RESEARCH INTO PROSTITUTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Public Engagement Event

Tuesday, 18 November 2014, 3-5 pm

Location:
Canada Room/Council Chamber
Queen’s University Belfast
University Road
Belfast BT7 1NN

The Department of Justice commissioned research into prostitution in Northern Ireland, which was published as a detailed report in October 2014 (available online: http://www.dojni.gov.uk/index/media-centre/independent-research-into-prostitution-in-northern-ireland-published.htm). Copies of the report will be provided at the event.

The study addresses questions such as:

- What does the current sex industry in Northern Ireland look like? What has changed in recent years?
- How many people are selling sexual services in Northern Ireland and what are the demographics of this group?
- What are reasons to enter the sex industry?
- What are the varied experiences of those working in the sex industry?
- Who is paying for sexual services and what are reasons to do so?
- What role do organised crime groups play in the sex industry?
- What are the needs of sex workers in regard to service provision and support?

At this public engagement event, the research team will discuss the research approach and present the main findings. As part of the event, participants will be invited to take part in discussion groups led by experts on the following topics:

(1) Sex workers’ experiences
(2) Service provision for people involved in prostitution in Northern Ireland
(3) Human rights and legal implications
(4) Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation

The event is open to the public. Please confirm your participation by emailing Susann Huschke (Email: susann.huschke@gmail.com). The number of participants is limited; seats will be allocated on a rolling basis.