

Beyond the Streets plays a central role across the UK in helping those involved in prostitution and has been doing so since 1995. Our vision is **‘to see a world where people are free from sexual exploitation, and where those involved in prostitution have the option to pursue genuine alternatives, free from constraints such as drug use, abusive relationships and poverty’**.

Over twenty years we’ve developed a ‘Routes Out’ focus, which includes:

- **Direct support for women** – telephone and face-to-face support through our three projects.
- **Developing and equipping projects** – through supporting and training a national network of affiliated projects.
- **Changing the context** – through education, policy engagement and the November Campaign.

Sexual exploitation in the UK.

The exact number of people involved in the sex industry is unknown and is difficult to assess, but authorities and Non-Governmental-Organisation estimate that approximately 100,000 people in the UK are engaged in prostitution (Human Rights Report: United Kingdom, 2009).

The women we work with experience multiple disadvantages and have become involved in prostitution as a result of a series of complex vulnerabilities.

Some are drawn into prostitution in order to cope with drug problems or immense financial pressures, and they battle with a range of issues such as child abuse, domestic violence, debt, homelessness and drug dependency. Others, some as young as 13 years old, are coerced into sexual exploitation by organised criminal networks. Few of those involved in prostitution freely choose to enter this world, and most would leave if they could, but doing so without support is extremely difficult.



The sex industry is very easy to get into, but very difficult to get out of. The only realistic solution for women trapped in prostitution is to offer genuine alternatives, which enable them to find a future free from prostitution. That’s what we work to enable, join us? **Sign up to the November Campaign and in saying no to sexual exploitation this November, raise the vital funds and awareness that result in routes out of prostitution for women.**