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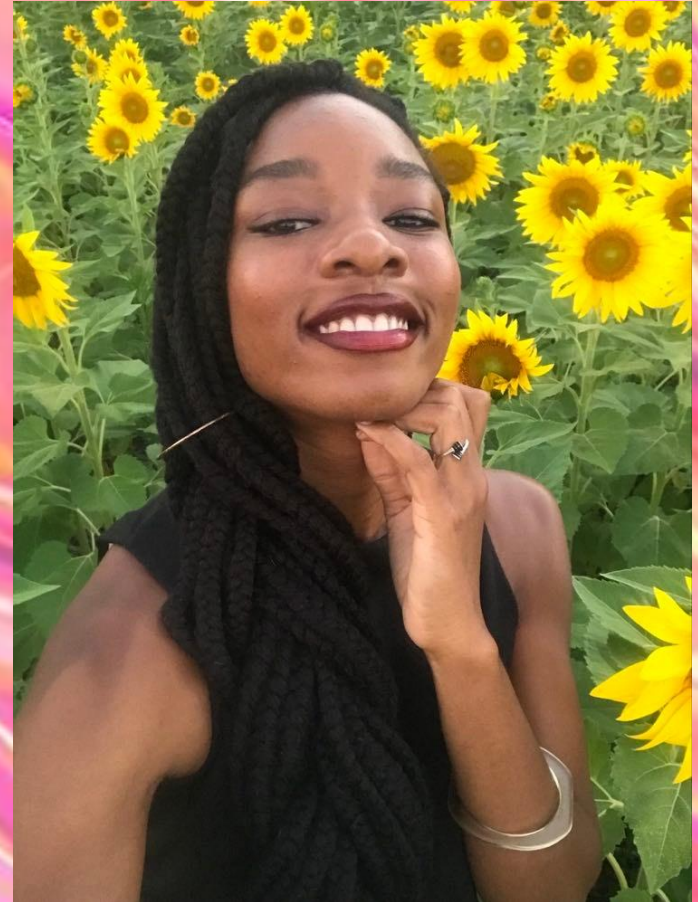
Sex Work and the Future of Harm Reduction Organizing

***AKA: On Building a World Responsive to Our Needs + Dreams
and not to the horrors committed against us***

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INTRO

1. **Focus:** Black sex workers activism
2. **Context:** Black liberation praxis
3. **Site(s):** digital and physical interplay, legal and extralegal social orderings/transformations of space
4. **Intervention:** how the colonial gaze annexes territory, digital and physical, for containment and displacement of people based on racialized logics of social stratification
5. **Question:** How are these activists building a world where Black people can "dwell", as they are and as they wish to be?
6. **Just for Us ;):**



HIPS

- Harm reduction agency in DC
- Started in 1993
- Began as a sex worker outreach project
- I am the Sex Worker Advocates Coalition (SWAC) Coordinator
- I am helping organize the sex work decrim campaign in DC



1.) ♡DEPROVINCIALIZE♡

a.) What can other, currently siloed, areas of harm reductionists learn from sex workers?

2.) ♡RETURN TO THEORY♡

a.) If we return to harm reduction as a theory and not an index for a set of practices, how would that change how we approach harm reduction with sex workers?

● WHAT IT COULD MEAN

- *Cyber Security while Under Active Attack*
- *Building Community through Extralegal Affinities*
- *Understanding when Research is not the Intervention Needed (Tuck & Yang, 2016)*
- *Outside/Extending the Body as a Site of Intervention*
- *Embracing Stigma (Garcia, 2022)*

● HOW IT COULD OCCUR

- *I have had this discussion re: sex worker thought in the university*
 - *Professionalization & Consultancy*
 - *Intentional Invitation (no SW clout tokens)*

FROM RETURNING TO THEORY

Reduce harm

Some things are safer than other things

Improve quality of life

Non-judgmental & non-coercive

Center client voices

Affirm agency

Systems are broken

Risk is real

✓ON RETURNING TO THEORY✓

BETTER PICTURES FOR ADS

BETTER/BUILDING A WEBSITE

CODING & OpSec SKILL BUILDING

INTENTIONAL & ACTIVE COMMUNITY BUILDING

CHILDCARE NETWORKS

INCALL & OUTCALL LOCATION VETTING

PROFESSIONALIZATION WITH MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

WORK-APPROPRIATE FOOD ON OUTREACH SHIFTS

♥THANK YOU♥

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• ***FURTHER THINKING***

- [DECODING STIGMA](#)
- [HACKING//HUSTLING](#)
- [SURVIVORS AGAINST SESTA](#)



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