

WOMENS WALKABOUT IN SOHO

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CULMINATION OF THE FORTNIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

We hope thousands of women will visit Soho in a massive WOMENS WALKABOUT.

~~PLEASE ARRIVE AT A WOMANS PLACE BY 3 PM.~~

~~MEET at A WOMANS PLACE (Hungerford House, Victoria Embankment, WC2, next door to Embankment tube, just down from Charing Cross BR Station).~~

LEAVE all your belongings here, a woman will take care of them for you. You will also be given details of accommodation here, and your child/ren will be cared for and taken to a creche.

LEAVE AWP as soon as possible to allow other women to come and go. You will be given a place and time for later in the day when all of us will assemble for the WALKABOUT.

At the assembly point, you will be asked to form into groups of 5, which will then be part of larger groups of 30. This is for security reasons. The group of 30 will have a code word which will allow women to identify each other. If there is any trouble, it is important that only the group of 30 go to help.

BUT IT IS VERY UNLIKELY that shop/club owners will cause trouble as this would give them bad publicity. They would look really stupid, since they have recently been trying to encourage women to go into sexshops (etc) and become 'consumers'.

the press will be there too, and women filming/photographing the WALKABOUT. This will give us added protection. So will you try and bring cameras (even if unloaded)? That will help on safety.

WE WANT THIS ACTION TO BE AS PEACEFUL AS POSSIBLE. IT IS UP TO EVERY WOMAN TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER OWN ACTIONS. SHE COULD ENDANGER OTHER WOMEN AS WELL AS HERSELF IF SHE DID ANYTHING THOUGHTLESS.

The whole WALKABOUT will not take more than about 75 mins. Please do not bring anything unwieldy, like banners. IT IS NOT A MARCH.

If you want, you can write slogans on a vest (etc) to tell people why we are there. The women of Soho will be told about our reasons for going there. And the residents' association.

WE ARE NOT ANTI-PROSTITUTE.

In the evening there will be at least one social. Full details on the day. The Planning Group for the WALKABOUT have decided to give priority to women coming from OUTSIDE LONDON.

IF YOU ARE UNCLEAR ABOUT ANYTHING, ASK ON ARRIVAL AT A WOMANS PLACE.

(This leaflet put out by the PIVAW Planning Group. PIVAW = PORNOGRAPHY IS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN)

Arrive at County Hall 12-3pm

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YOUR RIGHTS ON ARREST

In practice you have few enforceable rights against the police but by following the suggestions below you can give yourself limited protection.

Stop and Search: If you are stopped and searched you should ask the police the reason although they are not bound to give it to you. The police may search you for drugs, firearms, 'terrorist' documents and stolen property on 'reasonable' suspicion that you have any of these items. You can be taken to a police station to be searched without being formally arrested. If you refuse to be searched you may be arrested for obstruction.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED :-

- 1) Call out your name to the people around you and ask them to ring Release or ring 733-4245
- 2) If possible note the number/name of the arresting officer.
- 3) Ask why you are being arrested.
- 4) Be prepared for intimidation but refuse to make a written statement.
- 5) Everything you say to the police before, during and after your arrest is likely to be used in evidence against you so be careful what you say. **SAY NOTHING!!!**
- 6) The police will ask for your name and address, they will check the information so if it is wrong you might be refused bail.
- 7) Ask to make a phone call. (Sec 62 Criminal Law Act entitles you to inform someone of your arrest but the police can refuse you) ring 733 4245 (Brixton Law Centre.)
- 8) Ask to be charged or released as you cannot be held indefinitely.
- 9) Unless you have been arrested for a serious offence you are unlikely to be refused bail and you are unlikely to be held for more than a few hours.
- 10) As soon as you are released make a written note of everything that happened to you from the moment you first came into contact with the police and get in touch with 733-4245 (Brixton Law Centre).
- 11) If you have suffered any injuries seek immediate medical attention so that evidence of your injuries can be produced in court.

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- 1) Try to find out the name of the person arrested, failing that make an immediate note of her (♀) description.
- 2) Take the names and addresses and phone numbers of anyone nearby who witnessed the arrest.
- 3) Take a note of the numbers of the police officers involved.
- 4) If you see anyone taking photos of the arrest take their name and address and tell them to ring Release or ring 733-4245.
- 5) As soon as you have collected as much information as possible ring Release or ring 733-4245 don't worry if you haven't got the name of the person arrested.
- 6) At the first opportunity make a full note of everything you witnessed before, during and after the arrest.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE ARRESTED **RING** RELEASE OR RING 733-4245 (Brixton Law Centre)

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