

Poverty

MPs

Love

Gender

Rights

Development

Pleasure

Policy

Sex work

Evidence

Gay

Reproduction

Health

HIV

Sex

Research

INVITE TO A PARLIAMENTARY EVENT:

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS? SEX AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HIV/AIDS takes millions of lives each year and health complications around sex, reproduction and pregnancy are among the leading causes of death among women in developing countries. Health issues related to sexuality are beginning to be recognised by international development actors. But there is less acknowledgement of the role that pressure to conform to norms around sexuality plays in influencing well-being. Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender and intersex people, sex workers, single women, women who have sex outside of marriage and non-macho men may face not only pressure to conform, but stigma, discrimination and violence if they do not. This meeting offers an exciting opportunity to explore the ways in which poverty reduction efforts and work on sexuality and sexual rights intersect with a view to improved policy and programming.

Featuring:

Susie Jolly, Institute of Development Studies, speaking on the links between poverty and sexuality with recommendations for the upcoming UK Government policy on maternal, sexual and reproductive health

Xiaopei He, Pink Space, Sexuality Research Centre, Beijing, on how her NGO has conducted innovative programming with sexual minorities in China

Ruth Morgan Thomas, Global Network of Sex Work Projects/Paulo Longo Research Initiative, talking about the links between development and sex workers rights and wellbeing

Felicity Daly, Interact Worldwide, on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues in UK Government international development policy

WHEN: Wednesday 1st July, 17.00 – 19.00

WHERE: House Of Commons, Room CR19

HOSTED BY: UK All Party Parliamentary Group on Debt, Aid and Trade, the Institute of Development Studies Sexuality and Development Programme and The Realising Rights Research Programme Consortium

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