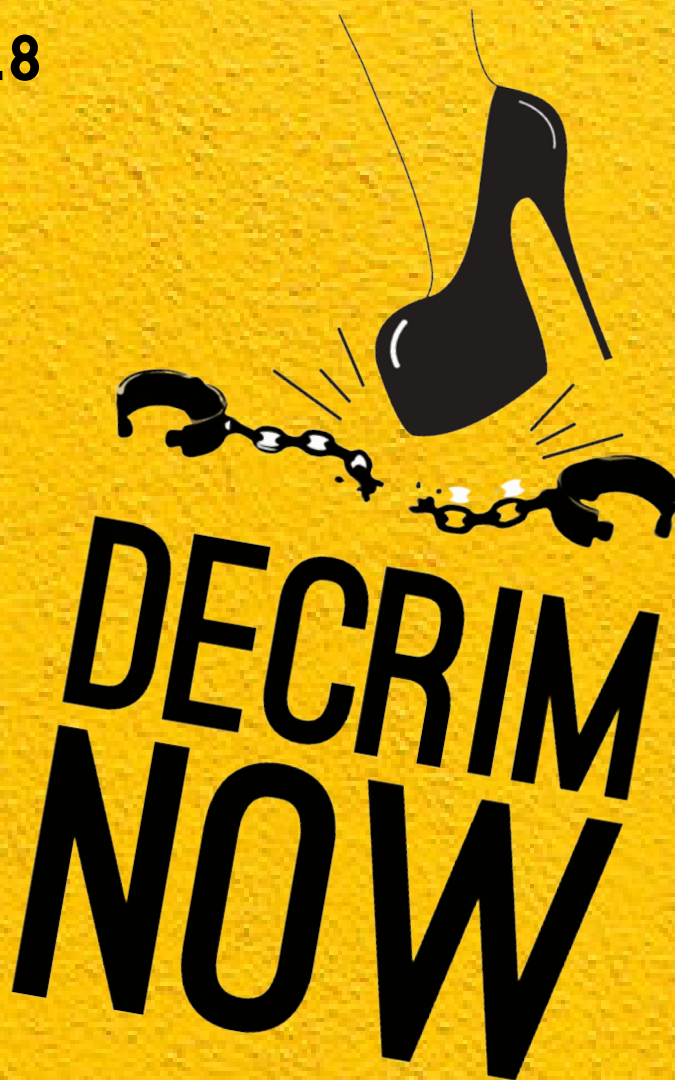


# DECRIMNOW

a social media guide  
for the june week of action  
for sex work decriminalization

JUNE 2018



## BACKGROUND

DECRIMNOW is a campaign by a collective of organizers from Collective Action for Safe Spaces (CASS), BYP100, No Justice No Pride, HIPS, UndocuBlack, Metro DSA, Workers' World Party, and more who are committed to fighting for the decriminalization of sex work, and for increased investments in resources that keep sex workers safe, like housing, resources, and social support.

June 2 is International Whores Day, a day committed to reclaim safety for sex workers and everyone—safe housing, safe working conditions, and safety from discrimination. In this spirit, DECRIMNOW is hosting a week of action for the first week of June to push for the decriminalization of sex work.



## ARE YOU IN?

Do you believe that sex workers should have rights to their bodies? Do you believe in sexual agency and freedom? Do you believe that sex work is work? Then join us in our conversations about it on social media!

This packet contains what each day during the June Week of Action will be themed, contains some graphics you are free to share, and includes some prompts and draft posts to help! And make sure to follow our partner orgs — we'll be sharing facts about Black sex workers throughout history through the week!

## CONTACT

For more information, visit our website at [decrimnow.org](http://decrimnow.org). You can also follow the organizations who make up DECRIMNOW on social media!



## JUNE 2: DEBUNKING SEX WORK MYTHS

The theme of the day is Debunking Sex Work Myths! We'll also be doing a rally on June 2 for International Sex Workers' Day — the Sex Workers Rise Up for Safety rally at the Eastern Market Metro in DC .

