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

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ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE

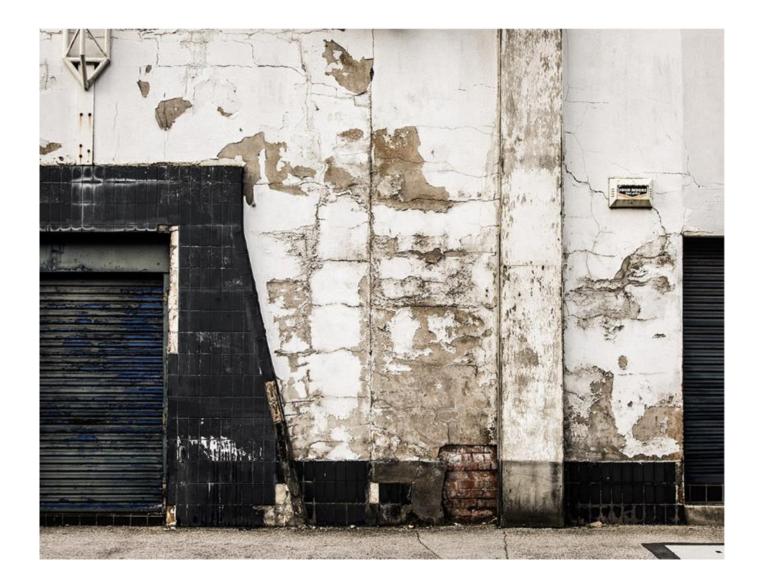
PROJECT EXHIBITION PRESS CONTACTS

"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." Amanda, Susie, Maggie and Lynda, part of the collective An Untold Story - Voices

'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 Hessle foreshore.



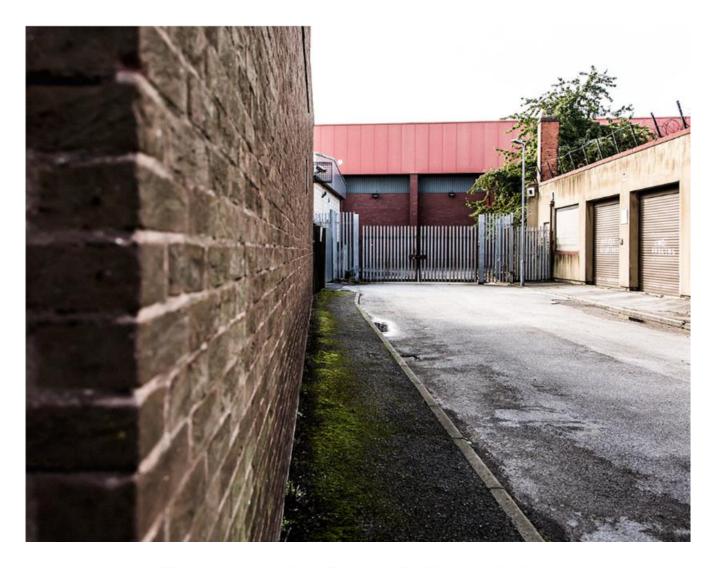
She'd gone back to her boyfriend without enough cash.



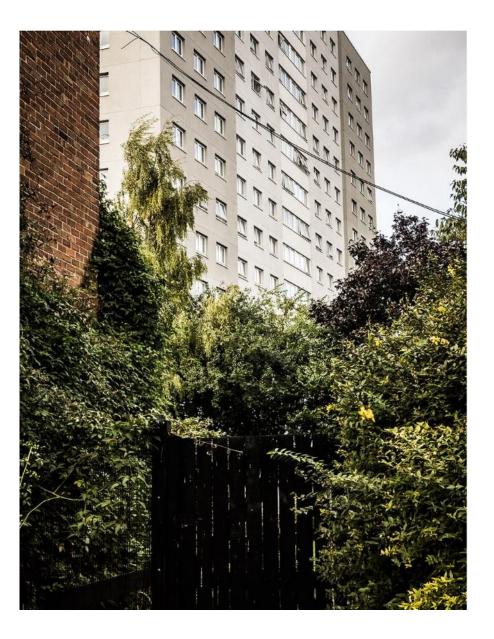
I was 17. My mum was a working girl.
I just followed suit to what she
was doing. I needed some money.



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.



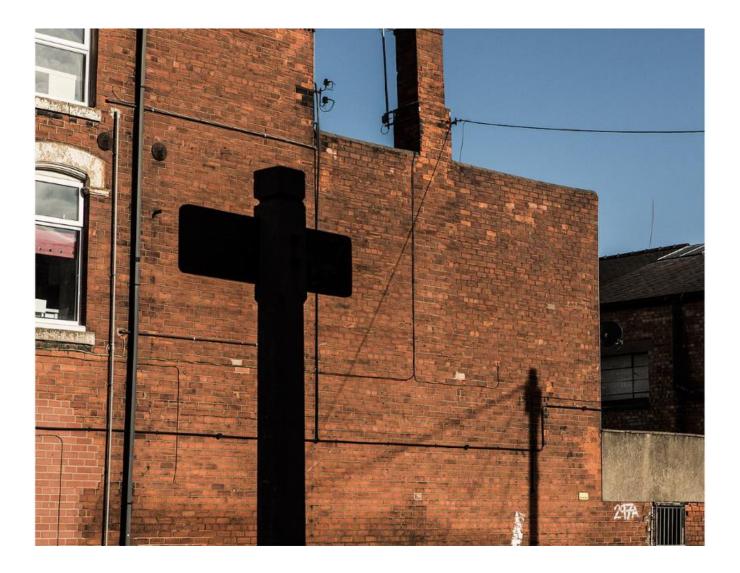
But he found her.



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.



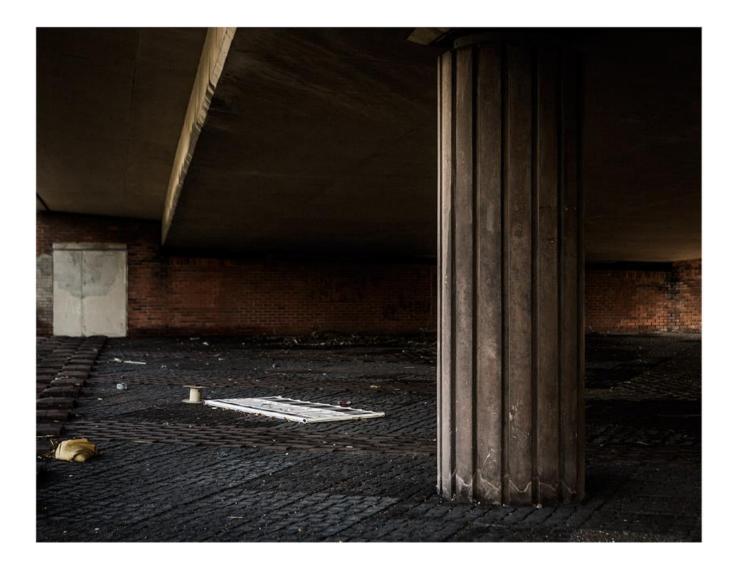
If you thought about the dangers too much you'd never get in the car.



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.