whom would, in their worst nightmares, want to see the sex trade opened up and pimps legitimised. At the very least, there needs to be balanced, fair discussion and only stringently factual information given over this. Furthermore, surely survivors should be the key demographic you engage with/represent?

Individuals

- 1. Abigail Gilkinson
- 2. Adrian Walker
- 3. Adriana S.Thiago
- 4. Aileen Quigley: Prostitution is a brutal insult to a woman's body, spirit and dignity. Please do not legalise it.

5. Aisling Burke: I fully concur with this message from Nordic Model Now! I think it is easy to fall into the popular liberal narrative of ‘sex work is work’ without employing critical thought to the horrifying situation at hand. In promoting decriminalisation, you are speaking over so many women and discarding their right to freedom, quite ironic perhaps given your title. I urge you not to dismiss these emails. I used to be of a similar mindset too, as a 21-year-old impressionable women it’s difficult not to be. However, working abroad in Ireland with an organisation that helps WIP radicalised me, meeting survivors at conferences and fully analysing how the entire sex trade survives off misogyny and ill-thought legislation made it impossible to believe that decrim was the way. Do you know how much anxiety and despair I face daily seeing not only this worldwide abuse of women in the sex trade, but seeing its true nature sanitised as ‘sex work’ and repackaged to women as an empowering and feminist way to ‘reclaim’ sexuality? It feels like an uphill battle going against criminals, misogynists, the pro-prostitution lobby and now liberal feminists who’ve coined the term ‘SWERF’ (most non-sensical phrase I’ve heard) to create meaningless noise and detract from the issue. Please review the content you have promoted.
6. Al Garthwaite
7. Alana Zanbilowicz
8. Aleksandra Kuśnierkiewicz
9. Alexandra Murrell
10. Alexandria Sherman
11. Ali Ceesay
12. Ali Morris
13. Alice Baskous
14. Alison Jenner: It can never be allowed to be seen as “good work”; no Health & Safety protocols can be put in place to protect prostituted women.
15. Alison Teal
16. Alison Wren
17. Allan Budge
18. Ally-Marie Diamond
19. Amtojh Sandhu: If women are given equal opportunities – would they choose this way of earning a living – their circumstance force them – all those in power have in them to make this change... better for all, not just women. Thank You.
20. Amy Poole
21. Amy Wing
22. Ana Laura Lozano
23. Analise Evenson
24. André Deshayes
25. Andrea Fai
26. Andrea Heinz
27. Anita houghton
28. Ann O’Neill Gray

29. Anna caro
30. Anna Cleaves: Evidence! Evidence! Decriminalisation Does not work
31. Anna Fisher
32. Anna Tuckett
33. Anna Zobnina
34. Anne Bevan: “Nowhere is woman treated according to the merit of her work, but rather as a sex. It is therefore almost inevitable that she should pay for her right to exist, to keep a position in whatever line, with sex favors. Thus it is merely a question of degree whether she sells herself to one man, in or out of marriage, or to many men. Whether our reformers admit it or not, the economic and social inferiority of woman is responsible for prostitution.” – Emma Goldman. We women will not be safe, we will not be free, while men have a legal right to buy our bodies.
35. Anne Stafford
36. Anne Wilkinson
37. Annette Brennan
38. Annette Lawson
39. Anthea Sully
40. April Neault
41. Aris Xuian Tran: Please help the girls
42. Audrey Dee
43. aurora cobb
44. B.J. Montgomery
45. Barbara Hughes
46. Barbara Laphorn
47. Barbara Scott
48. Barbro Svensson
49. Bec Wonders
50. Belstaffie
51. Billie Wealleans: I have campaigned on this as a member of Soroptimist International when I was programme action officer for Scotland North and am still on the Committee at the Scottish Parliament which deals with this issue.
52. Brian P Willmot
53. Brittany Hutchings
54. C.M. Valdez
55. Camille Mackenzie
56. Candice Hall
57. Cara Scott-Prestridge
58. Caroline Ezzat
59. Caroline Farrow
60. Caroline Pugh-Roberts: Two countries have PROVEN that legalization DOES NOT work. They are both over run by organized crime. Wake up and learn from other countries’ mistakes.

