

NORDIC MODEL NOW!

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Keir Starmer, Leader of the Labour party
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Carla Denyer and Adrian Ramsay, Leaders of the Green party
Naomi Long, Leader of the Alliance party
George Galloway, Leader of the Workers' Party
Nigel Farage, Leader of Reform UK
Kellie-Jay Keen, Leader of the Party of Women
Mandu Reid, Leader of the Women's Equality Party
William Clouston, Leader of the Social Democratic Party

20 June 2024

Dear Madam or Sir

We are writing to you as leader of one of the major UK political parties to ask that your party will prioritise women's rights and tackle the sex industry, which is causing a catastrophic erosion in women's status and well-being.

In the approach to the one hundredth anniversary of women gaining the vote on the same terms as men, women still do not have equality with men. [Every budget](#) for the past 14 years has systematically favoured men at women's expense and the explosion of pornography, prostitution, commercial sex websites, and other sex industry outlets, positions women as commodities and sexual servants to men. These forces have contributed to an epidemic of male violence against women and children and to boys learning to be sexual predators from an early age. This must change.

To illustrate the reality of prostitution, we would like to share this quote from Harriet, a member of Nordic Model Now! who has lived experience of prostitution:

"People think prostitution is about having consensual sex for money. It's not. Those men don't want to pay for that. They paid me and then used me however they wanted. I was beaten with objects until I bled; spat at; anally raped; gang raped; passed around at sex parties like a toy, men slipping off their condoms; I was shouted at, threatened, choked, told to look like I enjoyed it or he'd take the money back. I was scared every single second."

If you gain power in the election, we call on you to use that power to strive to:

1. Implement in full the [recommendations of the CEDAW Committee](#) after its last examination of the UK's progress on women's rights.
2. Incorporate the [CEDAW convention](#) into national legislation.

3. Ensure that the police rigorously enforce the existing legislation against pimping, brothel keeping, kerb crawling, and paying for sex from someone who has been coerced or forced. Currently, the police in England and Wales [do not enforce these laws](#). This has led to a free-for-all for pimps, traffickers and brothel-keepers, and large numbers of women and girls being drawn into and often trapped in intolerable situations. This must change.
4. Repeal the legislation against loitering and soliciting to sell sex in public places. The vast majority of women selling sex on the street have either been coerced by pimps and traffickers or driven to it by extreme poverty and drug addictions. No one should be criminalised for the exploitation and misfortune they endure.
5. Invest in long-term funding for specialist holistic trauma-informed services for **all women and others** involved in prostitution, regardless whether or not they have been pimped or trafficked. As well as support, these services must provide genuine routes out of the industry, and include women-only addiction services, housing, training, psycho-social support, child care, and employment, benefit and legal advice.
6. Urgently implement robust age-verification on all online pornography. We are not convinced that the Online Safety Act 2023 will cover all eventualities, platforms and sites.
7. Ensure schools implement a **critical approach** to prostitution and pornography in sex education. Children should not be told that “sex work” is a normal job or that it can be a rewarding career. This is a form of grooming and can lead to girls and young people being drawn into the industry, which is likely to decimate their life chances and cause them great harm. At the same time, it normalises men buying sex and suggests it is not much different from paying for a haircut. Telling children that the violent misogynistic porn that is now the norm on popular online porn sites is useful for exploring their sexuality, or that it is not real but a fantasy, are equally irresponsible.
8. Invest in high-quality youth services that include work with marginalised children and young people with a view to preventing them being drawn into the sex industry or becoming involved in pimping and buying sex. This should also include help for problematic porn users to kick their habit.
9. Update the Modern Slavery Act 2015 so that it implements the Palermo Protocol definition of human trafficking in full as we explained in our [submission to the House of Lords committee’s inquiry](#).
10. Introduce legislation to make paying, or attempting to pay, for sex a criminal offence. The key aim of this would be to change men’s attitudes and behaviour and to send out a clear message that this country will not tolerate women and girls being bought and sold for sex and men’s gratification.
11. Introduce legislation that can be used to close down commercial sex websites, as we explain in [our petition](#).
12. Introduce holistic measures to ensure the success of the above, including training for the police, the CPS and judiciary, a public information campaign about the change in the law, and genuine strategies to address women’s and single mothers’ poverty and inequality.

