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This Fellowship has been an amazing experience.



Executive Summary

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The focus of this project was to review a number of training programs overseas for sex workers providing services to clients with disability. This included visiting specific key people and organisations within the UK, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic and Denmark, with additional meetings organised in France, Belgium and Thailand.

The project aimed to learn more about different training modules developed for sex workers. Workshops of this kind focus upon increasing the knowledge, skills and confidence of the participants when providing a range of sexual services specifically to clients with disability.

Within Australia the movement towards person-centred support for people with disability, and the elderly, has combined with an increased awareness of the importance to support the sexuality of people as a human right. Paying for sexual services is but one of many options for people with disability to explore their sexual expression, but this option should not be denied just because of disability.

Touching Base Inc is a charitable organisation, based in Sydney, NSW, Australia, Conceived in late 2000, Touching Base developed out of the need to assist people with disability and sex workers to connect with each other, focusing on access, discrimination, human rights and legal issues. It also aims to address attitudinal barriers that these two marginalised communities can face.

One of the main focal points for Touching Base has been to create referral pathways to sex workers who are willing and experienced in providing services to clients with disability. Complimenting this has been the development and delivery of the Professional Disability Awareness Training (PDAT) workshop to allow sex workers to increase their confidence and capacities with working with clients with disabilities.

The last 17 years has seen a marked increase in media articles, documentaries and feature length films exploring the option of people with disability paying for sexual services. At the same time the frequency of requests to Touching Base for trained and / or experienced 'disability friendly' sex workers has exponentially increased.



This Fellowship has facilitated the opportunity for Australia to remain one of the world leaders in this field, via Touching Base training workshops and resource development. Resources and other educational tools acquired from this project will be incorporated into current and future workshops provided to Australian sex workers. Information will also inform the Australian Disability and Aging sectors that are starting to review and discuss policies, procedures and training needs in regards to supporting their clients' needs and sexual expression.

Project findings will also be disseminated through sex worker, disability and academic networks, via conference presentations, newsletters, written articles and academic papers.

While a range of different and diverse views and approaches were encountered, I certainly acknowledge that every organisation's philosophy and practice has its merit. Everyone I met shared a common interest and desire to find opportunities for people with disability to have access to supportive, respectful, enjoyable and accessible paid sexual services. Their dedication towards providing education, training, support and awareness for those who chose to provide such services also cannot be faulted.

While detailed analysis of the similarities, differences, limitations, policies and principles of the varied individuals, organisations, workshops and projects I met with will only be shared in a private capacity, topics of interest include:

- Training workshops: length of training, costs, locations, topics covered, assessment tools and approaches
- Trainers / presenters: guest presenters, personal experience of trainers
- Participants of training: who is allowed to participate, suitability of potential candidates
- Confidentiality: advertising and location of training
- Different roles – or perceived differences – between sex workers and sexual assistants
- Referral pathways
- Advertising and websites
- Pricing structures and options
- Sexual services offered
- Services offered by organisations
- Levels of collaboration between organisations: sex work / disability / sexual assistant/ others
- Laws and law reform
- Funding (or lack thereof)

All of these areas are highly important but the last two play a significant role in hindering the advancement of all other aspects concerning training for sex workers who provide sexual services to clients with disability. To help facilitate the ongoing professional development of sex workers, I hope this Fellowship highlights the need for Government and non-government sectors to play their part in funding peer-based organisations, such as Touching Base and sex worker organisations, to develop and deliver meaningful and relevant training.



While NSW, Australia has operated under a decriminalised framework for sex workers since 1995, other states and territories within Australia are yet to follow suit. The same is true with all other countries, except New Zealand (which occurred in 2003). Decriminalisation allows for frank and meaningful dialogue about sex work without fear of prosecution or arrest. It permits sex workers to openly advertise their services, where and when they are available with the ability to add specific details about being 'disability friendly'. It also allowed organisations, specifically those in the disability sector, to engage with the sex industry to create supportive pathways for people with disability. Finally, clients and third parties who are supporting them, can clearly evaluate their options and choices in regards to sexual expression, with dignity and respect.

While Touching Base has achieved an enormous amount in the last 17 years, the majority of it has been unfunded. While internationally recognised as an organisation who has pioneered the ongoing successful collaboration between the sex industry and the disability sector (and more recently with the Aged Care sector) the potential to create additional meaningful training packages, resources and to expand the capacities of the Sex Worker Referral List will always be hindered until core funding is secured.



Project Summary

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The project aimed to learn more about different training modules developed for sex workers / sexual assistants in a number of European countries. Workshops of this kind focus upon increasing the knowledge and skills of the participants when providing a range of sexual services specifically to clients with disability. Additionally it was anticipated that the researcher would be able to learn more about specific learning tools and resources utilised in such training workshops, to increase future learnings strategies for Australian sex workers on their return.

While the initial project proposed visits to specific key people and organisations within the UK, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic and Denmark, other opportunities arose in the planning process, expanding the itinerary to include locations within France, Belgium and Thailand.

WHY IS THIS PROJECT BENEFICIAL?

- Touching Base, in Australia, has developed specific training for sex workers who work with clients with disability. Both nationally and internationally, this training has been acknowledged as having a pivotal role in increasing sex worker confidence and skills. This project will enhance the capacities of Touching Base, to allow Australia to continue to be a world leader in this field.
- The information and resources obtained from this project will be incorporated into current workshops that Touching Base Inc provide to Australian sex workers
- This project will allow for meaningful information sharing and the creation of robust, viable communication networks to be established within this field.
- This project will enable the researcher to continue to facilitate further development in this field by working with Touching Base as well as Australian sex worker organisations and disability organisations.



Dissemination of this information

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Background and Context

Within Australia the movement towards person-centred support for people with disability, and the elderly, has combined with an increased awareness of the importance to support the sexuality of people as a human right.

There are a myriad of ways people can enjoy sexual expression. People with disability date, enjoy loving partnerships, are parents or choose to be celibate – equal to anyone else in society. Paying for sexual services is but one of many options. It may not be for everyone but this option should not be denied just because of disability.

While an undetermined number of clients with disability are clearly able to interact with the sex industry independently, many are only able to with the assistance of a third party. This could be due to support needs around communication, transportation, physical transfers, financial or their current living arrangements. Third parties could be someone's parent, support worker, carer, friend, sibling or offspring.

Due to myths and misconceptions perpetrated by the media, there is a very real 'fear of the unknown' by many people trying to engage the services of a sex worker, either for themselves or on behalf of another. There is fear of rejection, the fear of being 'ripped off', being taken advantage of or being ridiculed. Additionally some hold fears of accidental injury by persons without experience in working with specific disabilities, devices, hoists or wheelchairs.

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International media has recently mentioned a number of other organisations and groups formulating their own training modules, workshops or forums. In all countries, any reference to paid sexual services is still a highly contentious issue. This is due to general stigma and discrimination held against the sex industry as well as legal frameworks that may restrict or completely criminalise either sex workers or their clients – as well as third party involvement. Due to this, very little information pertaining to such training is found online. Additionally what is often shared is not in English, with online translation programs failing to truly transcribe the nuances of their work.

The most meaningful way to learn more about such projects and training is to spend quality time with those involved. It allows for detailed translation, the development of mutual trust, increased awareness and support as well as ongoing networking between persons and organisations.

This Fellowship has facilitated the opportunity for Australia to remain one of the world leaders in this field, via the Touching Base training workshops and resource development. Knowledge gained from this project will ensure that both the facilitators and the content of these training workshops will continue to grow and evolve. It is hoped that it can also be used to further promote the sexual and human rights of both sex workers and their clients with disability both in Australia and elsewhere around the world.

TERMINOLOGY

In Australia the terms *sex work*, *sex worker* and *sex industry* are the preferred terminology. Elsewhere in the world the terms *prostitute* and *prostitution* are sometimes still utilised. Some organisations have been in operation for up to 30 years, so have chosen to keep the original terminology within their formal name, while advocating for sex worker rights.

