

# UMBRELLA LANE

SEX WORKER WELLBEING PROJECT

## £ Annual Report 2018 - 2019



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## *Background*

As a group of current and former sex workers and supportive allies, we began Umbrella Lane from the grassroots community level in January 2015 and registered with OSCR as an SCIO in August 2015. Umbrella Lane grew out of our shared frustration with the way existing services are delivered to sex workers from a political stance that views all prostitution as violence.

## *Our Mission & Governing Principles*

To improve the health and well being of all sex workers in Scotland, through a community-based, innovative & holistic approach that recognises our agency & choices in starting sex work, managing work & sometimes moving on from sex work.

- **To respect the self-determination of sex workers**
- **To respect and promote the human and health rights of sex workers**
- **To be inclusive to all sex workers and work from principles of equality, respect and recognition**

## *Goals for 2018/2019*

The goals for Umbrella Lane's 2018/2019 year were following up from previous years, to continue providing our peer support and advice services, to access further funding opportunities, to build further referral pathways, and to provide additional workshops and classes.







## Activities & Achievements During 2018/2019

- **Peer Support & Advice**

We hold a sex worker only weekly drop-in in a private location in the Southside of Glasgow where people are welcomed with coffee, lunch and peer support.

- **Safer Sex Supplies**

This year Umbrella Lane became a registered free condom & lubricant distributor in Scotland and can now offer all types of Pasante sexual health products free of charge. We have also recently secured funding to supply and provide other brands of safer sex materials and provide safety advice on contraceptives, STI-prevention materials and wider sexual and reproductive health services available.

- **Peer-led Workshops & Trainings**

We were involved in the organization of a retreat for sex workers, as well as providing a safe space to host workshops and for workers to give peer support.

- **Reporting Violence**

Umbrella Lane supported people to file reports anonymously with the National Ugly Mugs Scheme Volunteers in Umbrella Lane can also now signpost people to specialist support services for victims of crime and accompany the worker to initial appointments if desired.

- **Social Events & Spaces**

We have begun to host text-based groups for sex workers throughout Scotland to engage by instant messages for social support, which is frequently used and found to reduce isolation.

## Financial Reporting

Umbrella Lane had no income or expenditure for the year of 2018. In April 2019, Umbrella Lane received a grant of £13,000 with the following stipulations:

To cover the first year of rent of the office space at Gordon Chambers, 82 Mitchell Street, Glasgow **£12000**

To cover purchasing kitchen equipment and other sundries **£400**

To cover the first two months of estimated travel and catering costs of **£300 pm (£600)**

Given the funds received to Umbrella Lane in 2019, a bank account under the Charity name has now been opened. Income and expenditure will be recorded and prepared for OSCR in an Annual Accounting Report.



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