While these measures would require considerable investment, there is evidence that they would create a more sustainable and equitable society and would save money in the medium to long term.

Yours sincerely,

Nordic Model Now!

And the following organisations:

1. Build a Girl UK CIC
2. FiLiA
3. FONDATION SCELLES
4. Glasgow Tactical Feminists
5. GM4Women2028 Safety group
6. Infusion Physical Theatre
7. Justice for Women
8. Kairos Women Working Together
9. Make a Difference
10. Male Allies Challenging Sexism
11. Manchester Feminist Network
12. Men At Work CIC
13. Mighty Impulse Movement
14. Not Buying It
15. Older Feminist Network
16. Rooms of our Own
17. Safe Schools Alliance
18. Scary Little Girls CIC
19. SISTERS - für den Ausstieg aus der Prostitution! e.V.
20. Stopp Leihmutterschaft
21. The Judith Trust
22. Traffick Refuge
23. Trauma and Prostitution
24. Women at The Well (Kings Cross, London)
25. Women's Declaration International UK
26. Women's Support project
27. You My Sister

And the following individuals:

1. Susan Wainwright
2. A Bradshaw
3. A E Hartley
4. Abigail Faries
5. Adrian Walker
6. Alexandria Sherman
7. Alisha May
8. Alison Richard
9. Alison Wren. Was a volunteer with prostituted women all of them so vulnerable

10. Alix Goldring. Please make this a post-election priority.
11. Alix O'Hanlon-Alexandra
12. Amanda Chebira
13. Amanda Stones
14. amrita Banerjee. For gender equality
15. Ana
16. Ana María Ribes Torres
17. Ana María Ricca del Río. Prostitution is violence against women. It leaves women scarred both physically and mentally. Besides, it not only affects the victims of prostitution but also all women as men perceive women as commodities. It normalises that men can have sex with women without their desire. It normalises rape and as a result violence against all women.
18. Andrea Heinz
19. Andrew Squires
20. Andrew Taylor
21. Andy Jordan
22. Ann blackshaw
23. Ann Hall
24. Ann Hamilton
25. Anna Childs
26. Anna Lockhart
27. Anna Scantlebury
28. Anna-Marie Dolan
29. Anne Brown
30. Anne Martin. To leaders of devolved administrations, where these measures impinge on devolved areas, please ensure they are progressed, for example implement a sex buyer law in Scotland to effectively tackle demand and create a healthier society where it is a given that no-one's body can be commodified.
31. Anne Stafford
32. Anne Wilkinson
33. Annette Lawson
34. Annie Wood
35. Arpita
36. Åsa Eriksson Wärnberg
37. Ashlynn Heitman. Fantastic list with resources, may we see change soon
38. Audrey Gillies
39. Ayram Rosi
40. Barbara Edmonds
41. Barbara Guest. Without these changes, women's equality will never be achieved. The normalisation of women being exploited for male sexual pleasure is intolerable.
42. Barbara Scott
43. Belissa Cohen. Hold the exploiters accountable--criminalize those who profit from the sex acts of others--pimps, brothel owners, online sites that sell the sex acts of people. Make it illegal to profit from the sex acts of others. Help those who find themselves in the sex trade to get out.

