

## The Survivor Research Involvement Ladder

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This resource should be read alongside the *Charter for Organisations Engaging Abuse Survivors in Projects, Research & Service Development* ('the Charter', also included in the CTIP M&E Toolkit Resource Library).

The Charter can be used to understand the degree to which your organization engages collaboratively and ethically with survivors. This resource (The Ladder) is a tool for understanding how your organization's *research activities* may engage with survivors, and how survivor empowerment and dignity are respected in research activities.

It is recommended to at the bottom Page 3 of this resource to check the guidance there, before returning to the start of the document where the 'Ladder' itself is described.

The Ladder provides an assessment of survivor involvement in the following research areas:

- Research Activity
- Planning and Decision Making
- Researcher roles
- Data collection
- Data analysis
- Dissemination

For each area, the ladder provides a metric for assessing how far survivor colleagues are:

- a) Engaged as research participants
- b) Consulted on aspects of the research itself
- c) Active advisors to research project as a whole
- d) Co-producers of the research
- e) Leading the research