61. Caroline Smith
62. caroline stevenson
63. Catherine Curtis
64. Catherine R Eisenhart
65. Catherine Starr
66. Cathy Stanford
67. Cátia Freitas
68. Charlene Bartlett
69. Charlie Dacke
70. Charlotta Odling: We have to do better for women and girls. We have to imagine a starting point for our culture that does not see women and girls as sexual commodities. Imagine a world that rejects the very notion of prostitution, as we did with slavery – that's the only world that women and girls can go on to thrive in.
71. Charlotte Booth
72. Cheng-shin Huang
73. Chris Hall
74. Christine Cosh: It seems indicative that the only way to support Human Trafficking victims is to oppose any form of exploitation of women, children and vulnerable groups by ensuring that new legislation blocks such heinous crimes and prevents profiteering by coercion and violence. Every country around the world must act to prevent and reduce casualties of this criminal activity. And whilst this crime will never be fully eradicated, it can be reduced, thereby, becoming more transparent to Agencies and Local Authorities and giving victims back their lives.
75. Cindy Douglas
76. Claire Brierley
77. Cllr Sue Lent
78. Colleen Glynn
79. Cornelia M.
80. Cristian Eduardo
81. Crystal Dyer
82. Cynthia Obletz
83. D Gourley
84. D Rowe
85. Dagny Moland Seim
86. Daniel Eastman
87. Daniel Garcia: Please take the time to listen to the countless number of prostitution survivors who are shedding light on the inherent harms of pimping, brothel-keeping, and even sex buying. If you're only listening to those who are currently financially dependent on prostitution then you're getting a very biased picture of the situation.
88. David Botzenhart

89. David Wayne Zimmerman: Survivor of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, former advisory board member of Villanova University Widger School of Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation
90. Debbie Waldon
91. Debbie Wilbur
92. Deborah Joyner: Freedom to be enslaved, diminished, and objectified at cost is not freedom but capitalism at its sickest. Honorable, safe, fulfilling work for all is what we need. Freedom!
93. Dee Sheehan
94. Diana L Grandmason: If it ain't illegal, it's legal. You can't have it both ways. If it's legal, pimps & johns win and sex trafficking victims lose!
95. Diana Terris
96. Diane Carton
97. Diane Kerrison: Please stop ignoring the voices of women when it comes to violence against us in all its many forms
98. Diane Lane
99. Dionne Castel-Halcrow
100. Djamila
101. Dorothée Fagard
102. Dr Helen Mott
103. Dr Jessica Taylor
104. Dr Katherine Baxter
105. Dr Lesley Semmens
106. Dr Sarah Smith
107. Dr. Eleanor Kennelly Gaetan: Freedom United: Who is paying you to support a policy that harms women and youth?!
108. Eileen Goulding
109. Ekhosuehi Ibie
110. Elaine baxter
111. Eleanor Hill
112. Eleanor Hunt
113. Eleanor Rebecca Holland
114. Elizabeth Herdson: Prostitution is not a job. It is the normalization of objectification and entitlement.
115. elizabeth kalsi
116. Elizabeth Lucas
117. Elizabeth M Matz: I'm devastated to hear that freedom United has joined Amnesty International in choosing to ignore and reject the Nordic model. These practices and issues of sexual oppression have been the central concern of my life as a radical feminist for 50 years.
118. Elle James
119. ellen reynolds

