**Survivor Advocate Program** – **Expression of Interest Form**

The **safe steps** Survivor Advocate Program is an ongoing initiative designed to empower women who have a lived experience of family violence to safely and effectively share their personal stories and raise awareness of family violence with a range of community and media audiences.

Women who have survived family violence are trained and supported on how to use their personal story to change society’s attitudes and beliefs that fuel and enable violence against women.

A key focus is to educate the community and the media to better understand that family violence can happen to anyone, regardless of education, economic status, age, religion, culture or ethnicity.

The advocate training provides context on the underlying causes of violence against women and gives women the skills on how to engage with audiences to influence change through the media, community and on the world stage.

**Contact details**

Name:

Address:

Home telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

**Background information**

**Age group (please bold or circle):** 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

**What is your ethnic background?**

**Project information**

**What is your interest in the Survivor Advocate Program?**

**What key messages about your experience as a survivor of family violence would you like to get across?**

**Background family violence information**

**What relationship did the perpetrator have to you? (i.e. partner, father, family member, carer etc.)**

**How long is it since you left the family violence?**

**Can you describe any positive outcomes from your experience? (i.e. it has made me a stronger person; I want to speak out so other women don’t go through what I did)**

**Do you have any ongoing support and/or counselling services in place?**

**Are you involved in any current legal proceedings?**

**Additional information**

**Are you currently working or studying?**

**Have you had any media and/or public speaking experience?**

**What are your expectations of your participation in the Survivor Advocate Program?**

**Do you have any limitations on being able to make media comment? (NOTE: An alias can be used and no image, if required)**

**Availability and transport**

Potential Survivor Advocates will be required to have a casual interview in late March or early April.

Please number the days you are available for this meeting in order of preference (1 = most preferable; 7 = least preferable; or ‘unavailable’):

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| **Weekdays** | **Weekends** |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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Survivor Advocates are required to participate in a two-day training program. Please indicate which training session you would prefer to be in by placing a 1 below your preferred date:

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| **February 2019** | **October 2019** |
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**Transport:** We are located in North Melbourne near the Queen Victoria Market. The closest train station is Flagstaff.

**Disability access:** The premises are wheelchair accessible, with lift access to all floors.

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| Signed: |  |

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| Dated: |  |

Thank you for completing this expression of interest.

**Please email your completed form to** **admin@safesteps.org.au** **with the subject line ‘Survivor Advocate program – Expression of Interest Form’. If you have any questions email** **admin@safesteps.org.au** **or call (03) 9928 9600.**