



The Journey to Abolition

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Introduction

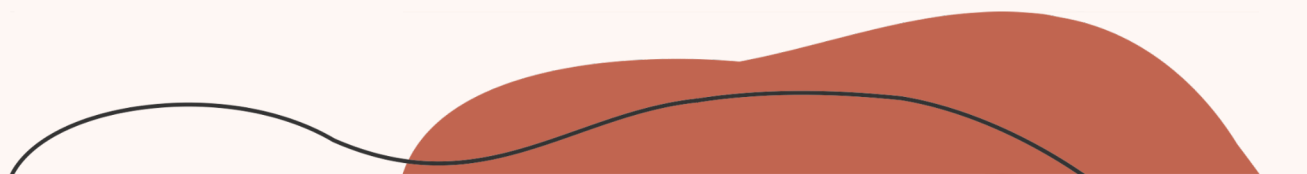
Today I will be talking you through my research paper, covering the following subheadings;

- Abolition of Prostitution and why we need this legislation globally
- Language
- How the Mercy Sisters have directly impacted global abolition, including highlights from my interviews with Sister Lynda Dearlove and Sister Angela Reed



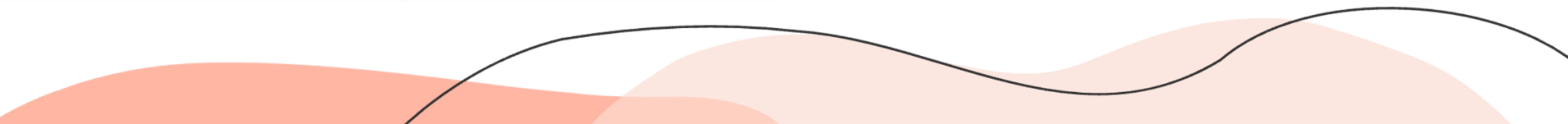


Why do we advocate for abolition of the sex trade?

- Legal framework which criminalises demand
 - Decriminalising persons exploited within the sex trade
 - Creates a society whereby buying sexual access is recognized as exploitation
 - Creates an environment where exit from the sex trade is possible
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Language

- Sanitisation of exploitation by use of language
- The importance of language to highlight prostitution as exploitation
 - Language as a tool to influence





Interview with Sister Lynda Dearlove

My interview with the founder of Women at the Well, covering;

- Catholic Social Teaching
- Founding Women at the well
- Mercy Sisters changing systems and minds
- How Catherine McAuley influenced Lynda's activism and shaped women at the well
- The importance of Mercy in supporting all women to achieve their potential
- Mercy and UN systems

Interview with Sister Angela Reed

- Research project – “ Seeking to address the root causes of human trafficking”
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Amplifying the voices of women
- Catherine McAuley
- Tackling Demand
- Being a Mercy Leader

Questions & Answers

Invite questions from the audience

