



**Public awareness, Academic and Policy Effects
Facilitated by Jean and Adele du Plessis
The House Group
1991 to 2001**

While providing resources and hope for the girl child in need during the first few years, as part of our quest much media coverage and exposure were allowed, and the academic world was encouraged and assisted with research.

We found this necessary to be able to:

- Change the views and understanding of the public, of Government, various Government agencies and the academic world regarding the lives of our girl children in need.
- Prove to Government that the country has a problem with more than 50 000 young women in prostitution.
- Show the harsh realities of the lives led by children of all races and cultures trapped in prostitution, drug addiction, and sexual exploitation, and encourage the academic, therapeutic, and legislative worlds to take an interest in finding remedies.

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RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC PAPERS FACILITATED / DELIVERED

- **A Survey of Juvenile Prostitution in Johannesburg: the perspective of The House** - HSRC (Human Sciences Research Council) for publication – The House - Jean du Plessis
- **Policing of Teenage and Child Prostitution** – Office of the Attorney General, The Justice Sectoral Working Group, Pretoria – The House – Jean du Plessis
- **Prostitution: Sexual Orientation or Dysfunction?** – The House – Jean du Plessis
- **Drugs, sex work, and HIV in three South African cities** - Research Commissioned by the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention - Ted Legget, Centre for Social and Development Studies, University of Natal
- **Health and Sexuality** (youth ages 10-20, all race groups) – Research Commissioned by the United Nations Children’s Education Fund (UNICEF) – Kay Gouden, NPPHCN Network
- **Research on Sex work with special reference to Policy Formulation** – The Centre for Social Welfare Policy – Social Dynamics – Dr Willem Schurink
- **Precipitating factors to child prostitution** – The House – Jean du Plessis
- **Field workers survival guide** – The House – Jean du Plessis
- **Dealing with drug addicts** – The House – Jean du Plessis
- **SICK ... - A collection of short stories centered around The House** – Jean du Plessis
- **Working with abused children** - The House – Adele du Plessis
- **Girl child Prostitution: An educational–psychological approach** - Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit (RAU), Johannesburg - Het C Smit (PhD)
- **Street children Quo Vadis?** - Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) – Evante Schurink
- **The South African child prostitute (girls) as a victim of circumstance** – University of Pretoria, Criminology - a victimology study - Anni Hesselink (MA)
- **Children involved in Prostitution** - Exploring a social process to manage the problem - Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)
- **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder** - USA [San Francisco] and SA [Johannesburg] comparative study – Dr. Melissa Farley
- **Legalization and the Economic Aspects of Prostitution** – University of California, Los Angeles, Sociocultural Anthropology Department – M J Wojcicki
- **Honour and Shame** – University of the Witwatersrand (Wits University), Johannesburg – Dr. Bill Domeris
- **Child Prostitution in South Africa** – Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and Department of Welfare, Pretoria
- **Urban Ministry and Prostitution** – UNISA, Institute for Urban Ministry, Pretoria – C Malebo
- **Application of the theoretical models of community psychology, with particular reference to “The House”, a shelter for young people in despair** – University of the Witwatersrand, Psychology Department – Stephen Louw (MA) and Jean du Plessis
- **Research in the field of Child Prostitution** – University of the Witwatersrand, Sociology Department – A Sideras and M Bonanno
- **Male Child Prostitution: - An educational–psychological approach** - Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit (RAU), Johannesburg - Dr. Renier (Botha) (PhD)
- **A child to cry for** - Special hand-bound edition of verse “to create a deeper awareness of sexual abuse” by Andy ‘May

