

RSVP survivor steering group – bold, believing and big-hearted.



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A new steering group led by survivors of sexual violence and abuse in Birmingham and Solihull will inform RSVP's work and support us to achieve our mission:

To support people who have been subjected to sexual violence and abuse to thrive and enjoy a future of hope and confidence.

We boldly stand with survivors and challenge victim-blaming attitudes.



We are looking for individuals to influence strategic and operational decisions about RSVP's future direction, services and other areas of the organisation.

You will play an important role in ensuring that survivors' voices and needs are central to decision-making. The work you will be involved in includes, but is not limited to:

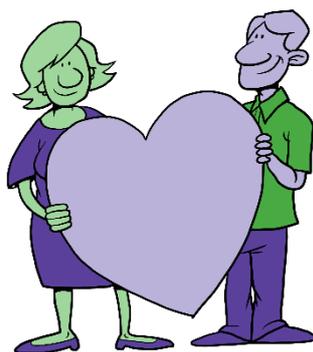
- Supporting decisions around services, for example how counselling sessions are delivered, or the types of group support we offer
- Ensuring our work is reaching all survivors, and meeting the needs of seldom heard voices
- Ensuring survivors' needs inform decision-making, including survivors not involved in the steering group
- Supporting key recruitment decisions
- Supporting communications, how should we talk about the work we do?
- Influencing decisions about future strategy and organisational focus, in partnership with RSVP's board of trustees
- Influencing team training and the training we offer to the public and other professionals
- Campaigns and public events

You will also play a key role in shaping the steering group, including:

- How the group meets and works together, and how often, including shared responsibilities (i.e. chairing meetings)
- How the make-up of the group can best reflect the diversity of survivors
- Ensuring everyone's voice is heard in the group
- Priorities for the group
- Arranging sub-groups, i.e. for older survivors, women only, men only etc. We intend for sub-groups to be in place from the beginning.

This is a paid opportunity:

Participants will be paid £60 per meeting attended (approximately 1.5 hours, each month). Refreshments will be provided at meetings.



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About you:

- You are currently using or have used RSVP's services in the past (even if for a short time).
- You share RSVP's values of bold, big-hearted belief in all survivors
- You are age 18 or over (we are developing a separate under 18s steering group, email for info).
- You are willing to attend meetings, read notes and take an active part in the group.
Meetings will be a blend of in-person at our Birmingham office, and virtual.

Please note that there is no requirement or expectation for you to discuss any details about the violence and abuse you have been subjected to. This is not a therapy or support group.

If you are interested in taking part, please complete the brief application form and submit by email to lisa@rsvporg.co.uk. If you would like to arrange a discussion, please email Lisa Thompson lisa@rsvporg.co.uk