In Australia, the laws which govern the sex industry differ depending upon the state or territory a person is working in, however at a federal level the sex industry is a legally recognised occupation. There are no *sexual assistants*.



In Europe, sex work and *sexual assistance* are considered completely separate occupations. While there are definitely some *sexual assistants* who are former or current sex workers, many sexual assistants have other occupations as their full time jobs and do not identify as sex workers.

Further discussion about the differences between these occupations can be found within my dissertation, *NSW sex workers who provide services to clients with disability*. <https://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/handle/2123/16875>. I also presented *Similarities and Differences between Sexual Surrogacy, Sex Work and Facilitated Sexual Assistance* at the 23rd Congress of the World Association of Sexual Health (WAS) conference in Prague. Insights from this Fellowship will aid in the expansion of that paper with the aim of a formal publication in the coming year.

The sex industry laws are different in each country I visited. Many are governed by Federal laws only while others also have specific county/ region or city-based bi-laws to contend with.

PRIVACY

This report omits a lot of specific names and information. This is to protect peoples' privacy and confidentiality. Generally, the only people I have mentioned already have a public / online presence or have given consent for the inclusion of their name. Detailed analysis of the similarities, differences, limitations, policies and principles of the varied individuals, organisations, workshops and projects I met with will also only be shared in a private capacity.



Itinerary

26th May – 22nd July 2017



Czech Republic:	Prague
Austria:	Kalsdorf Vienna
Germany:	Munich Berlin
Denmark:	Copenhagen
UK:	London Nottingham Leeds
Belgium:	Antwerp
France:	Lyon Annecy
Switzerland:	Basel
Thailand:	Bangkok (not shown on the map)



Czech Republic – Prague

I commenced my Fellowship by attending and presenting at the 23rd Congress of the World Association of Sexual Health (WAS) conference (www.was2017.org). This was held in Prague, Czech Republic over five days, 28th – 31st May 2017. The Abstract Book in digital format has been published by [The Journal of Sexual Medicine](#) (Elsevier).

I presented two oral presentations:

- *Sex Workers Who Provide Services to Clients With Disability in New South Wales, Australia* and
- *Similarities and Differences Between Sexual Surrogacy, Sex Work and Facilitated Sexual Assistance*



CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Unfortunately the workshop I was registered to attend was cancelled (*Sexuality and intimacy after physical disability*) but the facilitator, Woet Gianotten (Consultant in rehabilitation sexology) was happy to share some resources pertinent to the field.
- Met Mandy Peters, Executive Director of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) and other key representatives at the SSSS stall. Became a paid member which gives me access to the Journal of Sex Research and participation with an online e-list.
- Attended the Diversity Adult Movie Night evening satellite session
- Reconnected with Dominic Davies (UK), the founder and Director of Pink Therapy, *the UK's*



largest independent therapy organisation offering help and training to people from all areas of sexual diversity & gender : <http://www.pinktherapy.com/>.

He facilitated the first Touching Base Forum in 2001 in Sydney (<http://www.touchingbase.org/about-us/history/1st-forum-overview>). He also presented a paper in Sydney the same week, [Sex and Relationship Facilitation Project for People with Disabilities \(SARFP\)](#)

- Spoke with Tommi Paalanen, Executive Director of the Finnish organisation, Sexpo Foundation (www.sexpo.fi) as well as two other representatives. They have a wonderful range of online educational cartoons that cover a wide range of sexual topics (<http://www.sexpo.fi/en/together/>). Additionally they invited me to attend the training workshop they were delivering the following week though unfortunately my itinerary (and the fact that it's in Finish) meant that I wasn't able to attend.
- Met two amazing women from the Polish organisation, the Sex Positive Institute (<http://en.sexpositiveinstitute.pl/>). They are keen to organise training for sex workers and to stay in contact to share resources and information. Like many people I have spoken to we discussed ways to provide meaningful workshops to sex workers in discrete, confidential settings to overcome any hesitancy they may have in outing themselves to organisations and individuals that are non-peers.
- Met a woman who was keen to organise a screening of Scarlet Road in Munich (which did eventuate!)



MEMORABLE PRESENTATIONS INCLUDED:

- *Sexual health in the higher age groups* (Woet Gianotten). Was able to speak with him afterwards and he remembered me presenting at Gothenburg, Sweden in 2009. He was the only person who really presented informative and relevant info in regards to aged care and sexuality in later life.
- *The right to bodily integrity and the concept of sexual harm* (Brian Earp)
- *Sexual rights of young people: dilemmas concerning sexual autonomy* (Tommi Paalanen).
- *Sex education by comics. A light medium for heavy issues* (Tommi Paalanen)
- *Sex vouching as an emerging profession: a Modality to enhance sexual well-being* (Christina Stein, Patrick Britton & Jenn Gunsaulus).



SCARLET ROAD SCREENING

Bliss without Risk (ROZKOŠ bez RIZIKA) is a Non-Government Organisation (NGO) that has been providing services for sex workers since 1992 (<http://rozkosbezrizika.cz/en/>)

They have previously delivered training to sex workers to be able to provide services to clients with disability: <http://www.radio.cz/en/section/curraffrs/czech-project-offers-sex-services-for-disabled>

Freya is a very new organisation that has evolved from Bliss without Risk within the last year to specifically focus on *courses, supervision, counselling and coaching in the area of sexuality and relationships of people with disabilities, seniors, senior citizens and sexual assistance* (<http://www.freya.live/cs>).

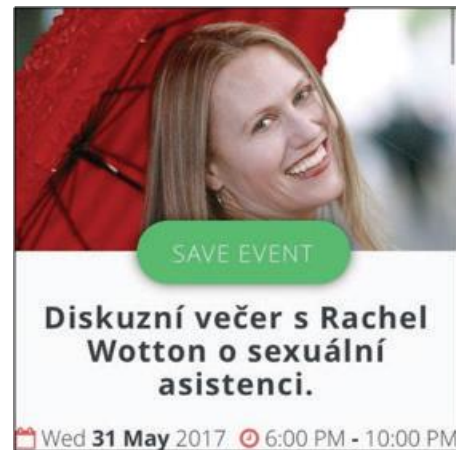
I met with the Directors of Freya on the 31st May before the screening of Scarlet Road. They also introduced me to three of the five sexual assistants who had participated in the training course delivered in the previous year. I would like to thank the two translators who volunteered their time during this meeting and during the Q & A that occurred after the screening of the documentary. It certainly allowed all of us to communicate ideas and information in a more profound way.

I would also like to thank the gentleman who volunteered his time creating the Czech subtitles of Scarlet Road so it could be appreciated by a wider audience.

There is a lovely write up of this evening, with photographs: <http://www.sexualniasistence.cz/australska-sexualni-asistentka-rachel-wotton-v-praze/> (please note that google translate does not always correctly reflect what has been written in Czech. For example I did not lose my virginity to a client, but my client did have his first sexual experience with myself!).

Both the meeting and the Q & A were immensely interesting, fun and informative. Issues discussed in the meeting included sex worker laws, services, the training course, different attitudes from people regarding sex workers and sexual assistants, price variations, locations and types of sex services and workplaces, advertising, referral pathways, the disability sector and other organisations they are networking with.

There were about 20 people in attendance, including Milan and his support worker. Milan had visited Australia before and asked some great questions about my work as a sex worker who provides services to clients with disability. I was also asked to talk about working with parents of clients with disability, the legal framework in Australia and New Zealand, about 'behaviours of concern', strategies for the unlikely occurrence of if a client 'fell in love with me', how the Touching Base sex worker referral list works and an overview of Touching Base's policy of not accepting anyone who isn't a sex worker to be able to attend our training workshops or to be on our referral list.