POLICY CHANGING WORKSHOPS AND COMMISSIONED PAPERS

- Department of Welfare, Sport and Recreation, 1996 – **Policy and Financing** for: SHELTER (DROP-IN/SHELTER) FOR STREET CHILDREN & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – **Drop-in facilities for the Girl Child on the Street**
- Department of Welfare, Sport and Recreation, 1997 – **Policy and Financing** for: SHELTER (MEDIUM TERM) FOR STREET CHILDREN & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - **Shelter facilities for the Girl Child on the Street**
- Department of Social Services and Population Development, 2000 – **Policy and Financing** for: SKILLS CENTRE (LONG TERM) FOR STREET CHILDREN & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - **Residential Skills Centre for the Girl Child on the Street**
- **Prevention and Psycho-social Rehabilitation of Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation** - Commissioned by the World Congress against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Stockholm, Sweden – The House - Jean du Plessis
- **Policing of Teenage and Child Prostitution** – Commissioned by the Office of the Attorney General, The Justice Sectoral Working Group, Pretoria – The House – Jean du Plessis
- **A Survey of Juvenile Prostitution in Johannesburg: the perspective of The House** - Commissioned by the HSRC (Human Sciences Research Council) for publication – The House - Jean du Plessis
- **Child prostitution** – Commissioned by the Ministry of Safety and Security, Gauteng - The House – Adele du Plessis
- **Emerging Global Trends on Sex Work** – Commissioned by the Ministry of Safety and Security, Gauteng - The House – Jean du Plessis
- Department of Justice (Issue Paper) – **Protection of children against sexual exploitation**
- Department of Justice (Sectoral Working Group - Report to Steering Committee of the NPA) – **Plan of action dealing with: The abuse of children (sexual, physical, mental), Pornography (the use of children for, the protection of children from), Labour exploitation, the juvenile justice system with explicit reference to the juvenile sexual offender**
- Gauteng Legislature (Gauteng Welfare Bills) – **Gauteng Welfare Relations Bill, Gauteng Street Children’s Shelters Bill, Regional Social Welfare Institute Bill**
- Department of welfare (Consultative Committee - NPA) – Commercial sexual exploitation of children
- **The precepts of Buddhism as a cognitive behavioural therapeutic approach in teenage prostitutes** Commissioned by University of the Witwatersrand, Theological Department - The House – Jean du Plessis
- Ministry of Safety and Security, Gauteng (Draft Policy Document / Working Committee) – **Decriminalising Sex Work**
- Constitutional assembly – **National Children’s Rights public hearing**
- Goldstone – commission of inquiry regarding the prevention of public violence and intimidation (Working Forum – Violence and the Children) – **”The Effects of Public Violence on Children”**
- Department of social Services and Population Development (**Child Prostitute Bust Project**) – working closely with the child protection unit, Braamfontein
- Department of Welfare and Population Development (Draft Welfare Plan) – **Welfare Plan on HIV/Aids**
- South African Law Commission (Draft National Policy) - **HIV/Aids and Discrimination in Schools**
- South African Law Commission (Focus Group) – **Legislating for Child Protection**

- S.A. National Council for Child Welfare – **An Investigation of the needs of Child victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation**

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

'01

- **Sex-Industry Awareness Workshop** - Windsor, Ontario
- **'The Other Side of Help'** – Consul General Mrs Sue Ford Patrick, United States – round table discussion

'00

- **The Millennium of the Child: Partnerships Across Sectors to shape the Future** - *[presentation]* – Department of Welfare
- **From Answers to Action Conference on Healing Prostitution** – Edmonton, Canada
- **Drug Education, Treatment, and Prevention** - 21 day programme, Sponsored by the USA Embassy. Visited 5 states: Washington - DC, Raleigh – North Carolina, Denver – Colorado, Geneseo – Illinois, San Diego – California.
- **Strategic Workshop-** *[presentation]* – Pretoria Regional Alliance for Children on the Streets

'99

- **HIV/AIDS epidemic in South Africa** – Ambassador James Joseph, United States Ambassador to South Africa – round table discussion

'98

- **Public Education on Gauteng Welfare Bills** – Social Welfare and Development Committee
- **"Hillbrow's Children"** - **Child Protection Unit and Department Welfare** – *[present 2 day training workshop]*

