Mission Statement

(Credit to St Andrews Survivors for much of their ideas and content)

We are a group of students at Cambridge Uni who are survivors of sexual assault, rape, and sexual harrassment. We started this page in order to **expose the reality and the extent** of sexual abuse in our community, and to **validate the experiences** of survivors. This should be a safe space for **solidarity and community.**

To all the survivors: We hear you. We believe you. You are not alone.

Please note that we are in no way affiliated or controlled by the University.

Submissions

Submission Form: https://forms.gle/bXdG7Wd5Fg6kKwDK6

Modification/Removal form: https://forms.gle/vh3UPyvKGvrLMUKNA

Anonymous Affirmation Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck1UmWgvejOSXK7xi928NrxmLUXALF3-n1JSXt1wJetAfkMw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Anyone in the broader Cambridge community can submit to us, regardless of race, age, gender, sexuality, etc. You can submit whether or not your experience happened in Cambridge and whether or not the perpetrator was a student. You can also submit if you have graduated.

Please be aware **we will only post firsthand accounts**, as we do not want to take away the agency of other survivors from deciding when and how to share their own stories. Please do not submit stories that are not your own.

All stories must be submitted via our Google Form in order to ensure full anonymity. In the form we provide an overview of the potential risks of submitting your story to a public account-- this is in no way intended to discourage survivors from sharing their experiences, but rather to protect them from potential retaliation or legal consequences and ensure they are fully aware of these possibilities before submitting. Submitters will need to confirm that they have read and understood this information before being able to submit their accounts.

To protect this account and our team, and avoid it being reported or taken down, **we will redact names from any accounts, and limit descriptions to *one identifier*.** This means any person mentioned in a submission must not be described with any more than one identifier (e.g. college, sports team, society, year of study, degree, job, etc.). We encourage survivors to speak openly, however we would like for this account to remain a safe space and we cannot risk any legal or personal retaliation. You are welcome to submit your story with as much or as little detail as you feel comfortable with; we support you regardless, just be aware that we will have to redact any specific names or excess identifiers if you include them in your submission.

Submitters will also be offered **the option to set a 'passcode'** to be connected to their story, which can be used at any point after submission to anonymously request, through our Submission Removal/Modification form, **to have your story taken down, modified, or not be posted to our account.** This passcode should be a word, phrase or other combination of characters that you can either record or remember. We are introducing the passcode in order to ensure that survivors who submit have full autonomy over their stories, and no other parties will be able to request changes to your story.

We will also have a system that will allow any survivor who wishes to to disclose the name(s) of their perpetrator(s) along with their submission. This is not for the purpose of "targeting" anyone, but to **provide the opportunity for survivors who have been hurt by the same person to connect if they want to**. This can be healing for the survivors involved, to be able to speak to someone who has been in a similar situation with the same person. It can also potentially provide them with more options for reporting. Two pieces of corroborating evidence are needed in order to charge a perpetrator with rape or sexual assault, so for survivors who don't have forensic evidence or a witness, this identification of a second offence by the perpetrator could potentially make all the difference in their confidence in coming forward and their chances in pursuing legal action. Survivors who decide to submit name(s) may also provide contact information, which we will never share with anyone beyond our admin team. In the case that multiple submissions are found to identify the same perpetrators, we will reach out to all survivors involved, either by contacting them through the information given or by leaving a comment on the post of the relevant story. The survivors involved will then have the ability to decide whether they wish to be connected with the other(s).

Comments

If you recognise details of a given story, please do not reveal the identities of any of the people mentioned, in the comments or in public. The survivors who use our form to submit their stories are only consenting to their stories being made public *anonymously*, and likewise consenting to their stories being shared with*out* names or any additional identifying information of all persons involved. Please do not violate the anonymity of any persons mentioned in the stories posted to the account.

We have zero tolerance for any hateful or inappropriate comments and those who cannot respect these requests will be blocked. Our aim is to provide healing, not to retraumatise. We are happy to encourage open dialogue on the topic, but we reserve the right to remove any comments which may be harmful to survivors.

Support

Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre - a charity for women and girls who have been subjected to sexual violence, including those women who are trans, non-binary and who have complex gender identities which include 'woman'. They offer counselling and support
http://cambridgerapecrisis.org.uk/about-us
Cambridge Nightline - a University confidential night-time support service
https://cambridge.nightline.ac.uk/

Survivors UK - support for male survivors of rape, childhood sexual abuse or any other form of sexual violence, recently or in the past - https://www.survivorsuk.org/
The Elms SARC – Sexual Assault Referral Centre covering Cambridgeshire
https://www.theelmssarc.org/
Breaking the Silence - Cambridge University's campaign against sexual misconduct
https://www.breakingthesilence.cam.ac.uk/
Cambridge University Counselling Service's Sexual Assault and Harassment Advisor - offers emotional and practical support to students with experience of sexual misconduct
https://www.counselling.cam.ac.uk/sexual-assault-and-harassment-advisor?fbclid=IwAR1x1Bar8Xa8H_pxoW4qSqMOdfGasHsxlmLUhWyR9ZdeuYalvTkTTpxTZYg
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