I was also able to showcase the resources Touching Base has produced. Everyone was very impressed that we launched our most recent resources in New South Wales (NSW) Parliament House with the NSW Disability Minister. With that much support people were quite dismayed to hear that Touching Base still didn't have any core funding.

I also met Thomas who has been featured in a Czech documentary called *Love me if you can* (<https://www.oneworld.cz/2017/films-a-z/33099-love-me-if-you-can>). Released on 8th December 2016, this is an overview of the film:

Sexual assistance for disabled people is an established concept in some countries, but in the Czech Republic it is only just starting to exist. The author of the film follows three handicapped men and a trained sexual assistant in everyday situations. The film explores a subject that, although it is a serious social issue, the public has either ignored or finds controversial. Above all, however, it offers a sensitive look at the intimate lives of people living with disabilities.

A number of people joined us for dinner and drinks at a local pub afterwards. As a bit of tongue in cheek humour - which made us laugh - the pub was called The Dead Cock!!



Milan and Rachel outside the pub.

SECOND MEETING WITH LUCIA (FREYA): PRAGUE

The following week I met with Lucia Šídová (co-founder of Freya), along with Zdenka (translator) at The Cafe Louvre,

a gorgeous historical restaurant in the centre of Prague (<http://www.cafelouvre.cz/en/>). We shared more information about our organisations and expanded on topics we had started discussing the previous week, specifically about their training course (which won an award), topics presented, conferences we had spoken at, resources / e-learning modules and resources for clients.

A website where information and contact details for the sexual assistants has been established (<http://www.sexualniasistence.cz/>). There is also a website outlining the original funded project *Sexual and Intimate Assistance* (<http://www.sexualniasistence.org/>). Both are incredibly useful websites, filled with a wealth of information about media around this topic, what training has been delivered, sexual assistances and their demarcation between sexual assistances and sex



workers (<http://www.sexualniasistence.org/sex-asistence#rozdily>). I was also given some of their stickers created to “point out that people with disabilities have their own sexual identity”.



Lucia also shared two short films they had produced, one with English subtitles:

- *Sexuální asistence ANO nebo NE?* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReuyXJOiDS8>
- *Right to Sex* – SozialMarie Audience Award 2016 Czech Republic
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nawXiaCOsCw> (English subtitles)

Freya are also linked in with the European Platform Sexual Assistants (EPSEAS) network (<http://www.epseas.eu/en/>), especially InSeBe, based in Zurich, Switzerland (<http://www.insebe.ch/>) who partnered with them to provide the first training for Czech sexual assistants.

The conversations and the topics discussed during my time in Prague really gave me a perfect foundation for the rest of my Fellowship. The same issues, queries and conversations were had in each location and allowed me to consider aspects of my work more closely. It also gave me greater insight into the different concepts, ideas and pathways European organisations and groups had been following which differs from the ‘Australian way’ which in turn allowed me to formulate more succinct questions for future meetings.

MEETING WITH TOMAS

Met Tomas again, who utilises a wheelchair and is featured in the documentary *Love me if you can*. Also he has started a new project and website called Freedom to Sex:
www.freedomtosex.com

Tomas took me to Jedličkův ústav a školy – a high-quality barrier-free school, which provides comprehensive rehabilitation for children and young people with physical disabilities to integrate into life (www.jus.cz). Founded in 1913 it is the oldest school in the Czech Republic designed specifically to support students with physical disability. The cafe on the ground floor is set up as a teaching school and there is an occupational therapy/ housing program to support individuals to become more independent in regards to accommodation and work endeavours. Tomas introduced me to his former teacher, Radek Musilek who still works there, who showed me around the facilities and interviewed me for an article he was writing (as yet unpublished).



Austria – Kalsdorf & Vienna

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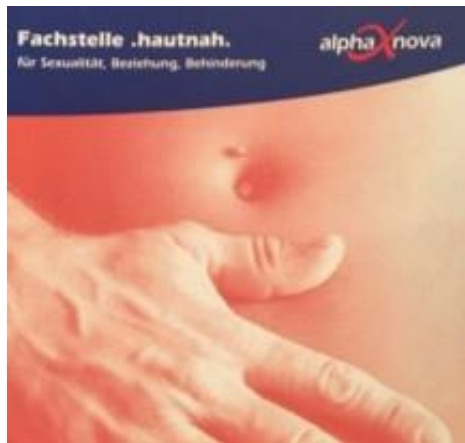
Met with Anna Obernosterer from Alpha Nova (<http://www.alphanova.at/>) at the Kalsdorf office and spent about 2.5hrs talking with her, meeting her colleagues, and viewing the facilities. After that Anna drove me back to Graz and showed me around her main office.

Anna kindly showed me the sexual assistant curriculum they had previously delivered and spoke about what had been taught in each separate module.

I was also given a beautiful resource and educational tool Alpha Nova had previously produced: Inclusion, as one of several supportive working aids in sexual education and companionship for people with learning difficulties. The photo folder contains 48 photographs depicting different persons, from babies up to old age. Some are totally naked while others are dressed. Some focus on certain parts of the body while others show two people together in different sexual or intimate positions. These allow for the facilitation of specific conversations to assist with increased learning and development for individuals that staff are supporting.

My visit occurred about two weeks after a change of policy within the Austrian Government pertaining to sexual assistants. While sex work in Austria is legal, sex workers are required to register formally as sex workers





And are also forced to undergo mandatory 6 weekly STI screenings. A previous Government directive made an exception for sexual assistants. This has now ceased and all of the sexual assistants have stopped providing services as they will not register as sex workers. This has left clients of Alpha Nova, who either had previously paid for sexual assistance or wanting to in the future, with less options. While certainly some already choose to pay for sexual services via sex workers the organisation and its staff are restricted in their ability to support their clients as they are bound by the law and unable to coordinate or

facilitate any appointments with sex workers who are deemed to be working outside of the (very restrictive) sex industry laws.

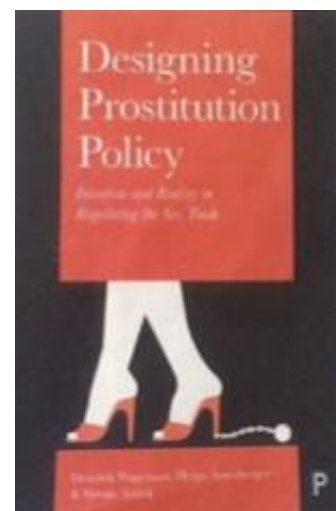
I took quite a number of flyers from Alpha Nova to be able to distribute to individual sex workers (and other organisations) in my travels who may be interested in providing services to clients with disability throughout Austria, via referrals from Alpha Nova.

VIENNA

On the 8th June, Helga Amesberger (Institut für Konfliktforschung) organised a Scarlet Road screening, with a Q & A afterwards. It was well attended by a broad range of people from society. I met a number of sex workers and people from the disability community as well as a woman who was beginning an internship at both the New Zealand Prostitutes Collective (NZPC) and then Scarlet Alliance – the Australia Sex Worker Association later this year. I also met a woman from Lena (<https://www.caritas-linz.at>) which is a sex worker organisation based in Linz, east of Vienna.



The next day Helga invited to meet a number of other sex workers and allies at a café. It included representatives from PIA (<http://www.frau-und-arbeit.at/index.php/schwerpunkte/pia>), Red Edition (<https://rededition.wordpress.com/>). SWAN (<http://www.swannet.org/>) and two politicians from the Greens Party. I also became aware of the recent publication of Helga's latest book, which I have since purchased.

