

A conference and celebration to mark 40 years since

DAMNED WHORES AND GOD'S POLICE

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The conference was wonderful - informative and inspiring

Dear Sherri and Barbara

You know you've had a good – no, a great – conference when the participants start praising it before you've had a chance to thank *them*.

Yet this is what has happened.

It is just over three weeks since we wrapped up the three days of the *Damned Whores and God's Police* at 40 conference and already we have had enthusiastic and effusive words of praise from so many people. Such as the words above. And these:

Thank you for the smooth organisation, stimulating speakers, and wide ranging and well thought through list of topics ... Brilliant three days.

Inspiring, uplifting, reassuring...

... the conference was a stunning success. Congratulations to you and to everyone else involved. Everyone I spoke to was incredibly excited and impressed. The diversity of the sessions kept everyone interested and the supportive atmosphere encouraged women of all classes, age, ethnic background and sexual diversity, to ask questions.

Congratulations on such a thought provoking, inspiring conference ... the feedback I received from my speech has been generous and affirming. All up, a wonderful, wonderful experience.

We had hoped to get in first with thanks to *you* for being such an essential part of the conference's success. Let's hope late is better than never.

We want you to know how much we appreciated the efforts the Jessie Street Library devoted to providing such wonderful historical women's movement material to display at the conference. The displays – and especially the incredibly diverse and rich collection of posters - attracted a huge amount of interest and were an integral

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part of the success of the Conference. They provided a context for the proceedings and one that was as much a revelation to some of our younger attendees as it was on occasion for nostalgia for the older ones.

We are so grateful to you for making the effort to collect the material and for the creative way in which it was displayed. We can't thank you enough but wanted to be sure to record our appreciation.

Our conference was unusual in many ways: the mix of speakers, the non-traditional topics, the interactivity via social media that allowed people all over the country to feel part of it - and the fact that we will live on after the formal proceedings are over.

Here are some of the ways this is already happening:

The online Conference program will soon to include podcasts of all sessions (thanks to Eliza Berlage who recorded them):

<http://www.annesummers.com.au/conversations/damned-whores-and-gods-police-40-years-on-conference/>

There was an ongoing Conference blog with every session covered:

<http://www.dwgp40.com/>

The conference gave birth to an online Feminist Bookclub

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/741860029253896/>

You can help me to keep publishing my digital magazine *Anne Summers Report* here: <http://www.annesummers.com.au/donate/>

Want to know more about conference sponsor Destroy The Joint and its ongoing project: Counting Dead Women?

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Out of little conferences let's hope great things grow.

Thank you so much for being part of it.

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Warm wishes

Anne Summers and Jenna Price



(Saying it with flowers at the conclusion
of the conference)

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