120. Ellie Tocher
121. Elly Arrow
122. Elyana Bondino: Sono esperta e ricercatrice di abuso e sfruttamento sessuale in prostituzione. Opero in Italia e sono favorevole all'implementazione a livello legislativo, culturale e digitale del Modello Nordico. nordicmodelnow.org
123. Emma Grover
124. Emma Leckey
125. Emma Overton
126. Emma Raber: End the demand!
127. Emma Taverner
128. Ermine Amies
129. Eva Lamb: I have been a supporter of Freedom United and contributed to many of your campaigns for a long time. No longer now.
130. Evanthea Isabelle: If you, Freedom United, are so comfortable with the sex industry and think sex is a type of 'work' then by all means enter your own children into the industry and see if you still feel the same way afterwards.
131. Eve Tidswell
132. Evelyn Strasburger: Misogyny is constantly being touted as a normal and reasonable position. Don't be fooled. And don't think the anger of all the women in the world plus decent men will not be a force to be reckoned with once they realise how you have aided this misogyny movement.
133. Felicia Ingram
134. Fiona Broadfoot
135. Fiona McAnena
136. Fiona McMurray
137. Fran Zuliani-Holland
138. Frances Monaghan: Sexual exploitation is violence against women. Violence Against Women is the most blatant, dangerous and dehumanising expression of misogyny there is. It should not be enabled, sanctioned or tolerated in any form in any country that promotes a human rights approach to its citizens.
139. Francesca Beatrice Muresan
140. Frankie Lawrence: I believe the Nordic Model is the only way forward
141. Gabrielle Prieto
142. Gaynor Nelson
143. Gemma Bullock
144. Gemma Williams
145. Genevieve Gluck
146. Georgina Pugh
147. Gill Rimmer
148. Gina McCaughan
149. Giulia Cavicchia
150. Giulia Lima Bianchi

151. Guadalupe Rodríguez
152. Haley Roberts
153. Hana Lilic Prodanovic
154. Hannah Salome
155. Hayley Robinson: Women are not products to be sold for the consumption of men and shouldn't be viewed as such. Prostitution shouldn't be normalised.
156. Helen Edwards
157. Helen Everett: I attended the Webinar and was disappointed at the evident bias towards the Decrim lobby, and that my question about payment of taxes by 'sex workers' was not put.
158. Helen Gough
159. Helen Hughes
160. Helen Jackson
161. Helen Lipscomb
162. Helen Pringle: Your position flies in the face of all evidence as to the harm of the prostitution system to women and children in particular, and of evidence as to the symbiotic relationship of the sex industry and trafficking.
163. Helen Saxby
164. Helen Taylor: For an anti-trafficking organisation to support full decriminalisation – the removal of penalties for sex buyers who create the demand for the very injustice you oppose and third parties (giving a huge legal loop hole for pimps), is both disturbing and shocking. Trafficking survivors around the world, who now have no financial ties to the sex trade, support the Nordic/Equality model, yet it seems from this webinar that their voices have not been listened to. Surely you are aware that full decriminalisation with no regulations is a pimp and traffickers' dream! I urge you to research further the harmful and regressive legislation you are promoting and the Nordic/Equality model which has helped reduce demand, as well as offering optional robust services for victims.
165. Helen Timson
166. Helen Webster
167. Helena Brors
168. Helena Croft
169. Hélène Guérin: We need more dignity not more slavery!
170. Henry Gastion: The sex trade inherently leads to sex trafficking. For every "willing participant" there are multiple people forced or coerced into the industry against their wishes.
171. Hilal Isik
172. Hilmar Bjarni Hilmarsson
173. holly brewer
174. Holly M Hart
175. Honor Cohen
176. Hrafnhildur Hjaltadóttir