'97

- **Crime and Domestic Violence** – First Lady Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, United States - round table discussion
- **Children In Prostitution In The Inner City** – *[present 2 day workshop]* - Department Welfare and Child Protection Unit, Johannesburg.
- **Aids in Africa / Aids and the Church**– *[presentation]* – IFCC
- **HIV/Aids** – *[presentation]* – HIV Education and Support Group, East Rand
- **Aids Care Conference**– Gauteng Provincial Government – Health Department Policy
- **Working Therapeutically with Adult Survivors** – South African Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
- **The House in Hillbrow** – *[presentation]* – Rotary

'96

- **National World Congress against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children** - Stockholm, Sweden
- **Decriminalisation of Prostitution Workshop** - Gauteng Safety and Security *[presentations: Adele du Plessis, Jean du Plessis, Bill Domeris, Madonna Masemola, 2 x rehabilitated prostitutes]*
- **Child Prostitution Workshop** - National Welfare *[presentations: Adele and Jean du Plessis]*
- **HIV/Aids, Prostitution and Drug Addiction** *[presentation]* -Barney Hurwitz Nursing College
- **Post-Traumatic Stress, International Conference** *[presentation]* – University of the Witwatersrand (Wits University), Department of Psychology
- **HIV/Aids, Prostitution and Drug Addiction** *[present monthly lectures]* - The Community Aids Information and Support Centre, Hillbrow
- **Towards A Transformation Process**– National Children's Rights Committee (NCRC)
- **Troubled Youth** –Childline
- **Child Abuse Seminar** – Child Abuse Action Group

'95

- **HIV/Aids, Prostitution and Drug Addiction** [presentation] -Barney Hurwitz Nursing College
 - **Children involved in Prostitution** [presentations: Adele and Jean du Plessis] - Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and Department Welfare
 - **Street Children: From Resolutions To Action** [workgroup leader HIV/Aids] - Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) and Department Welfare. The House questions again [’93]: absence of female street child in research and lack of condoms for children, thus lack of protection
 - **Child/Youth Focus Group** – Health, Housing and Urbanisation Directorate
 - **Working with Abused Children** - National Child Care Workers annual conference [presentation]
 - **HIV/Aids, Prostitution and Drug Addiction** [present monthly lectures] –The Community Aids Information and Support Centre, Hillbrow
 - **Alcohol & drug dependence** – Centre for Alcohol and Drug Studies – 12th Summer School
 - **“How can we address the problem of substance abuse in Gauteng”** – Gauteng Substance Abuse Forum
- ’94**
- **Sexual Abuse, Runaways and Drug Addiction** [presentation] - Rotary Conference
 - **Sexual Abuse, Runaways, Juvenile Prostitution** [presentation] - NACCW [National Child Care Workers] annual conference
 - **HIV/Aids, Prostitution and Drug Addiction** [present monthly lectures] - Esselen Street Outreach HIV/Aids Education
 - **Child Abuse Seminar & Inner-City Mission-** [presentations, Jean and Adele]
- ’93**
- **HIV/Aids - Prostitution** – University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria - The House questions: lack of research and knowledge on child prostitution?
 - **Child Abuse, Teenagers and Drugs** – [presentation] – Intercon ’93
 - **Street Children - HIV/Aids** – University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria - The House questions: absence of female street child in research and lack of condoms for children, thus lack of protection
 - **Women and Aids** [presentation] – National AIDS Training and Outreach Programme
 - **Prevent Violence and Negligence in South Africa** – World Health Day Symposium
 - **Sexual Abuse, Runaways and Drug Addiction** [presentation] - Rotary Anne's Annual Conference
 - **Alcohol & drug dependence** – Centre for Alcohol and Drug Studies – 10th Summer School
- ’92**
- **Drug Addiction** – Sanca - The House stresses - 'grass roots' knowledge vital!
 - **Sexual Abuse, Runaways and Drug Addiction** [presentation] - Rotary Interact
- ’91**
- **Satanism and its Link to the Drug Subculture** – [presentation] – SA National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION

