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Taking action. Creating change.
Preventing child sexual abuse.

WELCOME TO OUR

Pracitioners Newsletter

In this edition you will find:

The latest events, reports and key updates.
As well as hearing from one our Survivor Advisory Community.

Recent publications



[Truth Project - research paper 2 - using staff training and consultation](#)

[Truth Project - research paper 1 - how did survivors experience participation?](#)

[Support matters: an overview of services for children and parents affected by sexual abuse](#)

[Internet Watch Foundation annual report](#)

[Recommendations for Change: an NSPCC learning podcast series](#)

Recent Updates



With the announcement of the General Election by the Prime Minister significant changes occurred in the policy areas.....

Victim and Prisoners Bill

This Bill is now an Act. It was chosen to go through 'wash up' and has had its third reading and passed royal assent. This was very important to ICCSA Changemakers because so many survivors had given their experiences and expertise to the work to develop the positions for this bill. If it had not gone through the wins we achieved would have been lost.

Changemaker organisations came together to strengthen the bill for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.

Criminal Justice Bill

This unfortunately did not make it into 'wash up' which means the bill has been dropped. This is most directly relevant to the area of our work on Mandatory Reporting (MR). At the moment we've had no reply about what will happen to MR in general and officials have said they will release a written statement in due course after the pre election period is concluded. The fact this bill is being dropped is clearly impactful on victims and survivors.

Law of Apologies

ICCSA Changemakers did submit to this consultation, working with NAPAC. However, the timeline of a response is unknown because of the election changes.

Finally...

We want to acknowledge that many of our Survivor Advisory Community and wider colleagues are feeling a deep tiredness at the moment, which often arises when faced with yet another change or shift in the landscape and timelines of our work around child sexual abuse. It remains incredibly important that we look out for each other and are flagging services where they might be helpful.

The Survivor Advisory Community has opened its doors!

→ 25 MEMBERS CURRENTLY

→ THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON VCOP, MANDATORY REPORTING, PRESS PIECES, SURVEYS AND CONSULTATIONS SO FAR!

Meet... Elizabeth

Elizabeth is a member of the IICSA Changemakers Survivor Advisory Community, she is also an author, poet, public speaker.

Before writing her first book, '**Silhouette of a Songbird**', Elizabeth had never read or written any poetry. Her previous counsellor suggested finding a hobby as an outlet which Elizabeth did somewhat reluctantly, joining a community choir.

To her surprise, singing in choir had such a positive impact on her mental health, it encouraged Elizabeth to try other creative avenues taking up singing lessons, drama and creative writing to improve her lack of confidence. With encouragement and support from her drama teacher, Elizabeth began to explore poetry as a creative tool to express all the bottled-up feelings, anger and pain she struggled to articulate as a child.

As well as giving talks about her lived experiences, supporting charities and organisations through writing, podcasts and speaking engagements, Elizabeth uses her poetry to give strength and hope for all those who are searching to make sense of a traumatic past, to empower others to have a voice and right to be heard. She continues to raise awareness of the complexities and impact of childhood trauma to break the stigma and silence around difficult conversations, including the benefits of creative arts.

Elizabeth also loves to explore the humorous side of day to day living, writing comedic verse as a way of navigating some of life's trials and tribulations.

If anyone wishes to learn more about Elizabeth's work, please do feel free to check out her website: www.elizabethshane.com. By sharing her journey, Elizabeth hopes this will help others feel understood and know they are not alone.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SURVIVOR ADVISORY COMMUNITY AND THE WORK THEY DO IN CHANGEMAKERS, OR HOW TO JOIN, PLEASE EMAIL THE SURVIVOR PARTICIPATION MANAGER AT DENISE.PRINGLE@NSPCC.ORG.UK

Changemaker Spotlight chats

A CHANCE TO SEE THE HUMANS BEHIND THE NAME

Episode 1: Clare Kelly (Head of Programmes IICSA Changemakers)

Episode 2: Matthew McVarish (Survivor, Activist and Co-Founder of The Brave Movement)

Episode 3: Susie Hargreaves OBE (CEO of Internet Watch Foundation) **Coming soon!**

Episode 4: Gabrielle Shaw (CEO of NAPAC) **Coming soon!**

Episode 5: Jess Edwards (Senior Policy Adviser – Childhood Harms at Barnardos) **Coming soon!**

Upcoming events



IPPPRI AND VSCP WEBINAR 4 (ONLINE): 28TH JUNE

SUPPORTING PARENTS/CARES WHEN THEIR CHILD MAY HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED - CENTRE OF EXPERTISE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: 18TH JUNE

WE ARE ALWAYS KEEN TO HEAR ABOUT OTHER WORK HAPPENING IN THE SECTOR, SO IF YOU'D LIKE RESEARCH, EVENTS OR PROJECTS UPLIFTED AND SHARED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER THEN PLEASE CONTACT CLARE & DENISE.

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