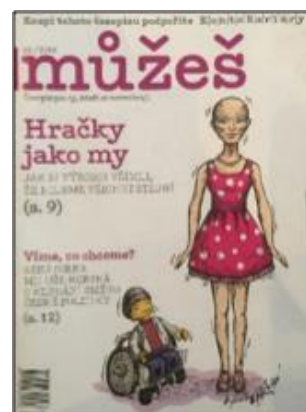




That afternoon I was taken to the office of SOPHIE-BeratungsZentrum für Sexarbeiterinnen, (www.sophie.or.at) an Austrian sex worker organisation based in Vienna to meet with their manager, Eva van Rahden. I was shown around the office and we spoke further about their work, the workshops organised for sex workers and services they provide. I was given a number of sex worker resources, including one of their small bottles of wine that is used for fundraising. I was also given the direct website and contact details for Cassandra, the German sex worker organisation who has previously provided training for sex workers in this field, as well as a number of sex worker contacts who I could also contact. The organisation is keen to be able to translate the Touching Base resources into German at a future date and continue to utilise the German subtitled version of Scarlet Road.

On the 10th June I spent more time with Eva and then attended “Feministische Tischgesellschaft” (‘the feminist table society’) held on the streets of Vienna (<http://zwanzigtausendfrauen.at/2017/04/3-feministische-tischgesellschaft-am-10-6-2017/>). I was able to chat with a number of people including a number of politicians who were keen to learn more about the sex industry, specifically about decriminalisation.

I also met the editor in chief of an.schläge - das feministische Magazin (an Austrian feminist magazine) who is keen to either interview me or for me to submit an article in the future. A previous edition of their magazine (all in German, unfortunately for myself) had a number of articles specific to disability. Another magazine also had a number of articles featuring sexuality and disability.



Germany – Munich & Berlin

MUNICH

Celina, who I met in Prague at the WAS conference organised a special invite screening of *Scarlet Road* for people who she thought would appreciate the documentary. I met a number of wonderful people and shared great wine, food and conversations with them all evening. I was also told about another short film called *Hole* (<http://www.sexyshortfilms.com/hole/>).



Near the end of the evening I also met Deva who is a sex worker/ sexual companion in Germany who sees clients with disability. The next day I was able to spend a lot more time with Deva and her partner, Andi, a man living with Muscular Dystrophy. They shared their individual perspectives and experiences in this area, as well as a short documentary they have done about themselves and Deva's work. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Euhx4x8HOyk>.

They also called Cassandra (<http://kassandra-nbg.de/>), a German sex worker organisation, who have provided specific training for sex workers to work with clients with disability (<https://www.thelocal.de/20130511/49655>). I had been unable to make contact with them previously so it was wonderful to speak with someone, with the assistance of Deva and Andi translating. Unfortunately we couldn't coordinate a time that would work for both of us as I already had a number of appointments lined up with people in Berlin, however now that people can personally vouch for myself I look forward to being able to connect with them in the future,

BERLIN

I was able to meet a number of sex workers during my time in Berlin. One of them took me to LUX – a BDSM studio that is legally run and operated by a small collective of sex workers (www.studioluxberlin.de). They have accessible rooms downstairs which have been utilised by a number of clients with disability for sessions.



Unfortunately the new/ additional sex work laws that were about to come into effect in Germany were the primary focus for most sex workers and establishments at this time, especially as provisions for sex workers to follow through with mandated registration had not been adequately put in place.

Whilst at Lux I was also given a number of sex worker resources for different sex worker organisations and groups. These include Hydra (www.hydra-berlin.de), BesD (<https://berufsverband-sexarbeit.de/>), BSD – Federal Association for Sexual Services (<http://www.bsd-ev.net/>) and Sexarbeit ist Arbeit (<https://www.sexarbeit-ist-arbeit.de/>) along with some great activist brochures.



During my time in Berlin I met with a number of other well-known activists who have spoken up publicly about the rights of sex workers and also for sexual rights of people with disability.

- Stephanie Klee, a sex worker and spokesperson for sex worker advocacy groups, has been interviewed numerous times for print and online media (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGFGTXORSDE>).
- Matthias Vernaldi is an activist for people with disabilities and a co-founder of Sexybilities (<https://www.forum.sexualaufklaerung.de/index.php?docid=813>). He was also a guest speaker at one of the Q&As after Scarlet Road screened at the Aktion Mensch Film Festival in 2012 (<https://www.aktion-mensch.de/blog/beitraege/sexualitaet-zum-ausdruck-bringen.html>).

Along with other colleagues and friends they founded a group called Move e.V. They coordinated their first conference in 2014 and were preparing for their second one in October 2017 (http://move-fachtagung.de/?page_id=15). Stephanie also gave me the reader from the first conference

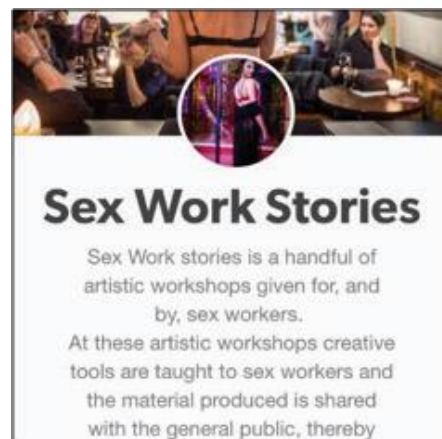




Rita is another activist who works with clients with disability and has been featured in the media (<http://www.exberliner.com/features/lifestyle/assisted-loving/>) who I was able to meet with.

Nina de Vries is a well-known sexual assistant, activist and teacher working with clients with disability and has also been featured extensively in the media: http://www.deutschlandfunkkultur.de/sexualassistentin-nina-de-vries-mein-angebot-ist-beruehrung.2165.de.html?dram:article_id=388434. I had organised to meet Nina during my Berlin stay, but due to a family emergency she had to cancel. She very kindly though sent me about 10 resources and links in English and I hope to be able to meet her sometime in the future.

I was delighted to spend time with two sex workers /activists and another friend of theirs, helping to build a ramp at the country cottage one of them owned, to make it accessible for friends who utilise wheelchairs. I'm happy I got to contribute in some small way and definitely hope to go back in the future to spend more time there with them. From our conversations I got to learn more about the new laws being forced upon the sex industry on the 1st July, more about German sex worker activism and shared ideas about how to bring sex workers and people with disability together to strengthen voices of both communities. Emy specifically does a lot of training for sex workers and I was able to learn more about the new Sex Work Stories workshop to be held in Amsterdam (<https://sexworkstoriesworkshop.tumblr.com/>) that they are co-facilitating.





Denmark – Copenhagen

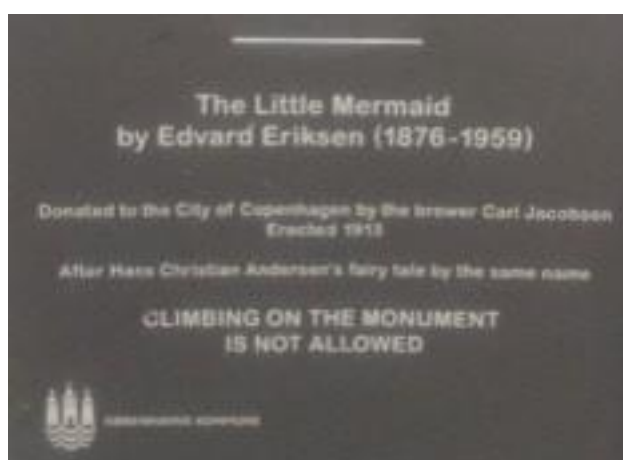
I spent less time in Copenhagen than originally anticipated due to key people being out of town and people falling ill. I spoke via email with a member of the unfunded sex worker organisation I have previously spent time with but was not able to meet during my visit (<http://www.s-i-o.dk/om-sio/>). They informed me that *Scarlet Road* had recently been shown on Danish TV, though they had apparently re-titled it to “Rachel – sex worker with no shame”! I was also given a link to another volunteer group called the Sexual Policy Forum (<http://www.seksualpolitik.dk/>) where information about the Danish sex industry can be found.