44. Bernadette O'Malley
45. Bonny Landsborough
46. C Dix
47. C Downs
48. Carherine Dyson
49. Carol Ackroyd
50. Carol Bailey
51. Caroline Meagher
52. Carrie Osborne
53. Caterina Cortese. 2024 porn no longer depicts sex: it depicts acts of male violence against women. Porn male producers and actors must be prosecuted for real-life violence (inflicted on female actors) and for incitement to violence (against all women).
54. Catherine Curtis. We have seen how our social services fail to protect and rescue women and girls against violence which is the pipeline to this wretched life all want to exit. We cannot fail them again.
55. Catherine Knights
56. Catherine Mulligan
57. Catherine Prior
58. Catherine Russell
59. Catherine Simoni. Please save decent society and our children.
60. Cathy Knights
61. Catriona ni Cathain
62. Chantelle Swain
63. Chris Green
64. Chris Hall
65. Christina Ruck
66. Christopher Gooch
67. Claire Valentine
68. Clare
69. Clare B Dimyon MBE [LGB-T]. 40 years of grassroots activism - Rape & Other Sexual Offending (RAOSO) & MBE LGBT.
70. Clare Perry
71. Corrine Streetly
72. Cristina PS
73. D Stephens
74. Daisy Williams. If "B*tch sl*t cries" is legal & men can sell women openly on the street, we might as well not have any human rights. 1 in 10 men admit to child sex abuse & there is huge rapid increase in young men becoming child sex abusers. Woman creates all life, if we continue to harm women at this rate, we risk extinction. 90% of men wank to the sexual abuse of their creator. Ban porn.
75. Daniel Maguire
76. Daniel Salisbury
77. David Brooks
78. Dawn Titmus
79. Deborah Ryan

80. Debra Lewis
81. Dee Sheehan
82. Delyth Rennie
83. Denisa Stirbu
84. Denise Sumpter
85. Desmond O'Keefe
86. Diane Coffey
87. Diane Dear
88. Diane Maguire
89. Dorcas
90. Doreen Wallace
91. Doris Jolly
92. Dorothea Annison
93. Dorothy Thomas
94. Dr Amanda Heath
95. Dr Anni Donaldson
96. Dr Elly Hanson
97. Dr Janet Smith
98. Dr Judith Dodds
99. Dr Katherine Baxter
100. Dr Lesley Semmens
101. Dr Marie-Louise Irvine
102. Dr Rae Elizabeth WEBSTER
103. Dr Sasha Rakoff. You also urgently need to tackle media/social media incessant lies and glamorisation of the sex trade – this includes mainstream and even publicly owned broadcasters, like Channel 4!
104. Dr. Jaci Stoye. I am the secretary of the Cross Party Group for Commercial Sexual Exploitation in the Scottish Parliament and have campaigned for the abolition of prostitution in several organisations including Amnesty International, ACTS, and The Scottish Liberal Democrat Party.
105. E. Evans
106. Elaine Fairs
107. elaine smith
108. Elena
109. Eleri Wilson-Davies
110. Elisabeth Bray
111. Elisabetta Toreno
112. Elizabeth Bailey
113. Elizabeth James
114. Elizabeth Waterson
115. Emilie Carrington
116. Emily Firth. If you normalise sex work as a job, you can advertise it. If you advertise it the job centre can ultimately force you to do it (I have a disability making normal jobs difficult but I can have sex, so women will be forced by “the system” to have non-consensual sex). Also if you make it acceptable for men to buy sex you give men the right to sex. I thought

we all agreed long ago that men must change this mindset, hence criminalised husbands raping their wives, are you now saying if wives do not sexually submit to their husbands it's fine for the husbands (using joint income) to just get it elsewhere?

