

Those 36 sex laws must go!

Often contradictory and over-lapping, nine date back to medieval times, the Disorderly Houses Acts date back to 1751, two are nineteenth century and another nine over thirty years old

You can go to prison for organising a sex party, swapping porn videos, having gay sex with a 17 year-old man or accepting money from your sister or mother who earns her living from prostitution.

Any sexual legislation should define who is trying to protect whom, from what and why. If sexual freedom works in Holland, why not here?

PROSTITUTION PRIDE

Revd Chad Varah CBE, told our launch of Prostitution Pride at Conway Hall, "Our society needs people willing to work as prostitutes, and should be grateful to those who do it well, honestly and healthily."

Bella Lamu, Sex Worker of the Year 1996, replied by saying, "Two thousand years of "Western civilisation" has taken its toll of our sexuality, casting fear where there should be joy and robbing us of our power and potential. Sexual pleasure is not taught with reverence but treated with shame, victimisation and even criminalisation of consenting adults."

Structure of the SFC

The Sexual Freedom Coalition is a democratic voluntary pansexual campaign with working groups organising law reform, the education of the press and public, publishing a newspaper *Consenting Adults*, and website,

and fund-raising erotic events.

Convenors of these groups plus officers make up the Steering Committee, and working volunteers are elected as members.

The Coalition is now two years old, has thousands of supporters, and high hopes.

Saturday Night/ Sunday Morning What's On

Hedonism couples-only parties in London 0181 575 2052

Rio's Naturist Spa open all night, with party atmosphere upstairs 241 Kentish Town Road, London NW5 0171 482 4325

Big Sexy Festy Party rave. Details after 10.30 on Saturday night on the following numbers: 0181 376 4692 0171 585 1883 0181 808 9755 and 0956 117915

Way Out Club pansexual party with plenty of TVs and TSS, 9-4am at Charlie's 9 Crosswall, EC3

Night of a Thousand Stars swish extravanza with casino, voodoo, performance & dance at the Rivoli Ballroom 8pm-2am, 350 Brockley Road London SE4

Dolly Mixtures at the Candy Bar lesbian club 10pm-2am at 4 Carlisle St, W1

Dollyrockers gay/bi/straight glam Connaught Ballrooms, Gt Queen Street, WC2 10-6am

Trade gay/bi/straight wild night 4am-1pm at Turmills 63b Clerkenwell Road, EC1

Metal Carew Exhibition at The Blue Museum Tanner Place 54-58 Tanner Street, London SE1 171 403 4443 9.30am-6.30pm every day.

Forthcoming Events

SUMMER RIGHTS free LGBT fiesta on Sat 1st August at 12.30pm-10pm in Brockwell Park, London SE24

SMOKEY BEARS PICNIC legalise-Cannabis protest at 2pm on Sunday 16th August on Southsea Common, opposite the funfair, Portsmouth, Hants.

ARCADIA III House & Garden party. SFC benefit on Sat 12th April. Donations £12/£7 concs. Strict dress code Hollywood glamour, fantasy, fetish, sexy & scanty. Cheques to Arcadia PO Box 42B, London W1A 4ZB

THE REAL JOHN SCHOOL SFC benefit party on Wed 9th September, featuring the SFC Female Sex Workers Show n'Tell. 7.30 for 8pm till 11.30 at the Green Man, on the corner of Carpenters Road & Stratford High Street, London E15. Tickets on door £B/£5 concs.

further info, send SAE to:

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Sexual Freedom Parade

AND PROSTITUTION PRIDE

Soho Square at 2pm to Hyde Park Corner
Saturday 25th July 1998

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
24-26 JULY 98



Lady Anna invites you to join her picnic after the parade

Celebrating sexual diversity
pleasure
and tolerance

Protesting against the
36 sex laws
which
threaten us

& Uniting to replace repression
and hypocrisy with
sex positivity and
understanding

Legal assistance for the weekend on:
0181 678 6488 / 0958 369635 / 04325 105990

SFC's SYMPOSIUM FOR A SEXIER FUTURE

Sunday 26th July

Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1 3-6pm
admission £1

PROGRAMME

3pm **The Sexual Freedom Coalition** our first two years

Tim Summers Chair of SFC

Invited Speakers

introduced by Dr Tuppy Owens

- 3.20 **David Webb** — Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts *20 years of campaigning against censorship — lessons to be learned*
- 3.30 **Laurence O'Toole** — author of *Pornocopia Attitudes to pornography*
- 3.40 **Suzanne Birkett** — striptease artist *Erotic Dance (with performance)*
- 3.50 **Julia Wiggins** — transsexual *Breaking the Barriers to transsexual fulfilment*
- 4.00 **Mother Molesta** — Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence *Grabbing the Space*
- 4.10 **Michael Mills** — Equality Alliance *LGBT issues*
- 4.20 **Bunnie McGeehan** — lawyer and fetish club organiser *Combating SM and fetish club legislation*

- 4.25 **Spencer Woodcock** — writer and Spanner Trustee *Educating the authorities on sadomasochism*
- 4.30 **Ciaran O'Hagan** — Release dance outreach project *Drugs awareness*
- 4.35 **Michele Poole** — the Advance Party *New revolutionary politics*
- 4.40 **Jeff Rosson** — Rude Food Dining Club *Getting exposed in the News of the Screws*
- 4.45 **Dr Tuppy Owens** — sex therapist & Sex Maniac's Ball organiser *The responsibility of the press in reporting sexual issues, focussing on Viagra*
- 4.50 **Peter Brameld** — exhibition organiser *The future of erotic festivals in Britain*
- 4.55 **John Blandford** — solicitor *Enforcement of laws surrounding prostitution*
- 5.00 **Dr Wendy Rickard** — lecturer and **Steph Wilcock** — researcher on their *forthcoming conference Sex Work Reassessed*
- 5.10 **John Crow/Constable** — play-write *The Southwark Mysteries celebrating Henry II's Ordinance relating to the Stews 1161*
- 5.20 **Jahnet De Light** — sex worker *The pros and cons of being a pro*

5.30 **Performance**

by Frankie and Tania

5.40 **Groups**

People gather in corners, according to their interest, beneath the signs around the room, based on the various topics covered by the speeches. Having selected a convener, who should take notes, groups to discuss what's to be done, writing names and addresses down if they wish to volunteer for new working groups

5.55 **Summary**

6.00 **Close**

We are disappointed the following invited speakers will not be attending:

A representative from **Alliance for Choice** to speak on their fight for legalisation of abortion in Northern Ireland

Aun Michael — Minister of State at the Home Office

Phil Hall — Editor of the *News of the World*

Superintendent Jauch — The Metropolitan Police Clubs and Vice Unit

Professor Richard Green — Charing Cross Hospital Transgender Clinic

Marcus Herbert — Principal Environment Protection Officer at Hammersmith & Fulham Council

Andreas Whittam-Smith — President of the British Board of Film Classification

Chris Smith MP

Simon Hughes MP

Edwina Currie