I had met Becky from the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU) at the Prague WAS conference and we were able to meet one morning in Copenhagen. The project she works with is called *Sex for All* (<http://www.arvsfonden.se/projekt/sex-for-alla>) and is a peer education project where people with intellectual disabilities receive training to be sex educators. They then get supported to hold workshop in assisted living/group homes and assisted workplaces. RFSU is based in Malmö, Sweden, about a 35 minute train ride over the water from Copenhagen. We were able to exchange information and ideas pertaining to funding, educational programs and resources, laws and sexual expression within Sweden, Denmark and also Australia.



Through Becky though I was able to call Asgerbo, one of the co-ordinators of Handisex (<http://handisex.dk/?lang=en>). This organisation *deals with all aspects of the sexuality of people with disabilities, their families, support staff, and professionals*. Their website provides information for people with disability, the elderly and professionals working in this field. Unfortunately he too was not in Copenhagen that week so we never managed to meet in person.

The stark difference between how Denmark and Sweden treat the issue of sexuality and disability, along with the involvement (or lack thereof) of sexual assistants or sex workers has been recently examined by Don Kulick and Jens Rydstrom in their comprehensive book entitled, *Loneliness and Its Opposite: Sex, Disability, and the Ethics of Engagement*. If I had had more time I would have liked to travel to Stockholm, Sweden to spend time with Don Kulick to explore in more detail some of the issues raised in this book.



UK – London

I visited London twice during my Fellowship in order to attend two main events. Subsequently I organised all of my other UK meetings around these two dates.

I attended the BIH Feminist Emergency Conference (22-24 Jun 2017). Organised by the Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities in collaboration with British Comparative Literature Association, Birkbeck Gender and Sexuality (BiGS), the Birkbeck Institute for Social Research, and Mapping Maternal Subjectivities, Identities and Ethics (MaMSIE) <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/bih/events/events/bbk-local?uid=c10e2faaf2b44def829d77ba93936105>

I also attended the Murder and Mental Health in Sex Work: a Symposium (11th July) by University of Leicester, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

These events allowed for me to meet a wide range of sex workers and representatives of a number of sex worker organisations and groups. They included:

- SWARM (Sex Work and Resistance Movement) <https://www.swarmcollective.org/>
- (formally known as the Sex Worker Open University)
- ECP (English Collective of Prostitutes) <http://prostitutescollective.net/>
- ICRCE (International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe) <http://www.sexworkeurope.org/>
- Scot-PEP <http://www.scot-pep.org.uk/>
- Empower Foundation http://www.empowerfoundation.org/index_en.html
- Sex Worker Alliance Ireland (SWAI) <http://sexworkersallianceireland.org/>
- Sex Worker's Opera <https://www.sexworkersopera.com/>
- X:Talk Project <http://www.xtalkproject.net/>
- National Ugly Mugs <https://uglymugs.ie/>

On the 13th July I travelled to Leeds to first meet with staff members at BASIS (www.basistraining.org.uk) and then to Leeds University to hold a screening of Scarlet Road with a Q&A afterwards.

The UK has a fantastic network of academics who do high quality research about the sex industry. They collaborate and network extensively which has produced the Sex Work Research Hub (<https://www.york.ac.uk/sociology/research/current-research/swrh/#tab-5>).



I had the opportunity to meet quite a number of academics who I have admired including many whose work I have previously cited in my Masters.

Three other specific meetings I had included spending time in Manchester at the sex worker organisation POW (www.pow-advice.org.uk/), meeting another friend in London who has worked in sex worker support organisations for over 20 years and another meeting with Dominic Davies and a colleague of his who is also a therapist. He invited me to present, via Skype for a conference he was organising for 2018, facilitating learning and greater understanding within the therapist's world in regards to sex workers and other sexual modalities. At the time of writing the program for this conference has just been released: *Sex Works! The Intersection of Mental Health and Sexuality Professionals*

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=yhzs9n6&oeidk=a07eearesbwe46bae38&oseq>

Dominic also alerted me to another emerging research project; *Sexual Citizenship and Disability: Implications for Theory, Practice and Policy*. <https://www.researchgate.net/project/Sexual-Citizenship-and-Disability-Implications-for-Theory-Practice-and-Policy?esc=ProjectShareMail>

This project seeks to explore how non-governmental organisations and policy makers work with issues related to sexual facilitation, that is, the professional support needed for some mobility impaired people to conduct their sexual activity as desired.

I have since been contacted by Dr Julie Bahner to be interviewed in early 2018 in Sydney. This is a fantastic development to be able to share information in overlapping areas of research, especially as she has been able to interview organisations in countries I was not able to visit during this Fellowship

While I was in the UK there were a number of articles which evolved from a comment Katie Price made on television, about whether or not to support her son with disability to explore his sexual expression by perhaps "buying him a prostitute on his 18th birthday". She mentions in this interview about "he doesn't have a clue about it". This should have prompted increased discussions about people with disability being included in sex education, being given information at age appropriate levels, and supported to seeing a sex worker, if they so choose to and when of a legally consenting age. Unfortunately the media mostly produced salacious headings and articles which did not address the topic with dignity nor care. One article though, written by Claire de Than, co-director of the Centre for Law, Justice and Journalism at City University, London gave a very measured and thought out reply (you can see the original video comment via this article):<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/katie-price-harvey-prostitutes-sex-workers-human-rights-lawyer-expert-answer-a7841196.html>.

One thing that is consistent throughout my travels is that the topic of sex workers – or sexual assistants – being an option for people with disability continues to arise in the media, regardless of which country I'm in.



Belgium – Antwerp

On the 28th June I met with Steven De Weirdt and two of his colleagues from the Sexual Assistance organisation, Aditi (www.aditivzw.be). Aditi is a Belgian organization that focuses on sexuality and intimacy for persons with a disability including matching people up with a suitable sexual assistant if they so choose.

I appreciated learning about their work, the resources and strategies they utilise in their work, what type and kind of training their sexual assistants received, the process by which the client and the sexual assistant were matched and the underlying principles of their organisation.

France – Lyon & Annecy

LYON

I travelled from London to Annecy, France via Lyon on the 14th July so chose to spend 24 hours in Lyon. This was to visit the St Nizier church and then to meet Fransesc, from Tandem Team, Barcelona that evening.

The symbolic beginning of the modern international sex workers' rights movement occurred on the 2nd June 1975 in Lyons, France. Hundreds of local sex workers occupied St Nizier Church and numerous others throughout the country. They were protesting excessive fines, physical abuse, harassment and discrimination from the police who would not investigate the murders of local sex workers. The police took eight days to storm St Nizier Church but not before the sex workers created a global media frenzy, generating international attention towards the rights of sex workers and the disparaging way they were being treated. *La Revolte des Prostituées*, a French radio documentary about this historic moment, was recently edited with the voices of the original 1975 strikers and current French sex workers re-voiced by Sydney sex workers, creating *The Sex Workers Revolt* (<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/earshot/the-sex-workers-revolt/7163548>)



Fransesc Granja runs Tandem Team (<http://www.tandemteambcn.com/>) in Barcelona but was able to coordinate driving up to Lyon for the night I was visiting. He gave me a copy of his book *Vivir el Sexo, el hombre que aprendio a vibrar* (Living the Sex – the man who learned how to vibrate) which details his personal life journey, especially in regards to his accident, living with disability and sexual expression since he sustained his injuries. We spoke of the same topics of interest I had previously had with every person so far.

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ANNECY

I was invited to the Graduation of seven new sexual assistants which was held just outside of Annecy on 16th July. This training was organised in partnership with Corps Solidaires (Association Switzerland Romande Assistance Sexuelle et Handicaps) and the French organisation CH(s) OSE (<http://corps-solidaires.ch/formation/>). I was honoured to meet Francoise Vatr , the founder of this course, along with Lorenzo, who was one of the first sexual assistant trained by the organisation. Francoise also gave me a copy of her book *Assistance sexuelle et handicaps*.