- **Tanzania** – Dar-es-Salaam. Worked with Salvation Army and Kweto Street Child programmes.
- **Sweden** – Stockholm. Delivered commissioned paper and facilitated workshop at International Conference. Worked with Radda Banen.
- **United Kingdom** – London. Worked in Kings Cross with Salvation Army and visited various programmes in London.
- **Belgium** – Brussels. Worked with young women around North Station and visited various organisations in Antwerpen.
- **Netherlands** – Amsterdam, Utrecht and Rotterdam. Work-study along with Child Protection Unit and agencies caring for drug addicted persons. Worked in each city's 'red light district' and in the non-tolerated (unofficial) areas.
- **India** – Bombay, Puna and Silvassa. Advised three programmes on strategy, management and fundraising.
- **Mauritius** – Advised Care For Our Children in management, awareness and startup techniques.
- **Canada** – Edmonton, Alberta - Toronto and Windsor, Ontario. Attended two conferences, connected with various Canadian and US organisations and individuals, facilitated workshop on International Trends in the Sex Industry.
- **USA** – Washington, DC - Raleigh, North Carolina - Denver, Colorado – Illinois - San Diego, California - Detroit, Michigan. Connected with about 25 organisations, Police departments, NGOs, Government agencies working with drug, HIV and prostitution related issues.

TELEVISION COVERAGE (national and international)

'01

- o Youth, Sex And Drugs – *Felicia, E-TV* – January '01
- o Child Prostitution – “*Take 5*”, *SABC 1, Youth Education* – February '01
- o Sex, Cents and Religion - *SABC3* – January '01
- o Prostitution, a dead end street – *Current Affairs Films* - scheduled

'00

- o Shelter for child prostitute might close! – *News Line, SABC* – April '00

'98

- o The House – *Under the Sun, SABC2* – July '98
- o Abandoned Children – SA's new time bomb – *Two Way, SABC2* – August '98

'97

- o Child Prostitution / The House – *Inside Info, TV2* – April '97
- o The House - *Community Network, M-Net* - January '97
- o Legal Prostitution - Child Prostitution - *Agenda, TV1* - February '97
- o Spirituality of The House - *Rarer than Rubies, M-Net* - 22 March '97
- o Sex Workers (paned discussion) – *Future Imperfect, SABC2* – declined

'96

- o Child-care Facilities - *Credo, TV1* - February '96
- o The House - *Ithuba, Win-and-Spin, TV1* - April '96
- o The House and the plight of juvenile prostitutes - *GMSA, TV2* - June '96
- o Decriminalisation of Prostitution and the lack of Welfare resources - *GMSA, TV2* - June '96
- o Decriminalisation of Prostitution and its effect on women and the girl child - *GMSA, TV2* - July '96
- o Addicted to Life - *Series on Drug Addiction, The House* featuring on 3 of the programs, *TV1, TV2, TV3* - scheduled for July '96 to June '97
- o Drug Addiction - *TV1* - July '96
- o M-Net 10 year anniversary - *Carte Blanche, M-Net* - October '96
- o Runaways - *Series on youth, TV1 and TV2* - scheduled for December '96
- o Decriminalising Prostitution – *FMS TV* - declined

