

**SQUEEGEE PUNKS
REUNITE: SAFE
STREETS FOR ALL**

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RESEARCH ORIGINS & PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES



"...it really it just gave me a way to make money because I think I would have spiraled down into depression that like a lot of people get into a never come out of it.... Would give me some confidence, too like, you know, like, I'm going to get out of this. I'm going to be fine."

Addie Age 47

RESEARCH BACKGROUND AND IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

" You know, when you're a teenager, you think that the world is looking at you and everything's about you anyways. Yeah. So to be in a situation where, you know, the newspapers and the provincial government, like, like I honestly like we, I thought we were like, you know, the criminal element of Gotham City." Bella, age 44



SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

"WE WEREN'T ALLOWED
TO THRIVE AND NOW WE
HAVE TO FIGHT TO
SURVIVE"

Alora, age 43

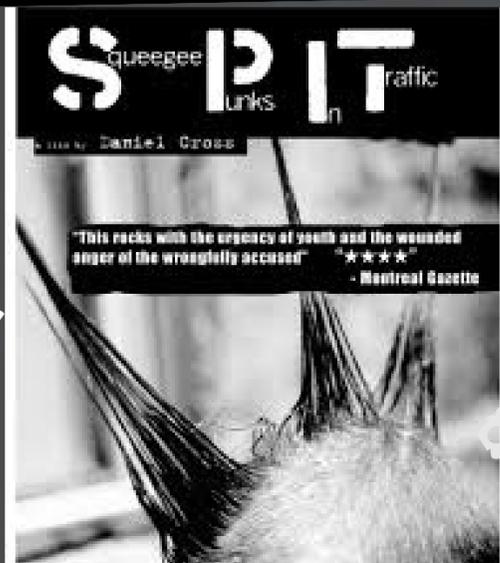
■ "Okay, so when I was a squeegee kid on the street and stuff
■ and this shit happened to me, right And everyone told me it
■ happened to me because I was, like, worthless street kid on
■ the street, right? Versus now it's still happening to me and I'm
■ doing all the things that they told me I was supposed to do. So
■ the shit would stop happening to me."

Moses age 44



THE IMPORTANCE OF LIVED EXPERIENCE

"And it's not understood by the general society. It's not understood by people that are pissed off that you're coming at their car with a squeegee. You know, it's not understood by the politicians or fucking anyone else unless you lived it, you know?
Eva age 35 "



" Nothing about us without us" Eva age 35

"we were surviving together"
Moses, age 44

WHAT DO SQUEEGEE PUNKS

HAVE TO SAY ?

"SO WE'RE BRINGING IN PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS OR STRUGGLES OR PEOPLE THAT ARE ACTIVELY USING AND WE'RE TRAINING THEM TO WORK IN HARM REDUCTION, THINGS LIKE THAT. THAT DIDN'T EXIST, YOU KNOW, IN THE NINETIES AND EARLY 2000, I THINK COULD REALLY BENEFIT THE YOUTH BEFORE" EVA, AGE 35

"I'M NOT REPRESENTED. YOU WANT TO HEAR ME? WHY? YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME AND MINE. BECAUSE IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME OTHER THAN ME BEING THE PROBLEM FOR YOU" ALORA, AGE 43

"AND THE OTHER THING TOO, IT IS AN ATTACK ON POOR PEOPLE. BUT THE OTHER THING TOO IS LIKE THOSE ARE LIKE I CAN TALK ABOUT IT AND LIKE WHATEVER. BUT THE REAL PEOPLE LIKE THAT, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST HARMED BY THOSE THINGS PROBABLY ARE JUST NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO YOUR RESEARCH BECAUSE THEY'RE FUCKING DEAD."

BELLA AGED 44

"I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S ANYTHING THAT REALLY COULD HAVE BEEN DONE. BUT I KNOW THAT THERE WAS HARM THAT COULD HAVE BEEN REDUCED. AND I KNOW, YOU KNOW, WE SEE THE SAME THING TODAY, ALTHOUGH I THINK TODAY IT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE". BELLA AGED 44

**THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING**

