

The International AIDS Society pays tribute to Andrew Hunter

It is with deep shock and sadness that we received the news of the passing away of our dear friend and colleague Andrew Hunter in Bangkok on 26th December 2013.

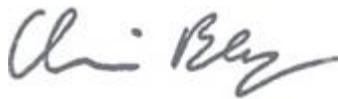
He was a selfless, inspiring leader and a tireless fighter with a lifelong commitment to the empowerment of Sex Workers and the realization of their rights and unhindered access to comprehensive HIV care. Apart from being the President of the Global Network of Sex Work Projects and a founding member of Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP) and Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW), he was a true champion for the welfare of Sex Workers in key forums and platforms at regional and international arenas. We will miss him as a dynamic member of the International AIDS Society's Advisory Group on 'Key Affected Populations'. His unswerving dedication to principles of human rights, sharp insight and unrelenting efforts to overcome the human rights violations experienced by Sex Workers across the world will always be an inspiration to us.

On behalf of the members of the International AIDS Society (IAS), the world's leading independent association of HIV professionals with more than 16,000 members in 176 countries across the world, we the leaders of IAS express our heartfelt grief at the passing away of Andrew. We also convey our deep condolences to his beloved partner, Dale, his friends, family, members of the Global Network of Sex Work Projects and the wider community of activists who were near and dear to him.

The cherished memory of Andrew prompts the International AIDS Society to further strive for healthy, evidence-based policies, and advocate for changes in current harsh laws and policies. We look to a future, as Andrew did, where all Sex Workers and other Key Affected Populations have full access to HIV services, dignity and respect.



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