The organisations were able to produce some positive media articles from this graduation, while also raising incredibly important issues around the legal framework within France pertaining to the new anti-sex work laws that were passed in recent years. These laws place significant restrictions upon potential clients of sexual assistants and sex workers as the new laws essentially criminalise anyone purchasing – or facilitating the purchase of – sexual services.

<https://www.francebleu.fr/infos/societe/accompagnement-sexuel-des-handicapes-le-debat-enfin-ouvert-1501080057>

<http://www.lefigaro.fr/actualite-france/2017/08/18/01016-20170818ARTFIG00262-le-tabou-des-assistants-sexuels-pour-les-handicapes.php>

My invite came via Judith Aregger who also speaks out in the media about providing sexual services to clients with disability and is also a trainer / facilitator for such training workshops

<http://www.donneuropa.it/politica-ed-economia/2014/10/31/judith-aregger-assistente-sessuale-dare-piacere-chi-difficolta/>



<http://www.sextelling.it/conversazioni/assistenza-sessuale-disabili-intervista-judith-aregger/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl5gewflwqY> (in French / Italian)

I also learnt about two instructional videos produced in Canada (<http://diverse-ity.com/online-store-2/dvds>) that could be extremely useful for disability organisations and their clients in Australia to use:

- Hand made love: Guide For Teaching About Male Masturbation
- Fingertips: A guide for teaching about female masturbation

It was such a pleasure to spend time with some of the trainers, sexual assistants and guests at this event and over the next few days. Along with the fantastic company, Annecy must be one of the most beautiful places I have ever visited. The scenery and the water was exquisite and was definitely an unexpected 'fringe benefit' of traveling to this location as a part of my Fellowship.



Switzerland – Basel

The last two days in Europe I stayed with Saluna. She is associated with Sinnerose, a Swiss sexual assistant association: www.sinnerose.ch

The day I arrived her cat gave birth to seven gorgeous black kittens!

Saluna and I shared so many stories, resources and experiences with each other. Like every place I had visited I wish could have stayed longer. What I discovered is that so many people in this field, in Europe, know each other – if not personally then at least by name and reputation and via the media. Saluna knew the woman who had previously set up sexual assistant workshops in Switzerland, Aiha Zemp, who founded the Basel-based Group Disabled and Sexuality (Fabs). Unfortunately she has passed away but part of her legacy remains via the media and her outspoken determination to speak about the sexual rights of people with disability. https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/sexual-services_disabled-sex--assistants--tackle-taboo/5365194



Saluna gave me copies of a number of films including an Italian film called 'With the Body and the Heart'.

Also a German Film from 14 years ago called 'Sexual Accompaniment / Sexual Assistance' which is 'seven stories about love, sex and tenderness'.



I was also quite surprised to hear that Switzerland TV renamed Scarlet Road. This is the translation from the picture below:



A Pinch of Tenderness – from the life of a sex worker.

Rachel Wotton from NSW works with handicap people but she is neither social worker nor therapist. She is a sex worker. She has chosen this work freely and she is very open with it. Her motivation is the sexual self determination. And she finds that all humans should have a fulfilling sexual life so also those with

handicap. She has been committed to the acceptance of sex workers all over the world for 10 yrs.

Another documentary Saluna and a few others were featured in was *Sex im Rollstuhl* (Sex in a Wheelchair) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxfOZMjxhT8>. About 13 minutes into the film a part of a workshop is being given to sex workers. To protect their privacy only their legs were filmed.

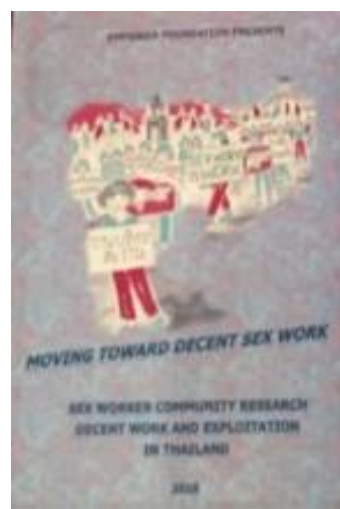




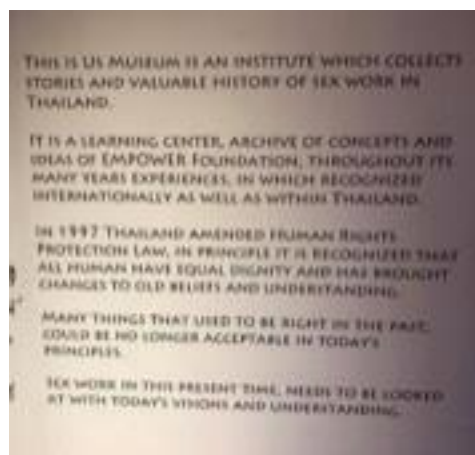
Thailand – Bangkok

On my way back to Australia I was able to spend a few days in Bangkok, Thailand. Empower Foundation (http://www.empowerfoundation.org/index_en.html) is the sex worker organisation for female sex workers. They had recently opened their Sex Museum 'This is Us' based at their Bangkok Office. <http://m.bangkokpost.com/lifestyle/social-and-lifestyle/1044701/an-empathetic-view?refer=http%3A%2F%2Fm.facebook.com>

Empower are internationally known for their comprehensive support and advocacy for sex workers in Thailand, offering a range of workshops and resources throughout the country. Resources, presentations, briefing papers and training have also been developed and delivered



by Empower to national and international NGOs, politicians, conferences, funding bodies and other interested parties. They also established the only bar in Thailand run and operated by sex workers, the Can Do Bar: <http://www.chiangmaicitylife.com/citylife-articles/what-sex-workers-want-you-to-know/>



At the end of my Fellowship in Bangkok I spent time with an Australian sex worker who offers a wide range of services including BDSM, kink and fetish sessions. She has also provided services to a number of clients with disability throughout her career.

Additional presentations and interviews since returning home

- On 18th August 2017 I was invited to speak at another 2016's Fellow's workplace in Sydney. This was for the NSW Genetic Counsellors Meeting in the session called Sexual autonomy and disability.
- SWASH, the Japanese sex worker organisation (<http://swashweb.sakura.ne.jp/>) organised two screenings of Scarlet Road to be included in a film festival and spent the time producing Japanese subtitles for the screenings. At the first screening on Saturday 16th September in Osaka, I did a Skype call-in at the end to conduct a Q & A with audience members. Their second screening will be in Tokyo on 21st October. <http://kansai-qff.org/2017/works/scarletroad.html>

The official brochure to promote the screenings:



A major newspaper in Japan also featured a story on this screening and this topic: <http://www.asahi.com/sp/articles/ASK8Z5TS7K8ZPTIL00T.html>

Interviews:

- Japanese student from Tokyo University, in Sydney. (Sept 2017)
- Media student at the University of Sydney. (October 2017)
- Dr Julia Bahner (Feb /March 2018)



Limitations

The greatest limitation I found was only being able to speak English. It was certainly harder to find additional relevant organisations online and to communicate via emails. Most people I did meet were, at the very least, bilingual, with many knowing three or four languages due to the close proximity of the countries in Europe and the different schooling systems they grew up with. Everyone was most gracious and patient with me, spending time translating or repeating things for my benefit, but there will always be things 'lost in translation'. I also wanted to chat with a number of brothels and massage parlours who are 'disability friendly' and accessible but due to the language barrier this was not feasible.

While this Fellowship certainly allowed me to meet with a wide range of people and organisations, there were numerous others I didn't get a chance to visit. In a perfect world I would have been able to organise visits with every member organisation of APSEAS – the European Platform Sexual Assistance along with every sex worker organisation in the corresponding countries.

Additional there are other organisations who facilitate connections with either sex workers or sexual assistants (also called sexual surrogates in the USA) that would have expanded my knowledge. These include Canada (EASE; Sensual Solutions), USA (IPSA – the International Professional Surrogacy Association), Japan (SWASH; White Hands) and Taiwan (COSWAS), just to name a few.

