

The Role of Neuropsychology in Family and Domestic Violence

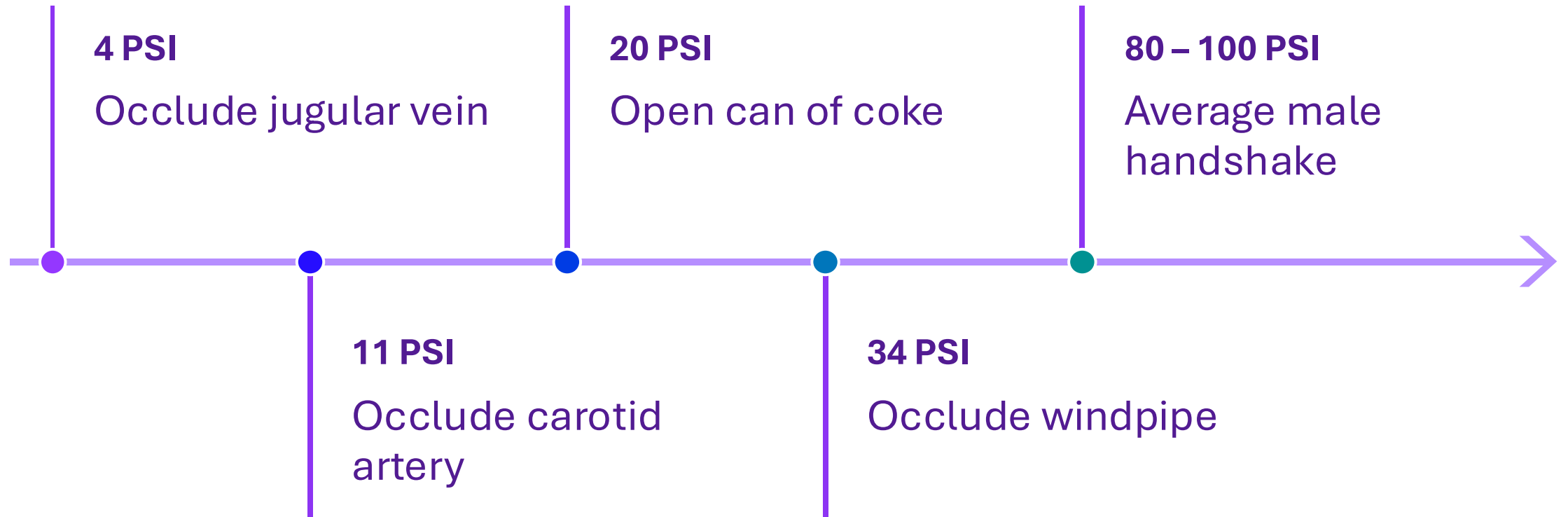
Challenges, Opportunities and Holding Space for Lived Experience

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Sense making

**Learning &
Collaborating**

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In development...