117. Emily Husain
118. Emma Burns
119. Emma Smith
120. Erwin Landrichter. Surrogacy is a kind of prostitution, is an instrumentalisation of a female person.
121. Eve
122. Fiona Broadfoot
123. Fiona Macdonald
124. Fiona Montgomery
125. Frances Davidson
126. Francesca Platt
127. Frankie Lawrence
128. Freda Davis. I'm disgusted that the only mention of the word 'sex' in the Green Party manifesto is in support of sex work being work.
129. Freya MacKenzie
130. Gael Cochrane
131. Gayle Baldwin
132. Gaynor Nelson
133. Gemma
134. Gemma Kelly
135. Genevieve Jordan
136. Georgia Hayden
137. Georgia Read-Cutting. Am medical professional with experience of working with sex workers.
138. Georgina Pugh
139. Georgina Sheepy. The buyers of women's bodies should be held to account. It is abuse and should be treated as such. A woman's body is not a work place. Buying consent is rape.
140. Geraldine Adams
141. Gill Rimmer
142. Gillian Moran
143. Gina McCaughan
144. Giovanna Berna. I'm a woman, I'm a teacher, and I don't want a future of prostitution for my daughters and students.
145. Goretti Ugarte
146. Grace Star
147. Gracie Hill. Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland already recognise prostitution as VAWG, not work. The UN Special Rapporteur on VAWG recently called for a VAWG/Nordic model for prostitution to be introduced and condemns 'partnerships' with online pimping sites. The Home Affairs Committee has stated that the police and others' partnership online pimping sites is 'inexplicable'; recommends Government, police and

other bodies stop framing prostitution as ‘work’ and that the Government considers implementing the Nordic Model.

148. Graham white
149. H Burke
150. Hanna Stenström
151. Hannah Murphu
152. Hayley Crawshaw
153. Hazel Tarragon
154. Heather Child
155. Helen Bonham
156. Helen Everett
157. Helen Gibson
158. Helen Gough
159. Helen St Luce
160. Helen Taylor
161. Helen Thomas
162. Helen Tissington
163. Helena Zecevic
164. Helene Loizides-Dickson
165. holly gordon
166. Hugo Patton
167. Inga Bullen
168. Irena Fick
169. J Hayes
170. J L Henderson
171. J Maton
172. J Osmond. I chaired a charity that supported women caught up in prostitution and firmly believe in offering women who have often had a very difficult life, with few choices, routes out.
173. Jacinta Nordone
174. Jacky Holyoake
175. Jacqueline Kay
176. Jacqueline Taylor
177. Jan Ogden
178. Jane Ayres
179. Jane Power
180. JANE ROFFE
181. Janet Sasaki
182. Janet Warren
183. Janey Galloway
184. Jaye Nolan
185. Jean Hatchet
186. Jeannie Mackenzie. A family member has experienced being prostituted. She has a learning disability and an addiction, and was an easy prey for pimps. It ruined her health. Under current law, she could be prosecuted, but those that abuse her cannot. This is wrong.

187. Jen
188. Jennifer Borthwick
189. Jennifer Gourley
190. Jenny Gunningham
191. Jenny Lupton
192. Jess Smith
193. Jessica Goldfinch
194. Jessica Walsh-Banks
195. Jessica Winkler
196. Jill Harris
197. Jill Murphy
198. Jill Raymond
199. Joanna Bradburn
200. Joanna Young
201. Joanne Priest
202. Job van der Wal. I know survivors of human trafficking and forced prostitution.
203. Joe Tristram
204. Josephine Hewlett
205. Josey Graham
206. Joslyn Bailey
207. Jude Chapman
208. Judith Suissa
209. Julia Marshall
210. Julia Saville-Hippely
211. Julia Ship
212. Julian Whitley
213. Juliana
214. Julie McGee
215. Julie Spencer
216. Julie Stacey
217. Kandice Harris-Janes
218. Karen Bresner
219. Karen O'Connor
220. Kat Busby Hicks
221. Kate Dixon
222. Kathleen Richardson
223. Kathryn Holding
224. Kathryn Mackridge
225. Kathy Fletcher. Prostitution is part of violence against women & girls, which most parties are committed to reducing.
226. Katie Toal. I worked in the industry for over ten years. I am living with the harm prostitution causes.
227. Katrina Millen
228. Katy Boss
229. KEITH PRINGLE

