**EDITION 1** 

**FEB 2024** 



Taking action. Creating change. Preventing child sexual abuse.

WELCOME TO OUR

# **Survivor Newsletter**

This newsletter is the launch of a more focussed ambition by the IICSA Changemakers to ensure that we are striving to consistently keep survivors updated with the work we are doing, the doors firmly need to stay open for you.

Making sure you know about the conversations taking place, the actions being set, the barriers we're trying to dismantle and how we are ensuring that survivor voice is front and centre in our work.

If you have any requests for specific updates, areas that aren't clear, topic discussions or newsletter content please email us at:

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We want to hear from you!

#### In this newsletter you will find:

The latest updates on the government response to the IICSA recommendations, key dates for 2024, changemaker spotlight, welcoming a new team member and more. Keep reading!

## What the changemakers have been up to in 2023...

- Established our agreed terms of reference and how we work together as a coalition
- Attended the Labour and Conservative party conferences
- Mapped out our goals for 2024

- Spoke at several events/conferences inc DBS, Save the Children, Safeguarding Children and NWG.
- Sent evidence submissions to the Government regarding Mandatory reporting and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority consultations

## Recent reports in this area...

Keeping track of reports can be overwhelming and confusing, even for professionals working in the sector daily!

So we've picked out a couple of recent ones below that we think you may be interested in as they have been important in supporting the conversation around Child Sexual Abuse.

Please remember these reports may include specific, detailed information around abuse, so take care of yourself whilst reading and come back to it later if you need to.

- Mandatory Reporting Submission
- CICA Consultation
- <u>Support Matters: The Landscape of Child</u>
  <u>Sexual Abuse support services in England</u>
  and Wales

DO YOU HAVE A CAMPAIGN OR EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW ABOUT AND HELP UPLIFT?

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!

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#### Key dates coming up...

SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK

5TH - 11TH FEB



# Survivor Participation Manager

DENISE PRINGLE (SHE/HER)

Denise joined the Changemakers in late 2023 and her job is to ensure survivor voice is not just an 'add on' or a performative gesture, but a meaningful and consistent thread of our work.

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# What's 'actually' happening?

UNDERSTANDING THE GOVERNMENTS LATEST UPDATE ON THE IICSA RECOMMENDATIONS



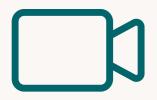
On the 10th Jan 2024 James Cleverly (the Home Secretary) released a <u>statement</u> to update the public on the delivery of commitments made by the Government in response to <u>IICSA</u>.

On first read it can seem like a positive and bolstering statement. We welcome the focus but In reality though not as much as could be, has *actually* changed. This means that for survivors and those affected by child sexual abuse, there is little that has altered for their reality within the support and justice system.

<u>Click here</u> and see what the IICSA Changemakers have said about the Government's updates so far. (Spoiler alert - we're disappointed and concerned)

It's frustrating but we're not giving up. This year we're continuing to advocate, influence and fight for appropriate change to be implemented and help fundamentally alter the support landscape and experience for survivors.

### **Changemaker Spotlight**



A CHANCE TO SEE THE HUMANS BEHIND THE NAME

Over this year we will be releasing short videos introducing you to different members of the Changemakers. So you have a chance to hear directly from them about why they care about this work and what they are doing to help support IICSA's recommendations.

Watch this space!

"Caring for myself is not self indulgent, it is an act of self preservation" Audre Lorde

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