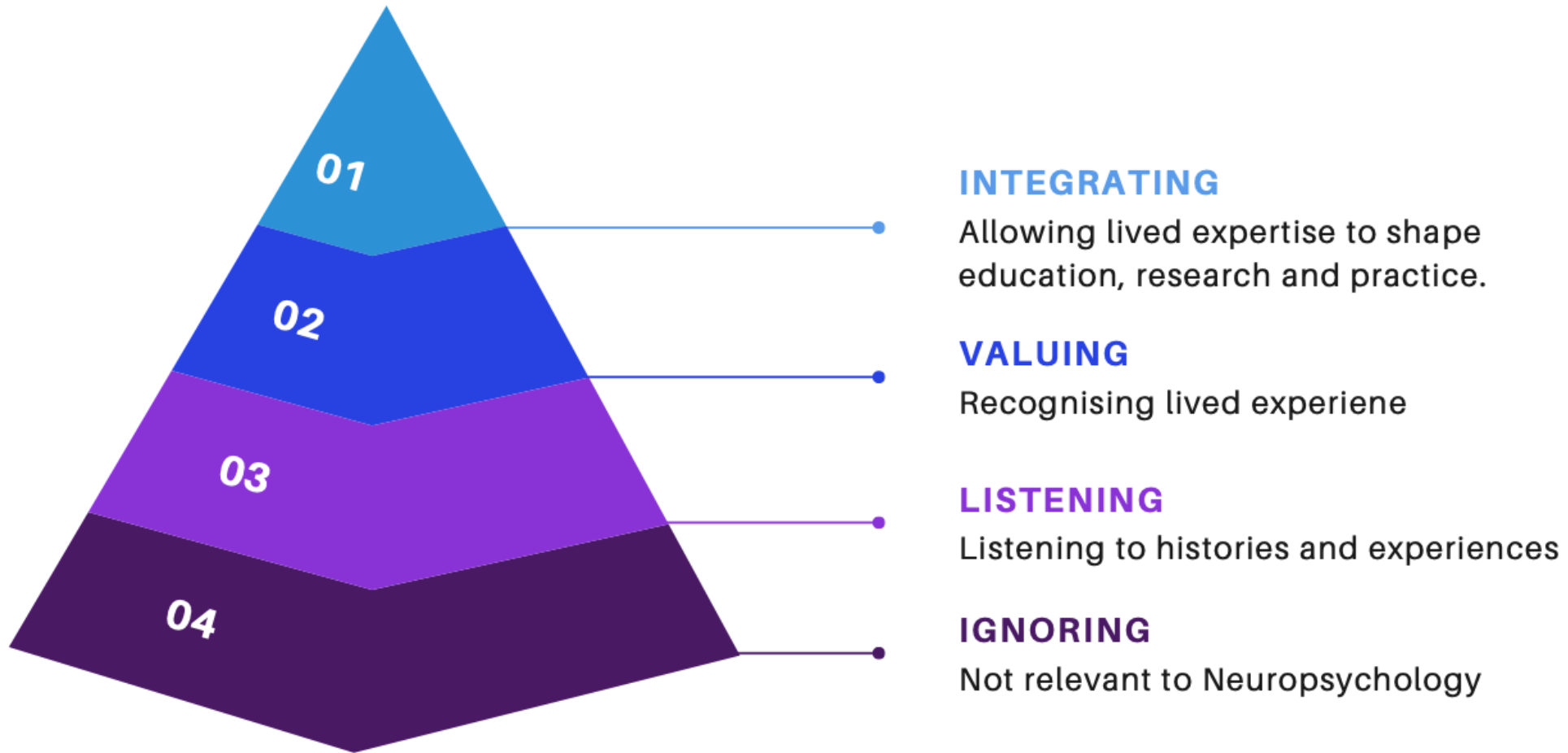
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Conceptualising lived experience in FDV



Source: Safe and Equal Sources of Lived Experience in the Family Violence Sector Issues Paper
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Meaningful engagement with lived experience



Holding space for lived experience

- Value it as expertise
- Hold it safely
- Hold it humbly
- Hold it collaboratively
- Hold it ethically

Create:

- Trust
- Psychological safety
- Respect
- Curiosity
- Humility



If we don't make space...



We may mistake
trauma for
pathology.



We may miss
opportunities to
ask about
violence and
safety.



We may
overlook
invisible brain
injury.



We may
unintentionally
perpetuate
systems abuse.

