

BOYS BOYS BOYS

From Tearoom to Chatroom:
Online Male Prostitution in Utrecht

First Thoughts?

MALE PROSTITUTE



*"Oh yeah, baby, I'll listen to you—
I'll listen to you all night long."*

Tearoom Trade: Impersonal Sex in public spaces

“Establish a mode of interaction in which each protects himself and the other, and establish roles that both provide them with gratification and serve the needs of others”(Humphreys, 1970, p ix)

Definition of male prostitution:

"the (forced) providing of sexual acts by (minor) boys and men, to or for someone else, mostly a male customer, in exchange for money, goods or other type of reward" (Repetur & Veenstra, 2011).

Research Methods

- Literature review
- Expert interviews
- Online observations and participation
- Face to face interviews

Male prostitution; a hidden phenomenon

- Male prostitutes as psychological misfits
- Categorization of male prostitutes
- Male prostitutes as vectors of disease
- Male sex work as profession

'The virtual scene in Utrecht: boys on the net'

- Internet as virtual marketplace: advertisements on different websites
- Love at first chat?
- Language and communication styles

Four categories of 'Boys'

- Paydate/escort
- Just Love Sex
- Financial difficulties
- Gigolo's

How to: Paydate ?

- Secrecy
- Discretion
- The dating process

Fluidity of Sexuality

- Desired traits for male prostitutes
- Sex as a job, the attached meaning of sexwork
- Shifting sexual boundaries

Implications for Practice

- New and open attitude towards male sex work
- “I am straight but still have sex with other men”
- Online fieldwork GG&GD