177. Ilana Lindsey
178. Ira Ren: Nordic Model not only guarantees seller's safety and eradicates the toxic men out of the society, it also educates young boys and girls about the sex industry and keeps them away.
179. Iram Awan: Women and children are not commodities to be bought and sold.
180. Iris Robertson-Blackmoor
181. Isabel Benotti: This is anathema to female liberation; women's bodies, and children's bodies, must not be commodified for the sexual pleasure of men. It will not protect us from rape and murder at the hands of men, at all. Violent sex crimes go up in places where "sex work" is de-criminalized. If you really care about freeing women and children from these terrors, you will reconsider your position and listen to what feminists have been saying for well over a century now (we aren't crazy or stupid, we're women and we understand the issues that affect us).
182. Issy Dickinson
183. Iva Apostolska
184. J Gourley: Women are not a commodity.
185. J Sandover
186. Jacci Stoye: I am also the Secretariat of the Cross Party for Commercial Sexual Exploitation in the Scottish Parliament. The sex trade is a slave trade and decriminalising the slave owners doesn't abolish slavery. I thought Freedom United was to free slaves, not to free their masters.
187. Jacob Shircliff
188. Jacqueline D. Froehle: This should not be happening.... women and children and men are not sex objects.
189. Jacqueline Daniels
190. Jacqueline Gruhn
191. Jacqui Furneaux
192. Jagriti
193. Jalna Hanmer
194. Jan Baxter
195. Jan Oliver
196. Jane Ayres
197. Jane Bell
198. Jane Connelly
199. Jane Hutton: All the above
200. Jane Martin: I agree with the sentiments expressed in the letter above, from NordicModelNow. It is both dangerous and naive to imagine that full decriminalisation of the sex trade will in any sense contribute to improving the lives of trafficked women and girls, or undermine the activities of the criminal networks that traffic and pimp them. This denies the reality of the abuse and exploitation that drives the sex trade, and the profit-motive that underpins it.
201. Janet E. Goodyear

202. Janet Revesz
203. Janet Sasaki
204. Janice Wilson
205. Janie Breton
206. Janine Pyke: Sex “work” isn’t work, it’s rape, abuse, sexual violence against women & girls and male entitlement to women’s bodies. Woke culture is normalising this.
207. Jasmine Day
208. Jasmine Ortiz
209. jay ginn
210. Jay Jackson
211. Jay Meredith: Lets get rid of trafficking
212. Jean Sweeney: Women’s Bodies are not for sale – take out the profit -
213. jeanne keenan
214. Jeet chaal
215. Jennifer Carolyn Milligan
216. Jennifer Forsyth: Do not work to maintain a system that dehumanises.
217. Jennifer Griffiths
218. Jennifer Thomas
219. Jennifer van Leijen - Cowasji: Nobody had the right to buy another person’s body for their own sexual gratification. It is a type of slavery. The prostitute should not be criminalized but the sex buyer. That’s why I endorse with the Nordic Model.
220. Jenny Ross
221. Jenny Schmitt
222. Jenny Stein
223. Jess Kyle
224. Jess Ray: All buying of bodies is abuse. Prostitution normalises abuse of women and children by men.
225. Jesse Dave
226. Jessica Snape
227. Jessyka Da Siracusa
228. Jill Leigh
229. Jill Murphy
230. Jillian Nicol
231. JiMin Nam
232. Jinyoung Shin_Park: Nordic model now!!!
233. Jo Bindle: I am appalled that ‘Freedom United’ support the decriminalisation of pimps & punters, who murder women in prostitution & pay to abuse very vulnerable women who clearly have no capacity to consent. A few months after legalisation in Leeds a woman was murdered by a punter. 45% of women in prostitution have a neurobiological disability. The leading cause for entry is social isolation, many women with autism are isolated. Women in ‘decriminalised’ NZ have to pay tax to governments. Mothers have had their benefits sanctioned in Germany for refusing to

have sex against their will. How can money ever equal consent? Rape in Leeds area rose of 50%

234. Jo Hayes
235. Jo Roulson
236. Joan Marie Janzen
237. Joanna Dunnington: Please refer to the Nordic model for prostitution positioning the legal ramifications on the purchasers of sexual intercourse.
238. Joanna Griffiths
239. Joanne Payton
240. Jocelyn Gaskell
241. John Graz
242. John Holt
243. John Leckenby: How you think decriminalising the trading of women for money from men appals me. We live in the 21st century where no one should have power given to them to abuse women, just because they pay to do so. Also, how does this stop trafficking? Decriminalising it will surely increase it! It will make it more profitable. Wake up!
244. John Raw
245. John Stoltenberg
246. Jonathan Potts: We should be protecting the women and children who are being prostituted – NOT the pimps and the Johns.
247. Joseph Zingg: Nordic model only!!
248. Joy Eleanor Wood
249. Joy Jolie: I'm deeply troubled by the position taken by Freedom United which supposedly is anti-trafficking yet rolls out the red carpet to pimps and brothel house owners to operate legally – and yet who are most responsible for trafficking around the world. Why? This is a complete abandonment of all logic and accountability to the victims of sex trafficking. You may as well shut down your organization if you decide to support complete legalization knowing that studies have shown how this consistently INCREASES trafficking rather than protecting sex workers. Nordic Model Now.
250. Joy Sturgess
251. Juliana Rivera Tome
252. Julie Beard
253. Julie Furlong
254. Julie Kavanagh: Please read this letter carefully and rethink your position, I know you want to avoid any form of sexual coercion and exploitation. Thanks
255. Julie McGouran
256. Julie Watts
257. Justin C Wise
258. K Kallio
259. Kara Larson
260. Kara Newsome

