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United against sexual violence & abuse in a changing landscape

A conference to **connect**, **empower** and **support** professionals working with sexual violence and sexual abuse support services.



Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September 2024



Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Staffordshire



The Survivors Trust Conference 2024

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Here in the UK we have experienced some turbulent years. Covid, cost of living crisis, political uncertainty here and globally have all put pressure on the way we live our lives as well as the way we operate in the voluntary sector. However, amongst any type of change, one thing remains constant, the need for anyone affected by sexual violence or abuse to be able to access the right kind of support, at the right time.

To mark 21 years of The Survivors Trust, we are inviting you to join us for a two-day conference at Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Staffordshire. The conference will be opened by our new Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls, Jess Phillips MP.

The conference is designed to connect, empower and support professionals working within the sexual violence and abuse voluntary sector, enabling us to learn more about what the future holds in our sector under the new government.

You will have the opportunity to listen to a diverse range of keynote speakers exploring key topics for the sector, as well as attending a choice of workshops and discussion groups which will provide a valuable opportunity to connect with others working within the sector.

For everyone working in specialist sexual violence and abuse services the conflict we feel between what we want to do and what we're able to do can be frustrating and overwhelming. To help ensure we are able to continue our work we must take time to nurture our souls. This is why opportunities for self-care and socialising have been interwoven within our conference schedule. You're free to take up any, all or none, as you wish. We look forward to you joining us for this special event.

The Survivors Trust



What to expect:

The conference will take place on **Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September 2024** at **Yarnfield Park Training and Conference Centre**. Across both days we strive to ensure attendees feel connected, supported and empowered in their work. Our programme has been carefully planned to ensure you have plenty of choices to suit your needs.



Opportunity to connect

We understand working in the voluntary sector can at times feel isolating and it is difficult to find the time to network. Our conference will provide a great opportunity to speak to and connect with others working in similar roles, during the breaks, or via our evening drinks reception, dinner and quiz.

Insightful & informative talks

Keynote opening from Jess Phillips MP. Jess Phillips, MP for Birmingham and Yardley has been a long-standing campaigner to end sexual violence and child sexual abuse. She has been brought to the front bench under our new government and we are delighted that she will be delivering our keynote opening speech setting out ways in which the government will tackle its ambitious target of halving violence against women and girls and supporting the work we do in the voluntary sector. We also have Professor Alexis Jay, Chair of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, Dr Elly Hanson, Duncan Craig OBE and Professor Caroline Bradbury-Jones. With many more speakers to be confirmed shortly

Discussion groups & knowledge sharing

Discussion groups will take place on both days of the conference giving you a chance to explore topics in more depth and offer an opportunity for knowledge sharing with people working in similar roles. The groups will be tailored for CEO's; Governance; ISVA Service Managers and Therapists.

A choice of workshops

You'll be able to choose to attend a workshop on both days of the conference. Topics include: funding; pre-trial therapy; online sexual violence, health & nutrition for recovery, working with neurodiversity and much more.

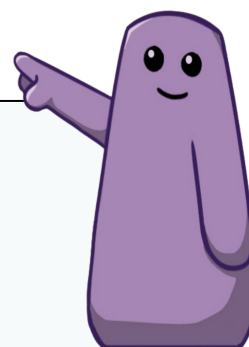
Support & empowerment

We want everyone working in the sexual violence and abuse sector to remember to prioritise their own health and wellbeing too! To help encourage you to recharge we'll be offering a range of self-care activities including: morning yoga; crafts; a sound bath and more.

THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Speakers, workshops & discussion groups

We have a number of keynote speakers lined-up with more to be confirmed soon! **However, please note that speakers and the schedule could be subject to change.**



Keynote Speakers

Jess Phillips MP
Minister for Safeguarding

Samantha
A Survivor's Viewpoint

Fay Maxted OBE
CEO of The Survivors Trust

Duncan Craig OBE,
CEO of We Are Survivors

Dr. Elly Hanson
Clinical Psychologist and researcher

Workshop Choices

Boom & bust funding
Session lead: Carol Older

Working with dual-status clients
Session lead: Linda Lewis

Health & nutrition for recovery
Session lead: Chris Tuck

Sexual Violence Online
Session lead: Andy Briercliffe

Discussion Group Choices

Therapists - working in prisons
Session lead: Duncan Craig, OBE

Governance: Storm in a teacup
Session Leads: Donal Carmody and Chris Sharif

ISVA Service Managers
Session Lead: Angela Kennedy

Sibling Abuse
Session Lead: Chrissie Sanderson

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

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Keynote Speakers

Alexis Jay, CBE
Chair of IICSA enquiry

Caroline Bradbury-Jones
Professor of Gender-based violence and health

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Workshop Choices

Pre-trial therapy
Session lead: Linda Lewis

"Ask the Question"
Session Leads: Lynne Casserly & Sarah Thompson

Emotional Freedom Techniques
Session Lead: Tania A Prince

"Don't Steal My Future"
Session Lead: Fflur Emlyn

Discussion Group Choices

Working the edge: the emotional experiences of commissioning and funding arrangements for service leaders in the sexual violence voluntary sector.
Session lead: Harriet Smailes

IICSA recommendations: what is means for the sector
Session Lead: Lucy Duckworth

ISVA Service Managers
Session Lead: Helen Jackson

Working with neurodiversity
Session Lead: Chrissie Sanderson

For TST Member Agencies who are concerned about costs, please contact lisa.smith@thesurvivorstrust.org to discuss bursary options which will be considered on a case by case basis.

Tickets

We strive to ensure attendance is possible for anyone who wishes to join us and have a variety of ticket options available. Tickets are available to book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-survivors-trust-conference-2024-tickets-870883515037

TWO-DAY TICKET (19TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER) <i>INCLUDES OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION ON THE 19TH SEPTEMBER & MEALS</i>	
TST Member Agency	£280
Voluntary Sector	£320
Statutory Organisation	£390
ONE-DAY TICKET (19TH OR 20TH SEPTEMBER)	
TST Member Agency	£120
Voluntary Sector	£150
Statutory Organisation	£190

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR TICKET](#)

FREE ISVA DEVELOPMENT PLACES!

We are delighted to be able to offer a limited number of free 2-day places to ISVA attendees. One free ISVA place is available per organisation only. These will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Please email isvaproject@thesurvivorstrust.org for more information.



More information and booking

We will be continuing to provide updates and further information via email. Details about the venue and how to get there can be found at www.yarnfieldpark.com/contact/location-and-travel

All tickets can be booked online at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-survivors-trust-conference-2024-tickets-870883515037 or for a limited number of free ISVA places, please email isvaproject@thesurvivorstrust.org

Questions?

If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing info@thesurvivorstrust.org