



## Peer Support Facilitator (Volunteer position with Honorarium)

**Employer:** Abuse Never Becomes Us (A.N.B.U.)

**Engagement type:** Volunteering

**Duration:** September 2024 - December 2024

**Hours:**

- Training and Meeting hours: 2-4 hours a week in September 2024
- Group Session hours: 4 hours on Monday evenings 5:30 - 9:30 pm, Sep 23rd to Dec 2nd (except Oct 14)

**Compensation:** An honorarium will be provided.

**Location:** Sessions will take place in Markham near Kennedy Road and 14th Ave.

**Start Date:** Sep 12, 2024

### About the Organization

Abuse Never Becomes Us (A.N.B.U.) அன்பு, is a Registered Charity organization that works with adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse (CSA) within the Tamil community and aims to respond to sexual violence through culturally and linguistically appropriate programs and services. Our mandate is to provide holistic support to promote healing with adult survivors as well as raise awareness and build capacity through collaborations and partnerships with the community.

### Job Role:

We are seeking a compassionate and experienced individual, who identifies as a Tamil adult survivor of childhood sexual abuse to join our dedicated team. As a Peer Support Facilitator, you will play a pivotal role in drawing on your own lived experiences to create a safe and empathetic environment for group therapy sessions that aim to help adult survivors of CSA begin their healing journeys. We expect you to utilize your cultural context along with a trauma-informed approach to guiding the participants (survivors and those impacted by CSA) towards finding their voice and fostering awareness around the impact of sexual violence.



### **Responsibilities:**

- Draw on your own lived experiences and healing strategies and skills to guide discussions during group therapy sessions, promote active participation, and encourage a sense of trust and connection among group members.
- Utilize understanding of the impact of trauma on individuals and families to create an environment of safety, respect, and empathy.
- Support implementation of evaluation activities during/after group sessions, if needed.
- Collaborate with RSW/RP, community organizations, and stakeholders to ensure comprehensive support for survivors.
- Participate in team meetings, training sessions, and supervision to enhance your facilitation skills and maintain a high standard of care.

### **Qualifications:**

- Strong understanding of trauma-informed care principles and their application in group settings.
- Cultural competence and sensitivity, particularly within the Tamil diaspora community.
- Empathetic, compassionate, and nonjudgmental approach to supporting survivors.
- Familiarity with community resources and services related to sexual abuse and trauma.
- Strong communication and organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Previous experience facilitating support groups or therapy sessions, especially for survivors of trauma or abuse - is an asset.
- Identify as a Tamil adult survivor of childhood sexual abuse

### **Benefits:**

- Opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse within the Tamil diaspora community.
- Ongoing professional development and training opportunities.
- Collaborative and supportive team environment.

### **HOW TO COMMUNICATE YOUR INTEREST:**

Send a letter expressing your interest with your resume to [ask@anbu.ca](mailto:ask@anbu.ca) by Friday Sep 06, 2024.