



# INDEPENDENT INQUIRY CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

## **Victims and Survivors Consultative Panel vacancy**

Call for applications

The VSCP is a key part of the Inquiry. Its role is to provide consultative advice on all areas of the Inquiry's work, including engagement, research, communications and future recommendations. The VSCP works to ensure that the needs and perspectives of victims and survivors are reflected in the Inquiry's ongoing work.

The members of the VSCP have all spent many years supporting adult survivors of child sexual abuse and striving for survivors to be heard. Their experience, knowledge and abilities provide invaluable insight and expertise to the Inquiry.

As a member of the VSCP, you may be required to undertake any or all of the following:

- Advise the Inquiry on the way in which it engages with victims and survivors, including: how we reach out to victim and survivor groups and networks; how to engage people in the Victims and Survivors Forum; and how to spread the Inquiry's messages to wider victim and survivor communities.
- Advise the Inquiry on the way in which it communicates with the broader public, for example through reviewing Inquiry materials.
- Share your expertise and knowledge in developing and reviewing the work of the Inquiry including the Truth Project and our research programme.
- Attend events, both Inquiry-led and external, to present the work of the Inquiry, facilitate discussion on a range of topics and promote the Truth Project.
- Take part in media interviews both regional and national for a range of media formats.
- Attend meetings with members of the Inquiry secretariat focused on particular projects and workstreams.

Members of the VSCP receive an honorarium of £300 a day for their work and are initially expected to work 10 days per month. This may change as the Inquiry progresses. Members are also entitled to receive reimbursement of their travel and other expenses. We expect the role of the VSCP to continue until April 2021.

Please note that core participants and potential witnesses to the Inquiry's investigations are not eligible to sit on the VSCP due to possible conflicts of interest. If you would like to apply but think you may have a conflict of interest, please email [recruitment@iicsa.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@iicsa.org.uk) and a member of our team will get in touch with you to discuss this.

## **Application**

If you would like to apply, you should submit a statement of no more than three sides of A4 in size 11 font, demonstrating how you meet the following criteria:

- a) Experience of issues associated with institutional responses to child sexual abuse;
- b) Experience of working collectively and collaboratively as part of a team, and;
- c) Experience of working with victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.

You should think about examples of **your** personal and professional experiences, which demonstrate that you would be well suited to the role.

The Inquiry recognises the need for the VSCP to be representative of all victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and we encourage applications from individuals with an understanding of the views and issues surrounding male victims and survivors as well as those from ethnic minority groups.

Please note, your personal statement will not be assessed on the quality of your written English. Should you have any problems with completing a written statement, please email [recruitment@iicsa.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@iicsa.org.uk)

You should also include details of two referees who you are happy for us to contact as part of the appointment process. The referees can have known you in any capacity (i.e. professional or personal).

Successful candidates would have to meet the requirements of the government security classifications to the level of Counter Terrorist Check. This includes a criminal record check. Please note that some less serious criminal convictions are not necessarily an automatic bar to being selected for the role. We encourage applicants not to be discouraged by the security process.

The Declaration of Interests Form must also be completed and submitted alongside your application. This form should be used to declare any information which may affect your suitability to carry out the VSCP role. To complete the form, please click [here](#).

Applications and declarations of interest must be submitted by email to [recruitment@iicsa.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@iicsa.org.uk) by **11.59pm** on **Sunday 24 November 2019**.

If you have any questions about the position or application process, please email [recruitment@iicsa.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@iicsa.org.uk).

## **Selection**

Applications will be reviewed by the Inquiry's Chair and Panel and shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. Unfortunately we are unable to provide feedback to candidates who do not reach the interview stage.

We expect to interview shortlisted candidates in the week commencing **6 January 2020**.