

"PROSTITUTION GIVES ME

POWER"

Can you set your own work hours?
Pick your clients? Keep all the profits?
These sex workers in Holland do.
Here's how they're using their bodies
to foster trust, compassion, and
happiness in the world

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**"IN A LOT OF WAYS,
PROSTITUTION IS LIKE SOCIAL
WORK." JACQUELINE, 39**

PROSTITUTION IS DEFINITELY less about sex than people expect. I have always been fascinated by the interaction between a client and a prostitute, so 12 years ago, I contacted an escort agency.

My first client was a man who lived in a home for the elderly. We didn't

even have intercourse; we just did some snuggling and a little touching. He kept his underwear on, and it was so cute—he played the harmonica for me and gave me a cup of tea and a hug. I thought it was wonderful just to be able to give him some warmth. It made me feel confident, adventurous, and beautiful, and it felt so *me*. >>

