Male Sex Worker Representative Position Description

POSITION OBJECTIVE: To act as the Male Sex Worker Representative, representing Scarlet Alliance aims and objectives and issues for male sex workers.

KEY CRITERIA (Qualifications, Experience, Skills and Abilities):
- Experience as a male sex worker
- Self identify as male
- Have a sound knowledge of national sex worker issues and Scarlet Alliance policies.
- Interest in the sex worker rights movement in Australia and an understanding of issues affecting sex worker communities
- Knowledge (or willingness to gain further knowledge on) male sex work issues in Australia and across variety of work environments

The Male Sex Worker Representative will be expected to:
- Attend a initial 2 day orientation meeting in Sydney (most likely in December)
- Attend an additional 1-2 day face to face in Sydney later in the elected term
- Attend regular Spokespeople and Representatives teleconferences (times and frequency determined by the Vice President in consultation with Spokespeople and Representatives, minimum of once every two months)
- Attend National Forum (4 days in November)
- Monitor the malerep@scarletalliance.org.au email account (at least weekly)

Furthermore, it is within the scope and delegation of the role to:
- Represent Scarlet Alliance at conferences, workshops and forums
- Write abstracts, articles and speeches for conferences and publications
- Convene working parties around relevant issues
- Represent Scarlet Alliance in media interviews and other media representation, when delegated/approved by the Scarlet Alliance Executive
- Maintain a Male sex worker E-list
- Update and change the www.scarletmen.org.au website

Note: All duties conducted are to be guided by the Scarlet Alliance Strategic Plan and the Scarlet Alliance objectives (links at end of Position Description)

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES
- Provide advice to Scarlet Alliance and its membership on the issues effecting male sex workers in Australia.
- Moderate the scarlet_men_list on yahoo groups
- Liaise with male sex workers and male outreach positions in sex work projects to identify issues for male workers across Australia
- Promote male sex workers’ contribution and participation in Scarlet Alliance
• Represent Scarlet Alliance, including male sex workers, promoting Scarlet Alliance’s positions and aims on boards, committees and E-lists (decisions on appropriate representation to all committees must be approved by the Scarlet Alliance Executive)
• Develop an annual work plan and carryout the work outlined in it.
• Ensure reporting requirements are met (more details below)

REPORTING STRUCTURE
The Male Sex Worker Representative reports to the Scarlet Alliance Executive via the Vice President.

If you represent Scarlet Alliance in attending or sitting on Advisory Boards, Committees, Working Groups or Conferences a written report must be submitted within four (4) weeks to the Executive Committee (via email to the Vice President). The report should be formatted using the template provided in Appendix 6 of the Scarlet Alliance Constitution. Download directly from http://www.scarletalliance.org.au/library/appenix6. All reports are confidential to the Executive Committee until the Executive approves its release, either to the membership or publicly. This includes the Scarlet E-List, membership or general public.

The Male Sex Worker Representative is also responsible for providing written annual reports and verbal reports as required.

SUPERVISION
The Vice President is the delegated contact point for the Male Sex Worker Representative.

The first face to face meeting is an important opportunity for the Male Sex Worker Representative to meet with the rest of the elected leadership and to participate in Scarlet Alliance orientation training. The meeting also provides a chance for spokespersons and representatives to work with their double along with the Vice President in developing work plans for the coming year.

Throughout the year, teleconferences involving the Vice President, spokespersons and representatives create another platform to enable mentoring and support.

Questions or unresolved problems arising around role and responsibilities of the International Sex Worker Spokesperson Position should be directed to the Vice President.

APPROVAL PROCESS
Documentation, including abstracts, articles, presentations and workshops, is to be provided to the Scarlet Alliance Executive for approval via emailing the Vice President. A minimum two week turnaround period needs to be allowed for approval. To ensure proper processes are followed and deadlines can be met, it is important that this two week minimum turnaround is accounted for in timelines for the Representative’s annual work plan.

Media representation opportunities, along with an agreed approach, are to be approved by the Scarlet Alliance Executive. When immediate approval is required the CEO should be contacted.

LINKS TO KEY DOCUMENTS