To expand upon the aims of learning about training programs for sex workers providing services to clients with disability, I would have also appreciated being able to contact and speak with sex workers who advertise on the UK website TLS-Trust. All of these sex workers provide services to clients with disability and it would be interesting to ascertain where they acquired their knowledge and experience from.



Findings & Recommendations

The majority of people that I met during this Fellowship had never heard of the Churchill Fellowship (neither the UK nor the Australian one). My representation of the Churchill Trust has increased peoples' awareness while encouraging a number of people to contemplate a future application for themselves.

Based on my meetings with so many UK sex work academics and their formation of the sex work research hub I am inspired to set up an Australian Sex Work Research Hub and link in with the UK Hub. Preliminary discussions with some sex worker researchers / academics have indicated support for this to occur.

I was able to offer individuals and organisations the documentary *Scarlet Road* for public and private screening. This was utilised in four locations using the original copy, the German subtitled copy and a Czech subtitled copy that a volunteer for Freya, in Prague had created. The Q&As organised at the end of each screening facilitated increased awareness and discussions around the topics of sex workers and clients with disability, sexual expression, sex worker rights, legislation issues and disability rights. This also allowed for further opportunities for local community members and organisations to network and become more familiar with the services each provided. Having versions of the documentary with subtitles in multiple languages will further increase the reach of *Scarlet Road* which, in turn, increases the awareness of both the issues featured and the work of Touching Base.

One of the primary aims of this Fellowship was to increase the capacity of myself, to be able to facilitate and expand training workshops for Australian sex workers, via Touching Base. It is important to be able to facilitate learning and development in a variety of ways, utilising different resources, while presenting information that will be relevant and interesting to participants. I have returned to Australia with a broad range of new and informative resources, including a number of YouTube videos, to increase the diversity of the information that Touching Base can offer.

I wanted my Masters dissertation to not just be a theoretical discussion but a practical resource that allows people to be directed to useful, thought provoking and educational resources in the areas of disability, sexuality, sex work and the intersection between sex workers and their clients with disability. I would like the results of this Fellowship to also have an ongoing positive application. As well as sharing resources and knowledge with Touching Base I will be developing new sections of my personal website to create an expanding library of references and links to inform people about resources they may not be aware of.

Spending quality time with different trainers, academics, organisations, sex workers and sexual assistants involved gave me opportunities to ask thorough, pertinent questions relevant to the field. It also allowed for the development of meaningful and ongoing conversations while sharing



resources, offering translations and speaking about policies, legislation, education, resource development and community engagement. While I encountered some very different and diverse views to my own, I certainly acknowledge that every organisation's philosophy and practice has its merit. Everyone I met shared a common interest and desire to find opportunities for people with disability to have access to supportive, respectful, enjoyable and accessible paid sexual services. Furthermore, their dedication towards providing further education, training, support and awareness for those who chose to provide such services cannot be faulted.

While more detailed analysis and discussions will occur privately within specific sex work communities in Australia, topics of interest include:

- Training workshops: length of training, costs, locations, topics covered, assessment tools and approaches
- Trainers / presenters: guest presenters, personal experience of trainers
- Participants of training: who is allowed to participate, suitability of potential candidates
- Confidentiality: advertising and location of training
- Different roles – or perceived differences – between sex workers and sexual assistants
- Referral pathways
- Advertising and websites
- Pricing structures and options
- Sexual services offered
- Services offered by organisations
- Levels of collaboration between organisations: sex work / disability / sexual assistant/ others
- Laws and law reform
- Funding (or lack thereof)

All of these topics are highly important but the last two play a significant role in hindering the advancement of all other aspects concerning training for sex workers who are wanting to provide sexual services to clients with disability. In order to help facilitate the ongoing professional development of sex workers, I hope this Fellowship highlights the need for Government and non-government sectors to play their part in funding organisations, to develop and deliver meaningful and relevant training to all sectors.

While NSW, Australia has operated under a decriminalised framework for sex workers since 1995, other states and territories within Australia are yet to follow suit. The same is true with all other countries except New Zealand (which occurred in 2003). Decriminalisation allows for frank and meaningful dialogue about sex work without fear of prosecution or arrest. It permits sex workers to openly advertise their services, where and when they are available with the ability to add specific details about being 'disability friendly'. It also allowed organisations, specifically those in the disability sector, to engage with the sex industry to create supportive pathways for people with disability. Finally, clients and third parties who are supporting them, can clearly evaluate their options and choices in regards to sexual expression, with dignity and respect.



List of organisations and contacts

Please note that some sex worker organisations and groups are peer run and led, while others may have non- sex workers employed there.

organisation / Individual/ Conference	Name	website / Address
AUSTRALIA		
Sex work/ disability organisation	Touching Base	www.touchingbase.org
CZECH REPUBLIC		
International Conference	23 rd Congress of the World Association for Sexual Health Direct links: abstracts of my papers	http://www.was2017.org/ http://www.ism.jsexmed.org/issue/S1743-6095(17)X0007-6 (conference Abstract book) http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jsxm.2017.04.248 and http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jsxm.2017.04.249
NGO /Sex worker organisation	Bliss without Risk (ROZKOŠ bez RIZIKA)	http://rozkosbezrizika.cz/en/
Sexual Assistant/ disability Organisation	Freya	http://www.freya.live/cs
Sexual Assistance Project	Sexual Assistants	http://www.sexualniasistence.cz/
Sexual Assistance Project	Right to Sex (Intimate Assistance to Needs Project)	http://www.sexualniasistence.org/
Online website	Freedom to Sex	www.freedomtosex.com
EUROPE		
Sexual Assistance Organisation	European Platform Sexual Assistance	http://www.epseas.eu/en/
Sex Worker organisation	International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe (ICRSE)	http://www.sexworkeurope.org/
Sex Worker organisation	SWAN : Sex Workers' Rights Advocacy Network	http://www.swannet.org/
Workshops for sex workers	Sex Work Stories	https://sexworkstoriesworkshop.tumblr.com/



AUSTRIA		
Disability organisation	Alpha Nova	http://www.alphanova.at/
Sex Worker organisation	SOPHIE-BeratungsZentrum für Sexarbeiterinnen	www.sophie.or.at
Sex Worker organisation	PiA	http://www.frau-und-arbeit.at/index.php/schwerpunkte/pia
Sex Work Migrant Group	Red Edition	https://rededition.wordpress.com/
Sex Worker organisation	LENA	https://www.caritas-linz.at
GERMANY		
Sex Worker organisation	Hydra (Berlin)	www.hydra-berlin.de
Sex Worker organisation	Kassandra	
Sex Worker organisation	BesD (Berufsverband erotische und sexuelle Dienstleistungen e.V.)	https://berufsverband-sexarbeit.de/
Sex Worker organisation	BSD – Federal Association for Sexual Services	http://www.bsd-ev.net/
Sex Worker organisation	Kassandra	http://kassandra-nbg.de/
Sex Work campaign	Sexarbeit ist Arbeit	https://www.sexarbeit-ist-arbeit.de/
Disability organisation	Sexybilities	https://www.forum.sexualaufklaerung.de/index.php?docid=813
Sex work / disability group	Move e.V.	http://move-fachtagung.de/
Sex Worker organisation	Madonna eV	http://www.madonna-ev.de/
DENMARK		
Sex Worker organisation	SIO	http://www.s-i-o.dk/om-sio/
Sexual Policy Forum	Sexual Policy Forum	http://www.seksualpolitik.dk/
Disability organisation	Handisex	http://handisex.dk/?lang=en
SWEDEN		
Disability organisation	RFSU 'Sex for All' Project	http://www.rfsu.se/en/Engelska/ http://www.arvsfonden.se/projekt/sex-for-alla
Sex Worker organisation	Rose Alliance	http://www.rosealliance.se



