



## Sexuality Blog

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### The Things We Do for Sex (Education)

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I remember last year when the author and activist [Kate Bornstein](#) was having a health crisis a community came together and raised over \$100,000 for Kate's health care expenses. A friend said, without irony, that this is what many people's health care plans look like now. That same year when the only worker co-operative sex store on the planet, [Come As You Are](#), was in financial peril, they asked for help, and they got it. At the time I thought that this is what venture capitalism looks like for a queer, commie, sex shop.

Today I read that [Scarleteen](#), the busiest and, in my opinion, best sex education resource for young people on the Internet, is going on strike. Or at least they might have to.

Whether you can support their work financially or not, the article by executive director (and, full disclosure, friend) Heather Corinna is [well worth reading](#).

As Heather explains, far too many of us assume that something that happens on line isn't something that should be paid for. But real sex education, by which I mean sex education provided by people who care and who are trained and who are supported as professionals in their work, needs to be paid for. A website that offers static platitudes, whether it's by text message, tweet, or email, isn't the same thing as a service where you can interact with real live people, both professionals and your peers.

While the site is chock full of amazing material on sexuality the heart of Scarleteen is their moderated message boards. Simply put there is no place like that place any place.

And it could all be gone, if we don't do something about it.

I'm sorry it's come to a strike but I think the analogy that Scarleteen is using is apt. I also think that what they are asking for is completely reasonable. As another blogger pointed out, if they are striking that means [all of us are management](#). So here's your chance to do right by labour (if you haven't had a chance before).

You could do it for the kids or you could do it for the workers. Most of all I hope you'll just do something.

Read More: [May Day 2014 - Scarleteen Strikes \(or, with your help, we don't\)](#).

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