

‘Tales on the Beat’: Through the Looking Glass of Male Sex Work

Psycho-social research with Male Sex workers

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Introduction

- Background to Research (PhD Study)
- Aims/Objectives
- TMR/Male Sex Workers



Method/Methodology

- Psycho-social research
- Phenomenology
- Mobilities
- Everyday lives & Lived Experiences of Male Sex Workers



Method/Methodology

- Why Psycho-social research?
- The psychic and the social processes of vulnerability and marginalisation.
- The affective and the sensory nature of lives and identities.



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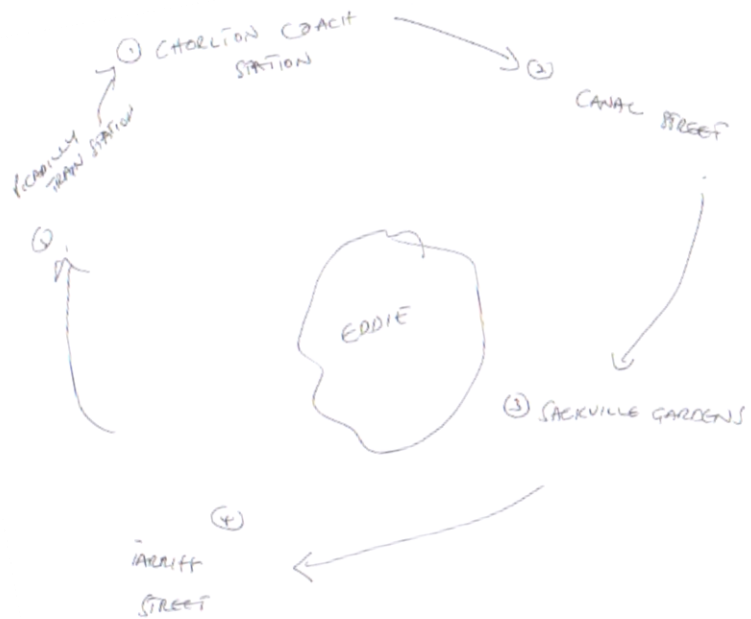
- Map-making
- Walking interviews/tours

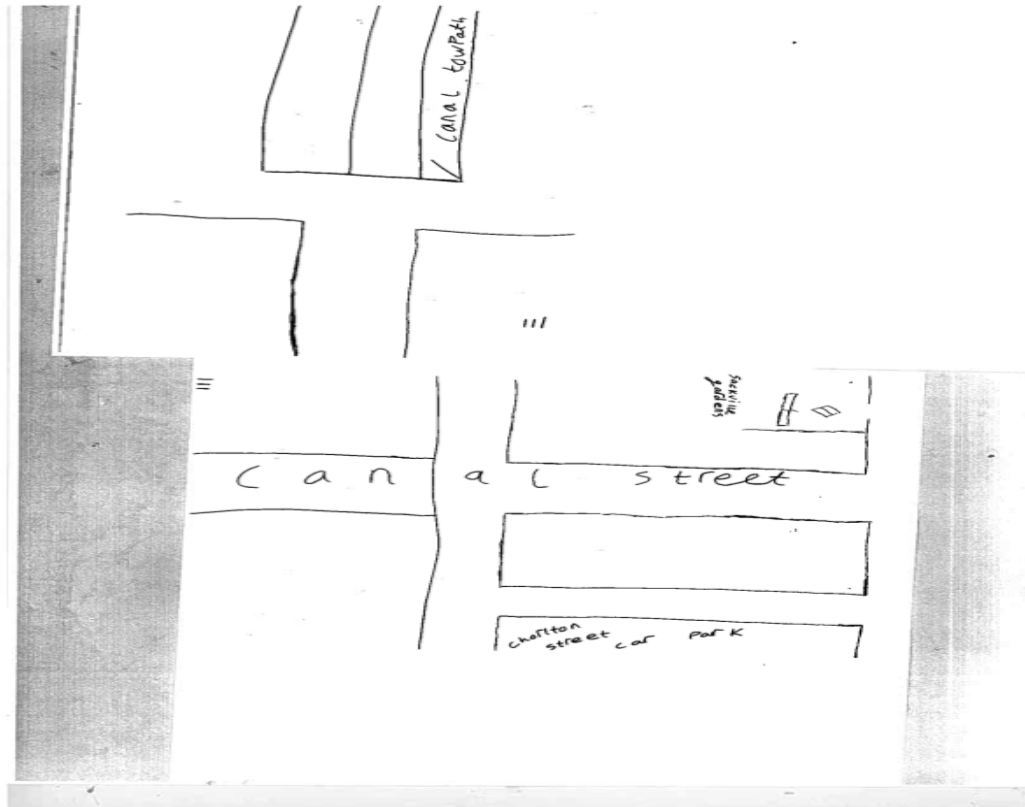


Case Example (Eddy)

- Map-making(s)
- Walking Tour of Canal Street







Discussion

- 'If you see the light at the end of a tunnel, RUN! It's a train'
- Discussion of intricately interwoven issues and how they contribute to and reinforce vulnerability and marginalisation.
- Sharing of personal, intimate biographical narratives (methods as mediation tools to navigate difficult choices made).
- Open up dialogue and space to explore complex psychic and complex processes leading to choices through sharing embodied knowledge, experiences and memories.



Summary/Take aways

- New data - group discussed but seldom heard
- Totalizing rather than reductionist (research focusing on male sex workers rather than their problems/risks)
- Co-production