'95

- o Prostitution and Aids - *Medic Air, CCV* - January '95
- o The House - murder of a child prostitute- *Carte Blanche, M-Net* - February '95
- o Mary Magdalene Chapel - *Koinonia, TV1* - March '95
- o Child sexual abuse and its consequences - *Agenda, TV1* - April '95
- o Sexually transmitted diseases and drug abuse - *Medic Air, CCV* - June '95
- o Teenage prostitution - *People, CCV* - July '95
- o The House and teenage prostitution - *Community Outreach, M-Net* - August '95
- o Child/teenage prostitution - *People, NNTV* - August '95
- o Teenage drug addiction - 2 x *Teleschool, CCV and NNTV* - July / August '95
- o Child prostitution - 2 x *Teleschool, CCV and NNTV* - July / August '95
- o Prostitution, the oldest profession- *Religious Talk-show, M-Net* - September '95+
- o Runaways - the girl child - *Psychology on the Air, TV1* - September '95
- o Legislation of Prostitution - *Carte Blanche, M-Net* - Sept '95
- o Teenage Prostitution - *Psychology on the Air, TV1* - October '95

'94

- o The House, 2 years later - *Carte Blanche, M-Net* - May '94
- o 'Thank you' sketch - *Carte Blanche, M-Net* - June '94
- o Legalisation of prostitution - *News Line, CCV* - August '94
- o Legalisation of prostitution - *Agenda, TV1* - September '94

- Child prostitution - *In search for Common Ground*, NNTV - October '94
- '93**
 - Living with Aids - *CCTV*, 13 part series - from January to March '93
 - Runaways and sexual abuse - *GMSA*, *TV1* - July '93
 - Child prostitution - *Dutch TV* - August/September '93
 - Child prostitution - *BBC* - September/October '93
 - SHADOW WORLDS – *TV1*, *TSS*, *CCTV* – 13 part series with *The House* featuring on 1 & 3 of the programmes – October to December '93
 - Twilight Children – *FMS TV* - declined
- '92**
 - Teenage prostitution - *Carte Blanche*, *M-Net* - February '92
 - Condom distribution - *Agenda*, *TV1* - April '92
 - AIDS and syringe distribution - *Carte Blanche*, *M-Net* - April '92

PRINTED MEDIA (national and international)

'00

- o South Africa's Sick Trade in Young Girls – *Reader's Digest* – June '00
- o Door closes for sex victims – *Saturday Star* – 8 April '00
- o Jong vlees (Young flesh) – *Publication in the Netherlands* – 14 June '00
- o Thin edge on the wedge – *Sunday Tribune* – March '00
- o Child sex shock – *Sowetan* – October '00

'99

- o The roots, shoots and fruits of Coke – *Servamus* – Julie '99

'98

- o Murder of and/or violence against sex workers – *Mail & Guardian* – November '98

'97

- o Children in Prostitution - *True Love Magazine* - March '97
- o Vrouens in die gemeenskap – *De Kat* – Mei '97

'96

- o Prostitutes vulnerable and in need of protection – *The Star* – November '96
- o Legalise and protect prostitutes, urges Duarte – *The Star* – October '96
- o Crackdown on Pimps soon – *The Star* – October '96
- o Prostitutsie 'moenie meer misdaad wees' – *Beeld* – 30 October '96
- o Ex-hooker alleges rape – *Citizen* – 29 October '96
- o Rescuing girls from doom - *Sowetan* - February '96
- o A sex worker speaks out / The Legal Perspective - *Femina* – February '96
- o The House - *Sowetan* - March '96
- o A Sex Worker speaks out - *Femina* - February '96
- o Sex 'steamers' targeted – Police to crack down on Hillbrow's Beat Street - *Sunday Star* - April '96
- o The House, project for the city's abused girls - *City Vision* - August '96
- o Dekriminalisering van Prostitusie - *Rooi Rose* - scheduled for November '96
- o Decriminalising of Prostitution - *Femina* - November '96
- o Why do men o to prostitutes? – *Marie Claire* - declined

