The Future of Support

Strategic Plan
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SURVIVORS UK
male rape and sexual abuse
EVERY VICTIM/SURVIVOR OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE*, REGARDLESS OF GENDER IDENTITY, IS EMPOWERED TO SPEAK OUT AND SEEK SUPPORT.

*We use the phrase ‘sexual violence’ to recognise that violence can take many forms, not just physical.
SurvivorsUK supports those aged 13+ with male and non-binary identities, or anyone who thinks we are the right fit for them, who have been sexually abused, assaulted or raped. We challenge myths and misunderstandings around sexual violence that affect these victims/survivors, and with them build communities and supportive spaces.

As an organisation based in London, our immediate focus for our face-to-face services is on London communities. However, our campaigns, support services and activities will invariably benefit wider national communities and the public at large, especially as we embrace digital communications and technologies. Further, as we recognise that we work in a field where men and boys may feel disempowered, or be struggling to find support, we pledge to attempt to help wherever we can, and act as an important signposting service. We will never simply turn people away.

We recognise that sexual violence does not occur in a vacuum, and can often be better understood within a context of wider patterns of abuse and power. Consequently some of our work will naturally intersect with other subject areas, such as domestic violence, education on consent and the construction and representation of masculine identities.

We put our beneficiaries front and centre, and endeavour to listen and consult with them to drive our organisation forward and better cater for their needs. We do not claim to be ‘experts’ - rather we are leading specialists in working with male victims of sexual violence.
OUR VALUES
COMPASSIONATE
INCLUSIVE
ADVENTUROUS
BOLD
COLLABORATIVE
EMPOWERING
OPTIMISTIC
Faced with unprecedented demand, and to continue reaching as many people as possible, we will develop innovative new services with a wider reach. Our plans include the creation of podcasts, a series of self-help factsheets, drop-in services and workshops.

These services will complement our existing services, which will be modernised to make them more flexible and better suited to our beneficiaries’ needs. Our ultimate aim is to provide a unified pyramid of services, meaning that the needs of everyone - our existing beneficiaries and those we have yet to reach - can be met with a tailored package of support, without sacrificing the provision of quality, longer-term support that is our benchmark.

Pyramid of Service Provision

To reach more people and to broaden the support we offer...
Our successful groupwork pilot will be expanded and extended over the next five years, to create services that everyone can access with minimised waiting times. From initial drop-in support our beneficiaries can progress through one-off group interventions, through our groupwork programme, and onto ongoing and peer support.

A range of additional activities will be planned and established, including social activities, guest speakers, recreational groups and clubs and weekend retreats, to build a sense of community and safety.

To involve you...

We are nothing without our beneficiaries, and will harness the incredible range of skills and life experiences represented in our organisation in order to plan and build for the future. We will create a beneficiary panel that will help shape our services, use volunteers and community members wherever possible in shaping the delivery of services, and produce a charter, detailing what anyone can expect from SurvivorsUK, and also how they can contribute to our community.
Whether you have feedback for us, questions about our services or just want to chat, we would love to hear from you. You can call us on 02035983898, email us at info@survivorsuk.org or simply visit survivorsuk.org

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