

Dear Ms. Blackwell,

This is actually true? Western Fair is canceling the Everything to Do with Sex Show? And here I thought London was finally growing up with some of the progressive theatre, green events like Car Free days, and higher-end music events and venues. Having attended the show on one occasion, I have to say that it was quite tame and very educational (not educational for me, b/c I have a M.A. in psychology and human sexuality, but I could certainly see the educational value of the show for others, from the perspective of a sex educator). This is the kind of show to which someone brings their partner when they are looking for a way to talk about sexual intimacy, but don't have the words for what they want to say or perhaps the courage to say those words. The ETDWSS is a good thing and London should embrace it.

From my background and experience, I'm sorry, but I can't agree that all porn is bad/evil and that we should strive for a porn-free community. What is porn? Do those who want a "porn-free community" think that means no sexuality explicit images (like diagrams of vulvas in medical textbooks, for example)? Or do they just mean images that they themselves find personally offensive? Just because someone got her nose out of joint about Slutwalk in London and has been on an anti-porn tirade ever since is no reason to deprive adult couples of all genders an opportunity to explore and, hopefully, heal such an important aspect of their intimate relationship through attending ETDWSS. And just as the Western Fair doesn't serve alcohol to minors or let them play the slot machines, it's no big deal to keep children out of this. And, just as is the case with alcohol and gambling, which presumably are much more moral and socially valuable than, say, a healthy sexual relationship with ones partner (what's more likely to lead to woman abuse? (1) a healthy sexual relationship with a partner (2) the stress of a gambling addiction on a relationship (3) alcoholism), the ETDWSS will make you lots of money... that is, if they'll still come to London. I wouldn't.

Sincerely,

Wendy Lewis