

CTIP M&E Toolkit: RESOURCE SUMMARY

Turning Pain into Power: A Charter for Organisations Engaging Abuse Survivors in Projects, Research and Service Development

(Survivors Voices, Perôt, C., Chevous, J. & Survivors Voices Research Group, V2, 2018)

This resource is for organizations that wish to better understand how they can engage positively and ethically with survivors of abuse.

It outlines 7 **principles for good survivor engagement** and 7 **areas of good practice** to encourage active, safe, and **meaningful involvement of survivors in research and development; services and projects; the development of policy and practice.**

This resource can be used as a:

- **Discussion tool:** when shaping projects, research, services, and events that aim to engage with survivors
- **Guide and checklist:** for research ethics applications involving survivors
- **Planning and evaluation tool:** for organisations seeking to be intentionally survivor-safe survivor-sensitive, survivor-empowering, and trauma-informed
- **Tool for survivor activism and survivor-led projects.**

There are three main provisions in this document.

- 1) A short, succinct explanation of why the Charter is important
- 2) Guiding principles for ensuring an organisation's survivor engagement is safe, empowering, amplifying voices of survivors, promoting self-care, being accountable and transparent, liberating, creative and joyful.
- 3) Good guidance for practice for organization's engaging with survivors, details what good practice looks like, provides an assessment tool for organizations to assess their practices and a standardized statement which can be incorporated into organizations' mission statements / internal policies.