



On-street Prostitution Training

What This Training Will Cover:

- What does on-street prostitution look like and why does it happen?
- What is StreetlightUK's on-street Outreach Service?
- On-street Outreach Do's & Don'ts

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- Pretty woman clip
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRNf1l-D1tA>

How does that match up to **reality**?

- Clothes: hardly any women dress like that!
- Friendship between the women – mirrors truth (though there is arguments/rivalry)
- Manage themselves/managed by a pimp
- Getting into a car with strangers/regular clients

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- Addiction/homelessness
- Influence of partner/boyfriend
- Economic circumstances in home country
- 'Safer' than working in a brothel
- Trafficking



What is StreetlightUK's On-Street Outreach Service?



- StreetlightUK conducts weekly outreach sessions on the Fore Street area of Edmonton.
- We meet at 9.15pm and walk up and down Fore Street for 2 hours.
- We can meet anything from 1 – 14 women in two hours.
- We hand out supplies, help with referrals to other agencies, and above all build relationship with women.
- “Coffee and condoms” week after week leads to a relationship of trust!

Encourage women to stay safe:

- Only get in a car if there is one man in it. Look in the back of the car, especially if there are tinted windows, to check it is just him.
- Don't get in a car with a man who won't look at you, or who smells of alcohol.
- Try to memorise the numberplate before getting in the car.
- Carry a panic alarm.
- Use condoms, and encourage them to dispose of them in bins, not on street/in gardens etc.

Referrals to other services

- Sexual health: Sexual health clinic at Archway
- Housing – Streetlink, or Council housing
- Drug & Alcohol Services – Enable
- Police – Crime Reporting Form in StreetlightUK folders

Partnership with other outreach services

- Salvation Army
- SHOC/CLASH
- Fore Street Community Meetings
- National Ugly Mugs

On-Street Outreach Do's & Don'ts

DO

- Dress warmly/come prepared for weather. You will be outside all the time! – Remove any valuables.
- Arrange where/when to meet the Team Leader, and text her when you arrive home at the end of the night.
- Have the Team Leader's number stored in your phone, and agree between you who – not on outreach - is going to ring at an agreed time.
- Agree at the start of the evening who is taking notes.
- Pray before you go on outreach (volunteers do not have to take part in this).

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On-Street Outreach Do's & Don'ts

DON'T

- Conduct outreach alone – if only two people are on the rota and one cannot go at the last minute, outreach would be cancelled.
- Put yourself in danger. If a situation is escalated or you feel threatened, walk away.
- Give money to the women. Sometimes they will ask for particular drinks or snacks – the Team Leader will buy these.
- Give out personal contact details to the women – give them the Streetlight London or Lead Outreach Volunteer phone number.
- Engage with or chastise the men.



ANY QUESTIONS?