

# WomenatthecentrE Presents: Unified Voices Project Information Package





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# About WomenatthecentrE



- WomenatthecentrE is a unique non-profit organization that works to eradicate gender-based violence against women, gender queer, 2 spirited, and trans people.
- WomenatthecentrE is the only survivor-led organization in Canada dedicated to ensuring the voices and expertise of survivors are central in the implementation and development of policies and programs aimed at eradicating all forms of gendered violence.
- With over 4000+ members across the world engaging in personal, political, and social advocacy, WomenatthecentrE thrives on membership engagement and shared experiences that come together to create valuable change in our communities.

# Unifed Voices: Embodied declarations of strength amongst senior survivors of gender-based violence

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"Not just about being heard, but being listened to"



## Do you want to:

- Build or strengthen your community connection?
- Reduce your social/physical isolation?
- Participate in advocacy for yourself & others in a creative, personal way?
- Have your voice amplified?

## Build skills through:

- Technology workshops
- Writing workshops
- Leadership training
- Peer support

## Create a resource that will:

- Provide inspiration, hope and direction to others who are experiencing similar barriers
- Promote social awareness in the wider community regarding the intersections of: ageism, elder abuse, gender-based violence (GBV)

# Project Description & Details



This program is delivered virtually

**Starting:**

**Sept. 13th**

**Time:**

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**6 weeks of workshops**

**&**

**2 Q & A's sessions**

In late August we will meet to identify the writing needs and interests of participants (Max. 20). Barriers concerning technology will be addressed, (don't be concerned about Zoom, we have you covered!). Commencing Monday Sept. 13th we will meet weekly for 2 hrs., the first hour comprised of the writing workshops.

The second hour of each workshop consists of online sharing circles for mentoring and feedback. You will be part of the entire process: from creating your piece of writing and/or artwork, to having a meaningful say in the design and promotion of the book, if you so choose! We will self-publish our collaborative book in the spring of 2022!

Writing workshops are led by Ashley-Ann Pereira and Tina Addorisio, authors and co-creators of The Studio Press. The Studio Press is a comprehensive entrepreneurial endeavour - providing guidance and expertise on all aspects of the writing and self-publishing process.

This project will create a supportive environment to encourage community-building, personal resilience and strength, specifically focused on seniors. The publishing and dissemination of the book will promote social awareness of the intersection of elder abuse and gender-based violence.

# Project Details



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## The program is FREE & includes:

- One initial virtual meeting for members to determine writing needs/goals (**Monday Aug 30th** - though alt. date can be arranged)
- Six weekly virtual writing workshops, and 2 Q & A's, commencing **September 13th, 2021, 6:30pm**
- Eight weekly virtual peer support/sharing workshops, commencing **September 13th, 2021, 7:30pm**
- Includes a \$200 honourarium for participating

# Participant Eligibility

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◆ Identify as a senior (50+) woman or gender diverse

◆ Have experience with: GBV, ageism, elder abuse, or self-identify as a survivor

◆ Have the desire to create a community of like-minded individuals to share your experiences, hurdles, and strategies that work for you

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# Pre-Survey/Registration



You are asked to complete a pre-project survey to register and help us better understand your needs. The pre-survey includes the following:

- Registration information
- Accommodation/accessibility needs
- Confidentiality agreement
- How you are feeling before the project commences



## Pre-Survey

If the link above does not direct you to the survey, please use this:

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/AUbXRJ>



# Post-Survey



Upon completion of the Unified Voices project, you will be required to complete a post-survey form so we can understand how our project best supported you, and what aspects we can improve upon if we run this project in the future.

## Post-Survey.

If the link above does not direct you to the survey, please use this:

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/gybz05>

# Checklist - Please keep track of the following:



Before starting the project, please complete the following:



**Pre-Survey & Registration Form**

After the project is completed:

**Post-Survey**

**A note about privacy:**

Your personal data and/or information that you provide in the pre-and post-surveys may be used anonymously as raw data in future sustainability and funding applications for this program.



## Contact:

Any questions? Feel free to contact Lainie Tessier,

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## Funding:

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## Partners:

We thank [The Studio Press](#) for partnering with [WomenatthecentrE](#) on this program