Tweets, IG posts, and posts on Facebook could explore debunking myths around sex work! Some example posts are below:

**Sex workers are not vulnerable, our communities are incredibly powerful and resilient. What we are is TARGETED - @CMCharlesAllen end the arrests, harassment, and brutality. Bring the the #decrimNOW bill to a public hearing.**

**DCs sex work criminalization policies don't deter violence or improve public safety. Instead they make it harder for sex workers to seek safety. Sign our petition [bit.ly/dcdecrimnow](https://www.theroot.com/watch-this-is-how-new-legislation-puts-sex-workers-in-1824209063) and listen to Black sex workers share their stories here: <https://www.theroot.com/watch-this-is-how-new-legislation-puts-sex-workers-in-1824209063>**

**The most effective way to end violence against women, girls, trans + gender nonconforming people in the sex trade is to work toward their full economic, political and social empowerment. NOT by criminalizing their survival - sign our #DecrimNOW petition: [bit.ly/dcdecrimnow](https://www.theroot.com/watch-this-is-how-new-legislation-puts-sex-workers-in-1824209063)**

**Got questions? Here's some answers. Check out "5 Reasons Decriminalization Protects Sex Workers' Rights" from @amnesty <https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/5-reasons-decriminalization-protects-sex-workers-rights-20160609>**

## JUNE 3: SEX WORK + HOUSING

The theme of the day will be Sex Work and Housing!

Tweets, IG posts, and posts on Facebook could explore the need for affordable AND SAFE housing in DC and the housing conditions different sex workers face when trying to conduct safe work! Some example posts are below:

**In FY18, the District invested only 3% of its local budget in affordable housing. Our fight to decriminalize sex work is informed by sex workers' struggle to find safe, dignified, and affordable housing in District. Join our fight here: [bit.ly/dcdecrimnow](https://bit.ly/dcdecrimnow)**

**DC spends 3x as much money on police and prisons as it does in investments in deeply affordable housing. @CMCharlesAllen End the arrests of sex workers NOW and invest in our futures!**

**DC's #DecrimNOW campaign is proud to fight alongside organizers and community across the city demanding deep investments in affordable housing and access to comprehensive healthcare.**

**In 2016, the most recent year for which data is available, 63 percent of DC's extremely low-income renters (about 27,000 households) spent at least half of their income on housing. DC-based sex workers report access to housing as a high priority issue. #DecrimNOW**

## JUNE 4: SEX WORK + IMMIGRATION

The theme of the day will be Sex Work and Immigration!

Tweets, IG posts, and posts on Facebook could explore sex work around the world and the intersections of sex work and immigration rights! Some example posts are below:

**Immigrants are already unfairly targeted by the police for just existing in the US. Support our campaign to decriminalize sex work and join us in saying no to the continued policing of immigrants who are sex workers.**

**DC is a sanctuary city for who? Tell your councilmembers that ALL immigrants deserve to be safe from police and support the decriminalization of sex work! #decrimNOW**

## JUNE 5: SEX WORK + POLICING OF QUEER BLACK AND TRANS YOUTH

The theme of the day will be Sex Work and the policing of queer black and trans youth!

Tweets, IG posts, and posts on Facebook could explore the agency of youth and youth interactions with the criminal legal system. Some example posts are below:

**Ways to limit the interaction between sex workers and police: #decrimnow**

**Ways to limit the interaction between trans folks and police: #decrimnow**

**Ways to limit the interaction between black and brown communities and police: #decrimnow**

**Youth sex workers often complain that police use their authority to harass them, even telling them they can avoid arrest in exchange for sex and still arresting them. Sign our petition to decriminalize sex work here: [bit.ly/dc-decrimnow](https://bit.ly/dc-decrimnow)**



## JUNE 6: SEX WORK + TRANS LIBERATION

The theme of the day will be Sex Work and Trans Liberation! Some events happening this day include the Gallery Pop Up.

Tweets, IG posts, and posts on Facebook could explore the importance of uplifting trans liberation in our fight for justice and in the fight for sex work decriminalization. Some example posts are below:

**Lack of access to housing and stable employment forces Black and Brown trans communities to seek income “through underground or grey economy work.” We’re fighting for full economic, political & social empowerment & we demand an end to the arrests. Join us: [bit.ly/dcdecrimnow](https://bit.ly/dcdecrimnow)**

**When you think about sex work, does beauty come to mind? Do you think of reverence when you think of people who are sex workers? How often do we attach sex work or sex workers to something unappealing and stigmatizing?**

**Join CASS, HIPS and BYP100 for a gallery pop up where you will experience art created for and by sex workers. <https://www.facebook.com/events/260862007792863/>**

# THANK YOU!



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