230. Keith Savage. The sex crime industry is driving the rape culture that affects all of society but especially the young and vulnerable. We need government intervention to reduce the harms, prevent recruitment and stifle demand.
231. Kellie Ziemba. Survivor of the sex industry and CEO of Kairos. We support, advocate for, and empower women to live fulfilled lives free from abuse, violence, sexual exploitation.
232. Kerry Gaskin. Sex work is not empowerment. Sex work is exploitation.
233. Kerryann Lund. Having suffered sexual harassment and assault as well as experiencing how pornography affects men's approach to sex; my daughter sexually harassed at the age of 8 by a classmate exposed to pornography and telling me as she grew up what young men expected to be able to do to her, copying porn. I feel very strongly that not enough is done about this issue and that is due to ingrained misogyny which disregards women's experiences. We need single sex services and facilities to keep us safe and this needs to be strictly enforced.
234. Kerstin Rodgers
235. Kevin Jones. I have lived experience of child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, pornography & prostitution so the Nordic Model Law needs to be made a new Act of Parliament in the House of Commons by the next UK government to help save lives & protect people who are suffering from financial hardship, addiction, abuse & rape on a daily basis by sex traffickers & pimps in the UK.
236. Kevin murphy
237. Kiran Sharma
238. Kirsteen Niven. Prostitution enables abusive men to traffic vulnerable women. It's usually rape, and it is unacceptable.
239. Kirsty Redmond
240. Kristina Massey. I am a Violence Against Women and Girls Researcher and so feel very strongly that our current system fails women and girls.
241. Kylie boyd
242. Laila Simoncelli
243. Larissa Thompson
244. Laura Bird
245. Laura Hall
246. Laura Perrin
247. Laura Poyner
248. Laurel Wilson
249. Leanna Bye
250. Leanne Bentley
251. Leanne Dewe
252. Leigh Taylor
253. lesley mclarty
254. Linda Craig
255. Linda Oubridge
256. Linda Oubridge
257. Lisa Randall. I am a mother and my daughter recently told me the kinds of porn she had access to when she was a child through her phone. It was utterly shocking and unimaginable. Protect children from porn.

258. Liss Davies. Stop Domestic abuse and Stop men who live beside women from been domineering and trying to encroach on their property. Stop all forms of female abuse.
259. Liz Reveley
260. Lois Owen
261. Lorna Fitzpatrick
262. Lorraine Skorupska
263. Louisa Coleby
264. Louise McDermott
265. Lucy Hawker
266. Lucy Ramsey
267. Lynn Thomason
268. Lynne Troughton
269. Lynnette
270. M Huggins
271. M Parker
272. Maday Medina Molina. Pimps who sexually harass anyone at work should be able to be denounced as criminals for violating human rights. I couldn't defend myself just because of that.
273. Magda Devas
274. Maggie Cole
275. Maire Smith
276. Mano Jacob. I watched what looked like a prostitute being transported by her pimp and the look of hopelessness in her eyes prompted me to find out more and move to abolish sexual slavery.
277. Margaret Egrot
278. Margaret Manning
279. Maria Rossi
280. Maria Stack
281. Marianne Hughes
282. Mariette Labelle
283. Marika Mason
284. Marlyn Glen
285. Martin Dear
286. Martyn Edwards
287. Marvy Wheale
288. Mary Curran
289. Mary Flavin
290. Mary Karen Davies
291. Mary Patricia Mulhall. I have been working with victims of human trafficking for almost 20 years, many of whom are trafficked for sexual exploitation and pornographic filming.
292. Maura Wilson
293. Maureen Mottram
294. Melissa Titus
295. Michael Conroy