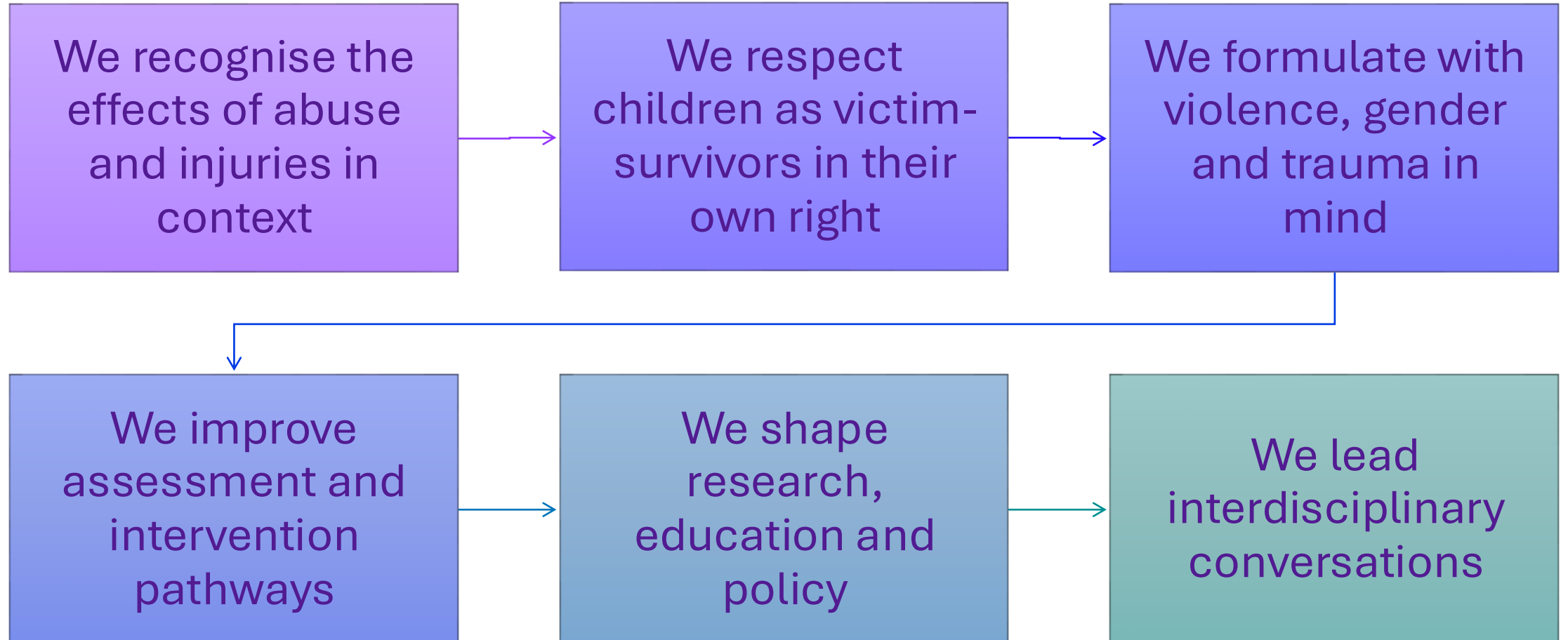


We leave our
valuable
expertise out of
the national
conversation.



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If we make space...



