

sophia X UTSOPI PRESENT **15.10**

THE PRICE OF PLEASURE

BREAKING THE STIGMA OF SEX WORK



LINKS & RESOURCES

THE PRICE OF PLEASURE was the result of a collaboration between **Sophia, the Belgian Gender Studies Network** and **UTSOPI, the Union of Sex Workers organised for Independence**.

We aimed to create a space of knowledge-sharing that offers intimate community spaces to share tools and experiences, as well as a platform that introduces the importance of sex workers' rights to a wider audience.

Of course, we couldn't have done it without our - many - wonderful partners. This document collects their information and is meant to offer you the opportunity to support their work. So follow them on social media, book their services, buy their books, and tell your friends about them.

With love,
THE PRICE OF PLEASURE team

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INTIMATE WORKSHOPS

Feminist self-defense workshop

Hosted by Garance asbl, a non-profit organisation that has been combatting gender-based violence since 2000 by offering various self-defense trainings.

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Online survival kit for sex workers

Hosted by Vaughn, research associate and community consultant at the Max Planck Institute for Software Systems. Contact Vaughn to receive a short report of the workshop or arrange your own.

- > Quick tip: change your phone password to a 4-6 digit code instead of a fingerprint/facial scan/swiped shape to feel safer immediately.
- > [Twitter](#)
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PARALLEL WORKSHOPS

Learning from the wise: pleasure, aging and sex work

Hosted by Carla Besora Barti of the Later in Life Intimacies (LiLI) research group at UGent. With testimonies of Ingrid, Iris and Christine.

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Embodied consent

Hosted by Sinsia, The Queer Sex Coach. They are a somatic sex coach offering individual and group coaching as well as online courses.

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- > [Instagram](#)

BIPOC self-care and rest as resistance

Hosted by Kali Sudhra. They are an activist, writer, sex worker and educator. Co-author of "Putas Migras".

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PANEL TALK

Sabrina Sanchez

Sabrina is the coordinator of ESWA, the European Sex Workers' Rights Alliance. She is also the co-founder of OTRAS, the sex worker union in Spain.

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- > [Take action to support sex workers!](#)

Mérial Cheikh

Mérial is a socio-anthropologist specializing in the transformations of the working classes in Morocco and more specifically in the production of juvenile and popular culture through gender, intimacy and sexuality. She wrote the book "Les filles qui sortent: jeunesse, sexualité et prostitution au Maroc".

- > [Bio & publications](#)
- > [Buy her book](#)
- > [Podcast episode](#)

Magaly Rodriguez Garcia

Magaly is a historian specialised in subalternity, labour history and prostitution policy, affiliated to KULeuven. She co-wrote the book "Seks voor Geld: Een geschiedenis van prostitutie in België".

- > [Bio & publications](#)
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Maxime Maes

Maxime is one of the founding members of UTSOPI and one of the leaders for the decriminalisation of sex work in Belgium. He has been a sex worker activist for more than 10 years, and is particularly involved in HIV+, drug users or LGBTQI+ rights.

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PERFORMANCES

SNAP! Festival presents: Marianne & Djone, Samantha

SNAP — Sex workers Narratives Arts & Politics — is a festival entirely dedicated to the discourses, representations and issues related to sex work. Organized by the Art Whore Connection (AWC Production), a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and creation of artistic and activist works in favor of a better representation and recognition of minorities, in particular of gender and sexualities.

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Brussels Art & Pole presents: SPAM #2 with Dgin de Marbre, Angèle Virago & Mother Max

Brussels Art & Pole is a multidisciplinary dance studio and a center of creation & expression in Brussels' city center. With SPAM – Shibari, Puissance, Abandon, Masochisme – they present their vision of an alternative BDSM.

- > [Website](#)
- > [Instagram](#)
- > [Dgin de Marbre](#)
- > [Angèle Virago](#)
- > [Mother Max](#)

LOOPED SCREENING

SNAP! Festival presents: Dangerous Whores / Whores in Danger

See links for SNAP! above.

MARKET

Espace P

For over 30 years, Espace P has been providing free and anonymous services to sex workers. They offer guidance for administrative, social or legal procedures, psychological and medical support, as well as prevention material.

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Alias

Alias offers psychological, medical and social help to male and trans* sex workers based in Brussels.

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Violett

Violett offers medical and social support to sex workers based in Flanders.

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Klou

Artist, writer, tattooist and sex worker based in Brussels. She wrote and illustrated the graphic novel "Bagarre Erotique: récits d'une travailleuse du sexe".

- > [Instagram](#)
- > [Buy her book](#)

Zyle

Artist and sex worker based in Brussels.

- > [Instagram](#)
- > [Etsy shop](#)

Rokko

Radical feminist-queer bookstore based in Ghent. Dealer of carefully selected voices. (Dutch/English).

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Tulitu

Feminist bookstore in Brussels' city center. (French).

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Mixxxtape Empowered Voices

This podcast was created by Laura & I in collaboration with UTSOPI. They aimed to create a safe environment for sex workers in which their voices are given a platform to exist, remain guaranteed and protected from our interpretations and projections.

- > [Listen to the podcast](#)
- > [Laura's website](#)

PODCAST

Baleine Sous Caillou

Baleine sous Caillou is a conversational podcast that starts from the inside to explore the outside. It talks about life (a lot), troubles (a little), joys (passionately). They are collaborating with us to release a special podcast series on The Price of Pleasure.

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