261. Karen Burgess
262. Karen Linda
263. Karen Raynor
264. Karin Härefelt
265. Kate Hardman
266. Kate Morrissey
267. Kate Williamson
268. Katherine Cohn: You really need a rethink here. Please!
269. Katherine Lee: In a patriarchal world like ours, the sex trade capitalises on female objectification and subjugation and proliferates it. Prostitution doesn't exist in a vacuum of 2 neutral people making an exchange. This is an industry that profits from normalising male violence against women and girls.
270. Kathleen Richardson
271. Kathy Mead
272. Katrina Glennie: I am concerned that Freedom United will make a terrible situation even worse. This is not the way to female equality.
273. Katy Boss
274. Kelly Dore
275. Ken McCullough
276. Kerryann Lund
277. Kerry-Leigh Fox: As a survivor of sex trafficking as a child, I can state categorically that your position is an attack on the rights of the most vulnerable and/or desperate members of our society. The complete disregard for the reality of the Nordic model is shameful and to ignore it in favour of this position is to make a mockery of the long and continued struggle for women's rights.
278. Kia Moore
279. Kim Vernon
280. Kinnari Kansara: I am outraged at the stand taken by Freedom united and urge them to overturn their policies for total decriminalisation of the sex trade as it is a violation and promotion of human trafficking.
281. Kiranprit Kaur Gill
282. Kirsten Neville
283. Kirsty Fox
284. Kristin Grace Lucas
285. Kristin Hooper
286. Ksenija Kordić
287. L. Gardner
288. Laboni Huq
289. Larissa Thompson
290. László Berzi-Nagy: Please consider the Nordic model of prostitution.
291. Laura Hall
292. Laura Protheroe

293. Laure CAILLE
294. Leah Hayes
295. Leanna Bye
296. lee comer
297. Leia Round
298. Leone Gasparini
299. Leslie renfrew
300. Lia de Almeida Rodrigues
301. Lily Grey: As a trafficking survivor, I am horrified that an organisation could be so short sighted as to not be able to see the inherent links between trafficking and the prostitution of women and girls. To fully decriminalise 'sex work' means to leave women and girls vulnerable to the very abuse you're seeking to protect them from and instead choosing to protect those that exploit and abuse women and girls in such ways.
302. Lindsey Cooper-Brown
303. Lisa Jacobsen
304. Liz Mac amara
305. Lizbeth Collie: Please reconsider your position on this, look more deeply at the Nordic Model and the experience in Germany which is horrific. Thank you.
306. Lorna Wheeler
307. Lorraine Robinson
308. Louis Bernardelle
309. Louisa Gladwin
310. Louise Heywood
311. Louise llewellyn
312. Louise McDermott
313. Luba Fein
314. Luciana Brindusa Grosu
315. Lucy Winters
316. Lynda Haddock
317. Lynette Bondarchuk
318. Lynn Alderson
319. Mabel Frances
320. Magda Devas: Please sign up to the Nordic model way of dealing with prostitution.
321. Maggie Bonnar
322. Maggie Siviter
323. Magnus Brors
324. Maire McCormack
325. Marcie MacLellan
326. Maria Gonzalez
327. Maria Sands
328. Marie Power
329. Marie Swann