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My prescription to you

Reflexive

- Sit with your biases and blind spots

Educated

- Educate yourself

Informed

- Trauma-informed, gender-informed and violence-informed

Risk-aware

- Be aware of risk and willing to hold it

Connected

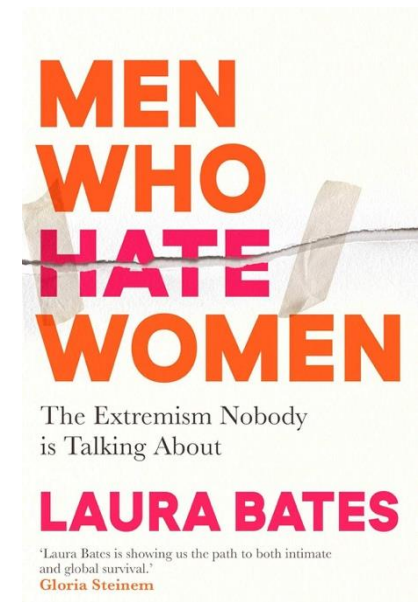
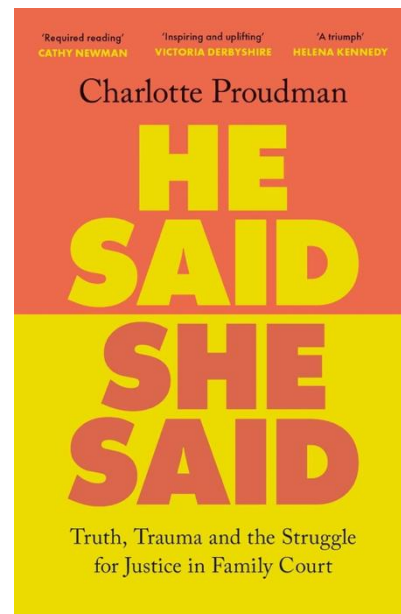
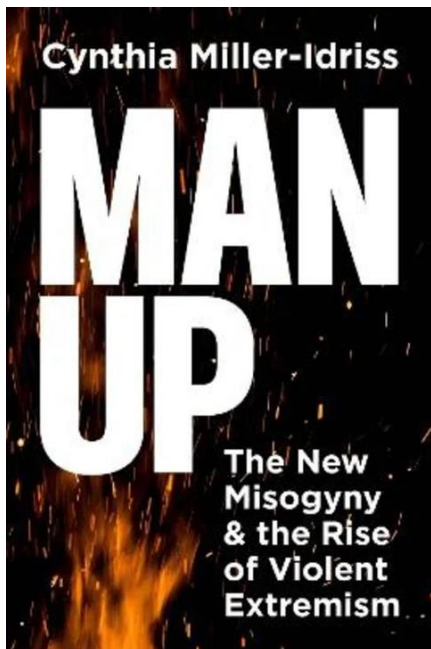
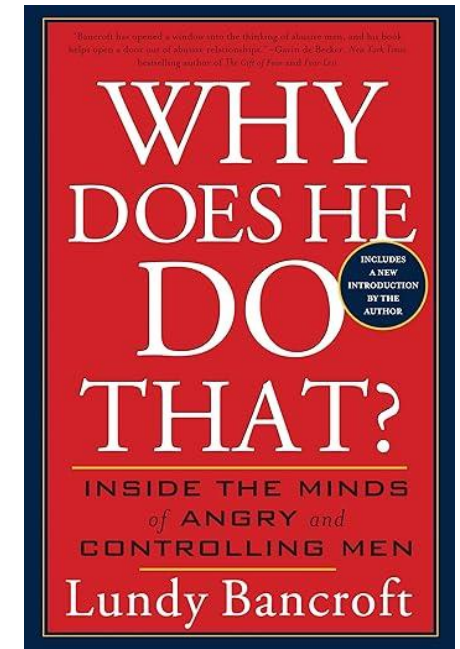
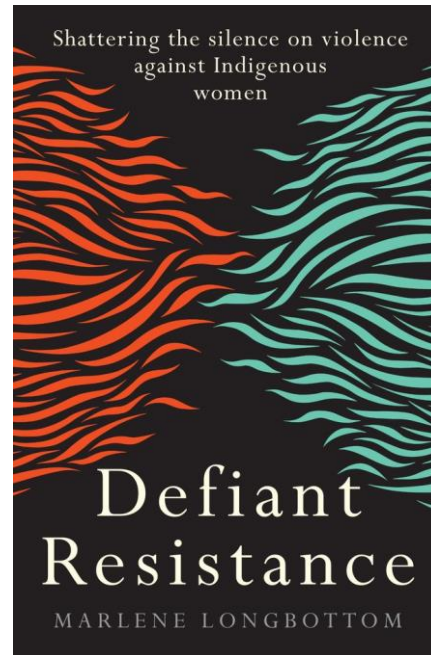
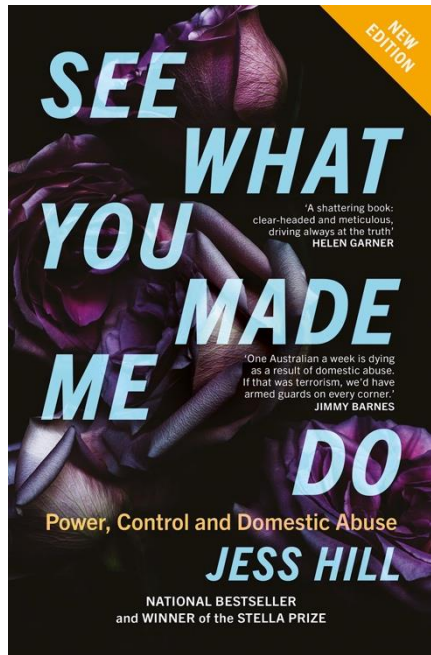
- Stay connected to the conversation

Collaborative

- Look for opportunities to integrate lived experience meaningfully

For the curious...

- Our Watch
- ANROWS
- State and national peak bodies like Safe and Equal
- Red Rose Foundation and Australian Institute for Strangulation Prevention
- eSafety Commissioner
- No To Violence (NTV)
- Full Stop Australia
- Blue Knot
- Sherele Moody (Femicide Watch)



Abuse and violence is a problem for victims, but it is not the victims' problem. Genuine change begins with a willingness to listen. We must stop protecting perpetrators with our silence, and through inaction. We must be willing to sit in discomfort. It is time to be brave.

Independent Collective of Survivors

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