296. Michelle Grace Ruse. I have a dear friend who is currently being forced into prostitution and myself and others are desperately trying to get her to safety. She's asked for help but we have no way of accessing her as we don't know her location. It's been reported to police and UnSeen trafficking/slavery helpline but nothing has been achieved.
297. Milli Hill. Author
298. Miriam Peck
299. Morven Magari
300. Mrs S Slatford
301. Ms J Green
302. N Howard
303. Nadia Ali
304. Naomi Jones
305. Natalie Robertson
306. Natalie Sugrue
307. Nathalie
308. Nathalie Kopatsch
309. Neia Glynn
310. Nicholas Davies
311. Nicky Neighbour
312. Nicola Carr
313. Nicola Kerry
314. Nicola Todd
315. Nikolette Szagmeiszter
316. Nishita Jain
317. Nuria Ortega
318. Pandora Pound
319. Patricia McCabe
320. Patricia Garside
321. Patricia Killenauil. I was trafficked as a child. I'm 60 now and continue to live with the horror I endured.
322. Paul Black
323. Paul Carney
324. Paul Milnes
325. PAULINE WHELAN
326. Penny Gane
327. Poppy
328. Rachel Wingfield. I am a writing as a former therapist to women and girls surviving sexual violence.
329. Rae Livingstone
330. Rania McDonagh
331. Rebecca
332. Rebecca
333. Rebecca Carpenter Peachey
334. Rebecca Cockerill
335. Rebecca Hussain

336. Rebecca Vautier
337. Rhona Anderson
338. Robert Jessel
339. Robert White
340. Robyn Thomason
341. Roger Doran
342. Rona Stewart
343. Roohi Mehra
344. Rosalyn Harkin
345. Rose frain
346. Rose Reeve
347. Rose Seabury
348. Roy Cogo
349. Ruby Cox
350. Rukshana Afia
351. Ruth Conlock
352. Ruth Lewis
353. Ruth Wilkinson
354. S A KEENAN
355. S Lord. Women matter.
356. S.McDonagh
357. Sallie Matley
358. Sam Charnock
359. Sam Keene
360. Samantha Johnson
361. Sara Stewart
362. Sarah Bailey
363. Sarah Barratt
364. Sarah Brackenridge. Sex work should not be a career option for anyone! Sex work is not work.
365. Sarah Franklin
366. Sarah Panzetta
367. Sarah Perris
368. Sarah Quick
369. Sarah Sharkey
370. Sarah Smith
371. Sarah Wilton
372. Savitri Holmstrom
373. Serena Dee
374. Shabanah Fazal
375. Shakira Fenech
376. Sharon
377. Sharon Marriott
378. Sharon Stanfield
379. Shivali Fifield

380. Shona Campbell
381. Sian L. As a survivor of prostitution, I wholly support this open letter. The government and police need to do a lot more to prevent involvement in prostitution, from the side of male buyers as well as supporting women so they don't end up so poor or desperate that they have no choice but to be abused for money. No man should pay to rape or abuse a woman.
382. Simone Goulding
383. Siobhan Wall
384. Solveig Senft
385. Sorrel Weaver
386. Stacey Lyon
387. Stephanie Anderson. I am a survivor of childhood-exploitation and my background is in neurodevelopment.
388. Stewart Gibb
389. Stuart Hartill
390. Sue Crampton
391. Sue Carter
392. Sue Carter. Worked with survivors of sex slavery and grooming into sexual exploitation.
393. Sue GITTINS
394. Sue Kay
395. Sue Laughlin. I worked for years trying to educate the health service on the full spectrum of violence against women. I fear things are going backwards.
396. Sue Peters
397. Sue Riley
398. Sue Williams
399. Susan Carnell
400. Susan Harrison
401. Susanna. Stop normalising pornography.
402. Susannah Oldham
403. Suzanne Malyon
404. Tania Ziegler
405. Tanya Carter. Porn is exploitative of both the participants and the viewers. Exposing children to porn is none contact child sexual abuse.
406. Taylor Laing
407. Teresa Martin Little
408. Teresa stuart
409. Terry Forliti. I am a survivor leader and subject matter expert,
410. Tessa Cornell
411. Therese O'Meara
412. Thomas Hall
413. Tilda Nilsson
414. Tom Finnemore
415. Tom Pollard
416. Tracey Cownden
417. Tracey Saunderson

418. Vanessa McCulloch
419. Varun
420. Victoria B.
421. Victoria Lax
422. Wendy Davis
423. Yuxin Lu
424. Yvette Hunter
425. Yvonne Roberts
426. Zoe Richards