330. Marieke Bos: Some of my clients are victims of sex-trafficking, coerced or forced into prostitution or “choose” it out of desperation. Decriminalizing pimps, brothel owners and johns does not help prevent this. Nordic model now!
331. Marie-Luise Vollbrecht
332. Marijana Bijelić
333. Marion Barbaray
334. Mark Pennell: Freedom for whom?
335. Marlyn Glen
336. marv wheale
337. Mary Gordon
338. Mary Karen Davies: Prostitution is not a safe job. If it is a job like any other then the men who use prostitutes shouldn't mind having their pictures in the papers, so that their wives, families and work colleagues know who they are.
339. Mary Kehoe
340. Mary Shannon
341. Matea Irena Majstorović
342. Matt Burcher
343. Maureen Bennison
344. Maureen O'Hara
345. Maya Paldi
346. Megan Lundstrom
347. Melanie Knight
348. Melissa Titus
349. Meryem Yanar
350. Michelle
351. Michelle gill
352. Mike Glasspell: The Nordic Model is the right way to approach the issue of exploitation of women by prostitution. Decriminalising pimps will increase human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation and is completely the wrong approach. Freedom United needs to look again at this through a clear lens, not through obviously mis-represented views. This is a really important moment for a good organisation to take the correct path, as unfortunately for 1000's of women and children, Freedom United are currently on the wrong path
353. Milena Stapleton
354. Minerva Garcia
355. Minju Kim
356. Miriam Peck
357. Miss Rachel C Battersby
358. Monica Mazzitelli
359. Monica Sharma
360. Morven Magari
361. Mrs Ann E Hall BSc

362. Ms Brenda Rosemary S
363. Ms Caroline M Meagher
364. Ms Joanna Campbell
365. Nadine Kose
366. Nana Mallet Cardoza: We are outraged by the very biased discussion presented by Freedom United on February 3rd, entitled 'Taking the trafficking out of sex work'. Interestingly, no mention was made of the importance of listening to survivors from the sex industry. Except for one panellist, all seemed to have the clear aim to promoting and protecting the sex industry itself, pretending that they were concerned about the women caught up in it. If really there was concern for the women in the sex trade, then some of the talking time would have been spent on explaining the considerable harm that prostitution does to women.
367. Nancy F Brown
368. Natalie Hughes
369. Natalie Robertson
370. Nic Nesbitt
371. Nichole Bahrt
372. Nicola Carr
373. Nicola Harwin
374. Nicola Radford
375. Nicole Bell
376. Nina Reece: As an ex-sex worker and an ISVA, I cannot support full decriminalisation. Please reconsider your position.
377. Noah Timothy Gassler: Ave Libertas
378. Oguz Kurbanoglu
379. Olena Zaitseva
380. Olga Radulović
381. Olivia Polydorou: If sex work is 'just like any other job', does Freedom United believe that women should be made to work in brothels in the same way people can be made to work in e.g. retail if they are on JobSeekers and claiming that they can't find any work? Will women have their JobSeekers benefits cut if they won't take jobs as prostitutes? If you are claiming that it is just like any other job the reality is that women will be pressured even more to work as prostitutes since society will be claiming that it is no different to working in customer service.
382. Olivia Smith
383. Olivia Vincenti
384. Paige J Bramley
385. Pamela Bircumshaw
386. Pamela Field: I have known many women forced into prostitution in order to survive. They experienced horrendous abuse. I agree with the points in this letter and the link to exploitation of women and children.
387. Pamela Forsberg