'95

- o Conference on Child Prostitution - The House – *The Star* - March '95
- o Liefde, skoon spuitnaalde en hulp vir die jong meisies - *Beeld* - March '95
- o Tieners en hulle probleme - *Beeld* - March '95
- o On the street in Hillbrow – at the age of 13 – *The Star* – March '95
- o Hillbrow's house of hope for child prostitutes – *The Star* - May '95
- o Child prostitution a reality - *Sowetan* - May '95
- o A haven in Hillbrow -? – April '95
- o Sarah ... 'n prostituut – *Beeld* – 28 March '95
- o "Niks kan ooit die seer in my wegvat" – *Beeld* – November '95
- o Child prostitution on the rise ... - *Bona* - August '95
- o The House, Hillbrow's place of hope for abused youth – *Youth Challenge* - June '95
- o The problem of sexual abuse - *Upbeat Magazine* - June/July '95
- o The trauma of teenage prostitution – *The Star* - July '95
- o The House - *City Vision* - August '95
- o Photo Essay on child prostitution in Hillbrow – *Tania Spence / HSRC* – we declined

'94

- o Prostitutes would like to wed - *Citizen* - May '94
- o 'n Stille noodkreet wat min mense verstaan - *Beeld* - 8 July '94
- o 'n Huis met warmte en liefde - *Beeld* - 8 July '94
- o No child sex ring, say police - *Weekend Star* - 20-21 August '94

- Legalising Prostitution: the pros and cons – *Femina* June '94
 - Kapel gestig om meisies van die nag te bedien - *Beeld* - 9 September '94
 - Drug addicts overdosing on state red tape - *Sunday Times* - 30 October '94
 - Prostitution and drugs - *Sowetan* - November '94
 - The waifs and strays are not forgotten - *Weekend Star* - 24-25 December '94
- '93**
- Probe shock: Girls of 12 are hookers - *The Citizen* - 17 May '93
 - Police 'flush out' child prostitutes from agencies - *The Citizen* - 18 May '93
 - Volunteers rescue child prostitutes - *The Citizen* - 18 May '93
 - Hillbrow's pretty babies - *Weekly Mail* - 19 March '93
 - 'Mother' of the streets - *The Citizen* - 9 June '93
 - Pathetic girls not rich nymphomaniacs - *Sunday Star* - '93
 - Kinder prostitute 'n werklikheid! - *Rapport* - '93
- '92**
- Tragic 'Carte Blanche' insert touches, saddens - *Pretoria News* - 25 February '92
 - Kinder-prostitute word hier gehelp - *Beeld* - 19 March '92
 - Pathetic girls Inot 'rich nymphos' – *Sunday Star* - 12 April '92
 - Prostitution – *Catalyst (Wits Campus Crusade)* - August '92
 - The House is Hillbrow's only hope - *Pretoria News* - 2 April '92
 - Heiress in the fast lane to hell - *New Idea* - 25 May '92
 - Trying to go straight - *New Idea*, 25 May '92
 - Sex, Drugs and Death - *Top 40* - June '92
 - Children of the night - *You* - 24 September '92
 - Kinders van die nag - *Huisgenoot* - 24 September '92
 - Firm misused us, says Hillbrow shelter – *The Star* – 5 October '92
 - 'n Hawe vir wegloopkinders in Hillbrow - *Rooi Rose* - 7 October '92

RADIO PROGRAMMES

'98

- Women And Children In Prostitution – *Hope FM* – August '96

'96

- Drug Addiction - *Hope FM* - April '96
- Runaways - *Hope FM* - May '96
- Decriminalisation of Prostitution - *Religion on the line, SAFM* - October '96

'95

- The Phenomenon of Child Prostitution - *Religion on the line, SAFM* - April '95
- A Question of Faith - *SAFM* - May '95
- Child Abuse - *Solid Gold* - July '95

'94

- Street children - *Radio South Africa* - July '94
- Hoekom is daar wegloop kinders? (*Why is there runaway children*) - *Radio South Africa* - October '94
- Teenagers and their problems - *Radio South Africa* - October '94

'93

- Talk-show - *Radio 5*
- Talk-show - *Radio 702*

'92

- Sexual abuse and runaways - *Radio Pulpit* - March '92
- Sexual abuse and runaways - *Radio Pulpit* - September '92