



Associated Press will no longer be using the term 'child prostitute'

We are very pleased to see that [Associated Press now recommends](#) that writers not use [the word 'prostitute'](#) to refer to children or teenagers who are forced into sexual exploitation following [successful campaigning](#) by the [Human Rights Project for Girls \(@Rights4Girls\)](#).

There is no such thing as a '[child prostitute](#)', 'teenage prostitute' or '[underage sex worker](#)'. It is always an act of child sexual exploitation, abuse and rape and [it is essential](#) that the media makes this clear otherwise it serves only to support rape culture and those who profit from the abuse of children.