

# 'Strippers are Loaded'

SOME WOMEN may make good money from stripping but the industry is rigged to make this almost impossible without providing 'additional services'. Performers only get £20 a dance yet they have to pay to work in clubs and give back a portion of takings to the club.

Some nights it is possible to actually lose money

Lucy

PERFORMERS must also buy expensive 'House Clothes', work on quiet week days in order to work the more profitable weekends & are fined frequently on the flimsiest of excuses ('not smiling enough', 'chewing gum'). On top of this clubs will have far too many performers for punters, making it even harder for any one dancer to make good money.

I frequently was only making enough to cover the house fee, train tickets & the cost of a B&B with no profit for myself

Liz

From the first night, I was in debt to the club. You pay to go to work. You have to buy your uniform from the club. You pay for any drinks. The only money you earn you earn off customers who come in and want you to dance. If you start work at 8.30, it can be 11 o'clock or midnight before you get a dance

Vicky

**70% of dancers MAKE NO MONEY by the end of their shift <sup>1</sup>**  
According to the largest study ever conducted of the UK industry  
(and that is by a pro-sex industry academic)

EVEN IF every woman in it made lots of money, does that really make it OK? Is it really OK for men to buy women if 'the price is right'?

The point about lap dancing clubs is to ask what they represent culturally and what they do to all of us, not just women working in them

Elena

Even if lap dancers did make loads of money, it would be irrelevant - paying a lot for something doesn't make it all right

Elena

SOMETIMES the places women make the most money are the most abusive. Take Cheltenham, where 'pop up' strip clubs open up over race week. The money might be good but the women are treated particularly badly: <sup>2</sup>

They're gross, they grab you all over and there's nothing you can do

girls grind over men on chairs .."£20 for a dance" or "£40 for a naughty", which meant "you can get hands-on

They grasped at flesh, grinding aggressively against women and leering at them

## Find Out More

<sup>1</sup> Sanders et al 'The Regulatory Dance: Sexual consumption in the night time economy. Summary of final

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/cheltenham-festival-hosts-royalty-by-day-galloping-sexism-by-night-v7lsmh13h>

**Vicky, Lucy, Elena.** Read their testimonies and more at <http://www.notbuyingit.org.uk/publications#Strip>