

# **Empowering sex workers and reducing stigma, An Untold Story - Voices lived experience led group**

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# ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE

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"This is a silent scream to all the people previous in our lives who've passed judgement on us because of the dark places we've been through drugs, prostitution and abuse."

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'Absence of Evidence' is a collaborative project between artists Henry/Bragg and An Untold Story - Voices, a group of former street sex workers in Hull, honouring 14 of their fellow workers who have died.



She got found  
on Hesse foreshore.



She'd gone back to her boyfriend  
without enough cash.





I was 17. My mum was a working girl.  
I just followed suit to what she  
was doing. I needed some money.



I put the front on, I built that wall up  
and it was tough to get through  
and that helped me survive,  
it's that simple.





If it weren't for a fella tatting,  
which is going through skips  
to find anything of value,  
she would have been dead in the morning.



But he found her.





I think all girls are vulnerable  
but they just don't see it in themselves.  
Not when you're on the street you don't.



If you thought about the dangers too much  
you'd never get in the car.





She had two little boys.  
They were both still young  
when she got found.





It got classed as an overdose.



You suppress those emotions of fear,  
you put all danger aside.





You think you're strong,  
you think you're brave.





She got thrown away, like trash.





Discarded.