

Meetings for Survivors with the Archbishops' Council

Following the recent announcement about the Independent Safeguarding Board, the trustees of the Archbishops' Council have organised two online meetings to directly listen to the views of victims and survivors. The meetings are for trustees of the Archbishops' Council to listen to the views of survivors regarding the announcement. There will be further consultation with victims and survivors about how the Church moves forward with independent oversight of safeguarding in due course.

This invitation may be shared with victims and survivors or relevant groups and organisations who may be interested in attending.

The context of the meetings

On 3 July between 5:00-6:00pm, a meeting will be held for individual victims and survivors of any abuse. The meeting will be with members of the Archbishops' Council Kate Wharton and Luke Miller.

On 4 July between 3:00-4:00pm, a meeting will be held with representatives from survivors groups and survivors organisations. The meeting will be with members of the Archbishops' Council Kate Wharton and Timothy Goode.

The Partnership and Engagement Lead Ioannis Athanasiou will facilitate both events.

Both meetings will take the form of listening so people can raise their reactions and their voices can be heard by Council members.

To facilitate the number of attendees and enable all views to be represented in conversations, individual survivors who may lead or have an active role in a survivors group or survivors organisations are asked to consider which event they wish to attend at their discretion.

Please note that in order to ensure space for all, the meeting for survivors groups and organisations representatives on 4 July is limited to two representatives from each survivors' group or organisation.

Note for victims and survivors

Views and comments may be shared the meeting, or submitted in advance to trustees. Please use the link below to submit comments in advance.

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The meetings will not be recorded, and safety arrangements have been made to assist the safe facilitation of both meetings. For any question or query that will assist your participation, please write to engage.safeguarding@churchofengland.org

If you are a victim or survivor and you are unable to attend these dates, or would prefer to provide your views by email, please send your thoughts to engage.safeguarding@churchofengland.org, and they will be passed to the Archbishops' Council trustees. Membership of the Archbishops' Council is listed here. Please advise whether you wish your feedback to remain anonymous when your feedback is shared by email.

Participation of individual survivors and their time attending will be honoured in alignment with the NST honorarium policy. Participants' attendance and contribution will be recognised with an honorarium of £25 for the meeting.

The agenda and the instructions, including zoom link, will be circulated in advance of the meetings.

How to register

If you are a survivor or you are engaging with or work for a survivors group or organisation would like to attend the meeting on 4 July, please e-mail the Survivor Engagement Team by 3pm on 3 July at engage.safeguarding@churchofengland.org to register your interest.

Likewise, please write to the same email address by 12pm on 3 July, if you want to attend the meeting on the 3 July in the afternoon.

Please note the email address above is not to report safeguarding cases. For any safeguarding concerns, please visit this link <https://churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safer-church...>

Please note that the Engage.Safeguarding inbox is accessed by the Survivor Engagement administrator, the Partnerships and Engagement Lead, and the Deputy Director of Partnerships.