



Membership Charter

The National Executive Committee of TST has agreed a number of key beliefs and values that form the basis of TST's ethos. All members are asked to confirm their support and continuing commitment to the following:

TST core belief ...

We believe that the sexual abuse and/or rape of girls, boys, women and men is preventable and we challenge society to acknowledge both its reality and our individual and collective responsibility for it.

TST core aims ...

To support and empower survivors of rape, sexual violence and/or childhood sexual abuse through:

- Providing a collective voice and peer networking for member groups and organisations.
- Education about sexual abuse and/or rape and its effects on survivors, their supporters and society at large.
- Informing acknowledgement of, and effective responses to, sexual abuse on a local, regional and national level.

TST core values ...

TST supports working in ways that:

- Recognise human rights and dignity;
- Appreciate the variety of human experience and culture;
- Demonstrate a commitment to showing justice in dealing with all others;
- Encourages continual development and improvement of professional knowledge of its member groups.

TST acknowledges the feminist or gendered basis adopted by some services for survivors of rape, sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse. TST recognises and supports the right of member groups to provide services for women only or men only client groups.



Participation ...

As an umbrella organisation, TST welcomes and encourages the participation of its members in all aspects of its work. TST acknowledges the expertise of its members and seeks to encourage networking and information sharing through a range of activities and opportunities.

Representation ...

TST offers representation for members at local, regional and national level through consultations with relevant Government agencies and departments. Members are encouraged to take part in consultation processes and supported in accessing relevant policy briefings and information.

Independence ...

TST recognises the importance of independence both for itself and for members in providing a national voice for the specialist voluntary sector. TST is therefore committed not to enter into any contract, partnership or financial arrangement that would constrain or conflict with that independence.

Diversity ...

TST welcomes and values diversity and does not seek to champion one political or moral position which may conflict or compromise the values or ethos of other Survivors Trust members. Members of The Survivors Trust comprise an extensive group that works to empower other groups and services through shared ideas and resources.

Good practice ...

TST values good practice and quality service provision and seeks to reflect this commitment in all its work.

Members are supported and encouraged to adopt appropriate policies, procedures, organisational guidelines and service delivery protocols that will assure high quality services for survivors.

Accountability ...

The work of TST can only be effective with the support and input of its members. TST acknowledges its role in representing members and therefore seeks to operate transparently and regards itself as fully accountable to its members.