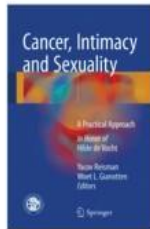
UK		
Therapist Association	Pink Therapy	http://www.pinktherapy.com/
Sex Worker organisation	SWARM	https://www.swarmcollective.org/
Sex Worker organisation	Sex Worker's Opera	https://www.sexworkersopera.com/
Sex Worker organisation	SWAI	http://sexworkersallianceireland.org/
Sex Worker Organisation	Scot-PEP	http://www.scot-pep.org.uk/
Sex Worker project	National Ugly Mugs	https://uglymugs.ie/
Academics	Sex Work Research Hub	https://www.york.ac.uk/sociology/research/current-research/swrh/#tab-5
Sex Work group	X: Talk Project	http://www.xtalkproject.net/
Sex Worker Organisation	English Collective of Prostitutes (ECP)	http://prostitutescollective.net/
Training organisation (works with sex workers)	BASIS	www.basistraining.org.uk
Sex Worker organisation	POW	www.pow-advice.org.uk/
Disability organisation	TLC-Trust	www.tlc-trust.org
POLAND		
Organisation	The Sex Positive Institute	http://en.sexpositiveinstitute.pl/
SPAIN		
Sexual Assistant organisation	Tandem Team	http://www.tandemteambcn.com/
BELGIUM		
Disability Organisation (Sexual Assistants)	Aditi	www.aditivzw.be
SWITZERLAND		
Sexual Assistance Organisation	InSeBe	http://www.insebe.ch/
Sexual Assistance Organisation	Corps Solidaires	http://corps-solidaires.ch/
Sexual Assistance Organisation	Sinnerose	www.sinnerose.ch



FRANCE		
Sexual Assistance Organisation	CH(s)OSE	http://www.chs-ose.org/
THAILAND		
Sex Worker Organisation	Empower Foundation Bangkok Sex Museum 'This Is Us'	http://www.empowerfoundation.org/index.en.html 57/60 Tivanond Rd, Nonthaburi, 11000 0-2526-8311 /badgirls@empowerfoundation.org
JAPAN		
Sex Worker Organisation	SWASH (Sex Work and Sexual Health)	http://swashweb.sakura.ne.jp/ http://swashweb.sakura.ne.jp/node/22 (English)
FINLAND		
Organisation : Sexuality & relationships	Sexpo Foundation	www.sexpo.fi
CANADA		
Disability organisation	EASE	http://easecanada.org/
INTERNATIONAL (BASED IN THE USA)		
Organisation	Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)	www.sexscience.org



Resources collected



Y. Reisman, W. Gianotten (Eds.)
Cancer, Intimacy and Sexuality
A Practical Approach

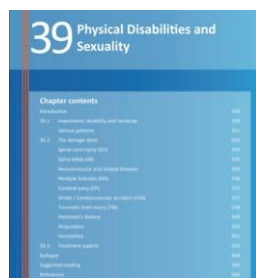
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This book provides a wide-ranging overview of the sexual consequences of cancer and its treatment with the aim of equipping physicians and other health care providers with the awareness and knowledge required in order to offer patients effective treatment. While sexuality may not be the primary focus for cancer patients, at some point, whether because of sexual changes of relationship issues, many patients come to acknowledge the effects that cancer and its treatment have had on their sexuality. Although the impacts are frequently similar, significant variation is observed. Some patients experience changes in all phases of sexual response, while others experience none; moreover, the consequences of the effects may be felt differently by patients and partners. Unfortunately, many physicians and health care providers remain insufficiently aware of the impact of cancer on sexuality and/or lack knowledge about the concerns of patients and the available treatments and coping strategies. A further issue is the reticence of physicians to discuss sexuality and the fear of analogies to talk to patients about cancer. Readers will find this book to be a rich source of help in overcoming these constraints and delivering suitable care to patients.

Printed book
Softcover

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Leaflet of new book recently launched.
Reisman Y, Gianotten WL (editors). *Cancer, Intimacy and Sexuality; a practical approach*. Springer 2017.



Gianotten WL. *Physical disabilities and sexuality*. In Kirana P-S, et al. *The EFS and ESSM Syllabus of Clinical Sexology*. Amsterdam, Medix Publishers 2013: 928-46.



Sexpo Foundation (Finland)

<http://www.sexpo.fi/en/together/>

<http://www.sexpo.fi/en/together/about-campaign/>



Love me if you can <https://www.oneworld.cz/2017/films-a-z/33099-love-me-if-you-can>
<http://www.filmcenter.cz/en/czech-films-people/55-love-me-if-you-can>



Short film about sexual assistance in Czech Republic:

Right to Sex - SozialMarie Audience Award 2016
Czech Republic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nawXiaCO-sCw> (English subtitles)

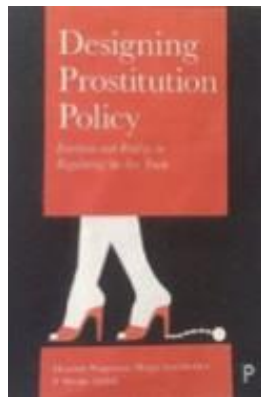




Short film about sexual assistance in Czech Republic

Sexuální asistence ANO nebo NE?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReuyX-JOiDS8>



Hendrik Wagenaar, Helga Amesberger & Sietske Altink (2017): Designing prostitution policy. Intention and reality in regulating the sex trade. Bristol: Policy Press.

<http://policypress.co.uk/designing-prostitution-policy>



Deva u Andi - Sexualbegleitung für Menschen mit Behinderung

(Deva and Andi – sexual support for people with disabilities)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Euhx4x-8HOyk> (Ghttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGFGTXORSDEerman)



Hole

<http://www.sexyshortfilms.com/hole/>



Interview with sex worker Stephanie Klee

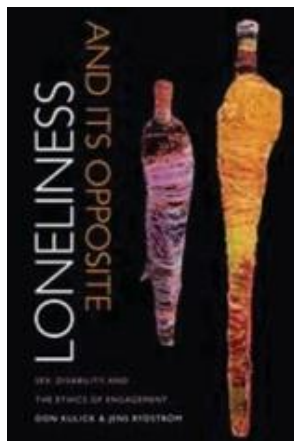
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Trans Sex Workers in Germany: Emy's Story
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQmbh-gWYS2E>

Emy Fem is an international sex work activist, sex worker, peer educator and performer



Loneliness and Its Opposite: Sex, Disability, and the Ethics of Engagement.

Author(s): Don Kulick, Jens Rydstrom

Published: March 2015

<https://www.dukeupress.edu/Loneliness-and-Its-Opposite>



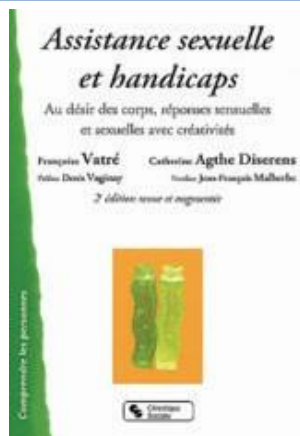
Vivir el Sexo, el hombre que aprendió a vibrar
(Living the Sex – the man who learned how to vibrate)

Author: Francesc Granja

Published: 2013

(Spanish)





Assistance sexuelle et handicaps - Au désir des corps, réponses sensorielles et sexuelles avec créativité

2e édition revue et augmentée

Françoise Vatré, Catherine Agthe Diserens
(French)



parte 3 JUDITH AREGGER italiano "Assistenza Sessuale, in Italia è possibile?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kl5gewfl-wqY>



Sex im Rollstuhl (Sex in a Wheelchair)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxfOZMjx-hT8>



Sexual Healing: Inside the world of medically assisted sex.

https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/ev4zmp/can-sex-work-help-heal-trauma-and-anxiety
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVflruM5zk>