- 388. Pamela Rubin
- 389. Pansy Watson
- 390. Patricia Newlyn
- 391. Paul Gregory
- 392. Paul Hewson
- 393. Peggy Cairns
- 394. Penny Adrian: Sex trafficking only exists for one reason: because men buy sex.
Legalized sex buying leads to the normalization of sex buying and an increase in sex buying. Increased sex buying leads to increased sex trafficking, because there is never enough willing “supply” to meet the demand. The push to legalize sex buying is the most egregious example of White Feminism. The majority of women and girls (and boys) in brothels are poor women and children of color – not middle-class white women. This is just an attempt by white women to protect their husbands and sons from prosecution for exploiting and abusing poor women of color. This is racist, colonialist, and misogynistic to the extreme. Please stop.
- 395. Penny Modinos
- 396. Persia Cassell
- 397. Philomena Laura Scanlon: Prostitution damages women in the long run.
- 398. Rachel Horan
- 399. Rae Elizabeth Webster
- 400. Raemonde Evans
- 401. Rahni Binjie
- 402. Rahni Kaur Binjie
- 403. Raine McLeod
- 404. Rebecca Harrison
- 405. Rebecca Mott: As an exited prostituted woman, I am saddened that this webinar did not ask exited women to participate. This made it very one-sided, and did not speak to the conditions that damage so many inside the sex trade.
- 406. Rebecca van tassel: Keeping prostituted women safe starts by accurately prosecuting John’s. Men have no right to use a women’s body. Paid rape is never ethical.
- 407. Rebecca Zipkin
- 408. Rebekah Davidson
- 409. Rebekah Sharpe
- 410. Rebekah Wershbale
- 411. Renee Chopping
- 412. Rev. Adrian Dannhauser
- 413. Rhea Becker
- 414. Risto Juola
- 415. Rob Lederman: When prostitution is legalized it’s often the girls that are the ultimate losers in this.
- 416. Rona Stewart
- 417. Rosa (Rosalind) Borg: This is inhuman.

- 418. Rosa Senent Julián
- 419. Rose Frain
- 420. Rossella Renosto
- 421. Rossi Maria
- 422. Rowland Hunt
- 423. Ruchira Gupta
- 424. Rukshana Afia
- 425. Russell Stagg
- 426. Ruth Cherry
- 427. Ruth Dineen: Decriminalising pimps and brothel-keepers will not keep women safe nor lessen men's belief that they are entitled to pay to use and abuse women's bodies or their lack of concern about genuine consent. The Nordic model is the only option that actually supports a culture and behaviour change. I am appalled that you appear to be so unaware of the reality of prostitution, not only to the women and children involved but to the rights of women more generally. You should be ashamed.
- 428. RUTH GREENBERG
- 429. Ruth Sinclair
- 430. Ruth Thomas
- 431. Ruth Webster
- 432. Sally Jackson
- 433. Sally McDonagh
- 434. Sally Wainwright: The way to abolish slavery is not to redefine it as not-slavery. The letter raises essential points about the exploitation, trafficking and abuse of women and girls and no legal change to the actions involved in that will provide any help to those caught up in this hateful and misogynist trade. I am shocked that an organisation such as yours should advocate for decriminalisation across the board without any thought for the individuals whose lives are ruined by this trade. I agree that working as a prostitute should be decriminalised, and this should be combined with meaningful measures to help women escape. This includes access to alternative sources of income as well as places of safety, including asylum for those who have been trafficked into the country, and rigorous prosecution of those who have profiteered from them.
- 435. Sam Williams
- 436. Sandra Harrison
- 437. Sandra McNeill
- 438. Sandra Norak
- 439. Sara Karim
- 440. Sarah Buffey
- 441. Sarah Clive
- 442. Sarah Crofts
- 443. Sarah Ferguson
- 444. Sarah Pesticcio
- 445. Sarah Quick

446. Sarah Sharkey
447. Sarah turner-bagot
448. Saskia Nitschmann
449. Seren-Haf Morris-Rexin
450. Shandra Woworuntu
451. Sharon Perry
452. Sharona Khan
453. Shawnee Lazore DO, HHD, PhD
454. Sheila Burton
455. Sheri Lochridge-Combs
456. Shia Low
457. Shivali Fifield
458. sian jones
459. Sibyl Grundberg
460. Silkie Snooze
461. Silvia cuccovillo
462. Simon Springett: With all respect, I do think it is easy to be naive about the motivation and honesty of those who call for pimps and traffickers to be decriminalised and of the systemic injustices and pressure on, and harms to, those women who end up as the victims – and I use the word advisedly – of what is euphemistically called “sex work”.
463. Siobhan Jess
464. Sofia Vicente Hernandez
465. Solveig Hagen Strand
466. Solveig Senft: Complete decriminalization of prostitution is disastrous and promotes human trafficking – as we experience in Germany. Decriminalization of operators, pimps and sex buyers is a gift for human traffickers to do their business legally. Vulnerable women have no protection and are treated as fair game.
467. Sophie Sherratt
468. Stacey Conway
469. Stephanie Anderson: I am a Survivor Leader and Neurodevelopment Consultant
470. stewart gibb
471. Sue Banting
472. Sue Laughln
473. Sue Peters
474. Sue Riley
475. sumita sarkar
476. Susan Elizabeth Gittins
477. susan flindt: The Nordic Model seems to have thought through hopeful future possibilities.
478. Susan McGill
479. Susan Miller: As an ex-sex worker with many friends who have worked in the industry, I have to say that the Nordic model is the safest one for women and leads to the least

- amount of trafficking. Full decrim could lead to all kinds of exploitation. Please do your research.
480. Susan Moffat: I used to work for the NHS in the field of violence against women and know the appalling physical and mental health outcomes for prostituted women
 481. Susann Halvari Johansen: Active regular member of Norwegian organization Kvinnefronten (women's liberation front Norway)
 482. Susannah Fry
 483. Suzan Sevgi
 484. Suzy L
 485. Suzy Wolf
 486. Sylvaine Le Cren
 487. Tabitha Kinsey Wright: Please reconsider what you have said, this could destroy so many people's lives. Think about the people you will be hurting, the innocent women and children. The people you should be helping protect!
 488. Tammy Bitanga
 489. Tania Kunii
 490. Tania Yusuf
 491. Tara Montane
 492. Taryn Lister
 493. Tatiana Frenkel
 494. Teresa Byrne
 495. teresa Little
 496. Teresa Rothberg
 497. Teresa Swift
 498. Thomas Andre Lanyon Krol
 499. Thomas Krol
 500. Tiffany Marler: I am a Survivor Consultant and I am against full decriminalization simply because we need to hold the buyers and sellers accountable for what they are doing! This is crazy!!! I was trafficked twice in my life. As a child then as an adult. This problem does not go away and is as old as time. If we do not start standing up for our children then evil wins every time. My parents did not stand up for me but I'll be damned if I do not stand up for mine!
 501. Timothy reed
 502. tori curbelo
 503. Tracye Bennis-Sine
 504. Trina Budge
 505. Uyangaa Hariad
 506. Val Carpenter
 507. Vanessa McCulloch
 508. Verina Rallings: We decriminalised prostitution in Australia but it has done little to halt the trafficking of women and children. Illegal brothels still operate and crime gangs are still involved. The Nordic model is best.

509. Veronuca Wigley
510. Victor Haddrall
511. Victoria Owen
512. Viviane Teitelbaum
513. Wendy Bernardelle
514. Wendy Davis
515. Wendy Knight
516. Wendy Thomson
517. William Neill
518. Xia Low
519. Yagmur Uygarkizi
520. Ygerne Price-Davies
521. Yodet Gherez
522. Yvonne Manly
523. Zoe Helm
524. Zoe T: The so-called “Oldest Profession” has been very long overdue for Retirement. Please support the work of all the pressure groups who are on the side of the Angels, to make it so. Instead of seeking to perpetuate this abhorrent and demeaning practice, on a par with (thankfully now things of the past) public hangings, bear-baiting and bare-knuckle fist-fights. Prostitution is not work; it is rape. A privileged man has sex with a non-privileged woman, who otherwise would not consent to this act – making this an incident of rape. Disadvantaged economically, or for whatever other reason, she accepts a bribe from him to refrain from complaining to the Police, of having been raped by him. Both parties thus are corrupted by the incident – the man being the culpable instigator. This abuse of powerless and vulnerable individuals should never be happening in a modern, increasingly-civilised country. Please review your retrogressive beliefs about forcing it, by decriminalisation, to become an acceptable way for poor women to scrape a living – so that you ensure you remain on the right side of history.
525. Zuzana Zilkova