## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Voices for Change is for all survivors who have lived through domestic abuse. You do not have to have received support from BWA to join.

BWA aims to work in partnership with survivors to establish a safe and inclusive space and everyone will be asked to complete an application form and come in for an interview. If successful, you will be asked to provide a reference and successfully complete a DBS check.

## DURATION AND LOCATION OF GROUP:

Meetings will be held approximately every other month at a venue in central Reading. Volunteers will be reimbursed for their expenses. There will also be opportunities to participate in discussions or activities in between these meetings.

## CONTACT DETAILS:

**For more information and an application form please contact volunteer@bwaid.org.uk.**



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# VOICES FOR CHANGE

**A group for survivors to speak out and initiate change.**

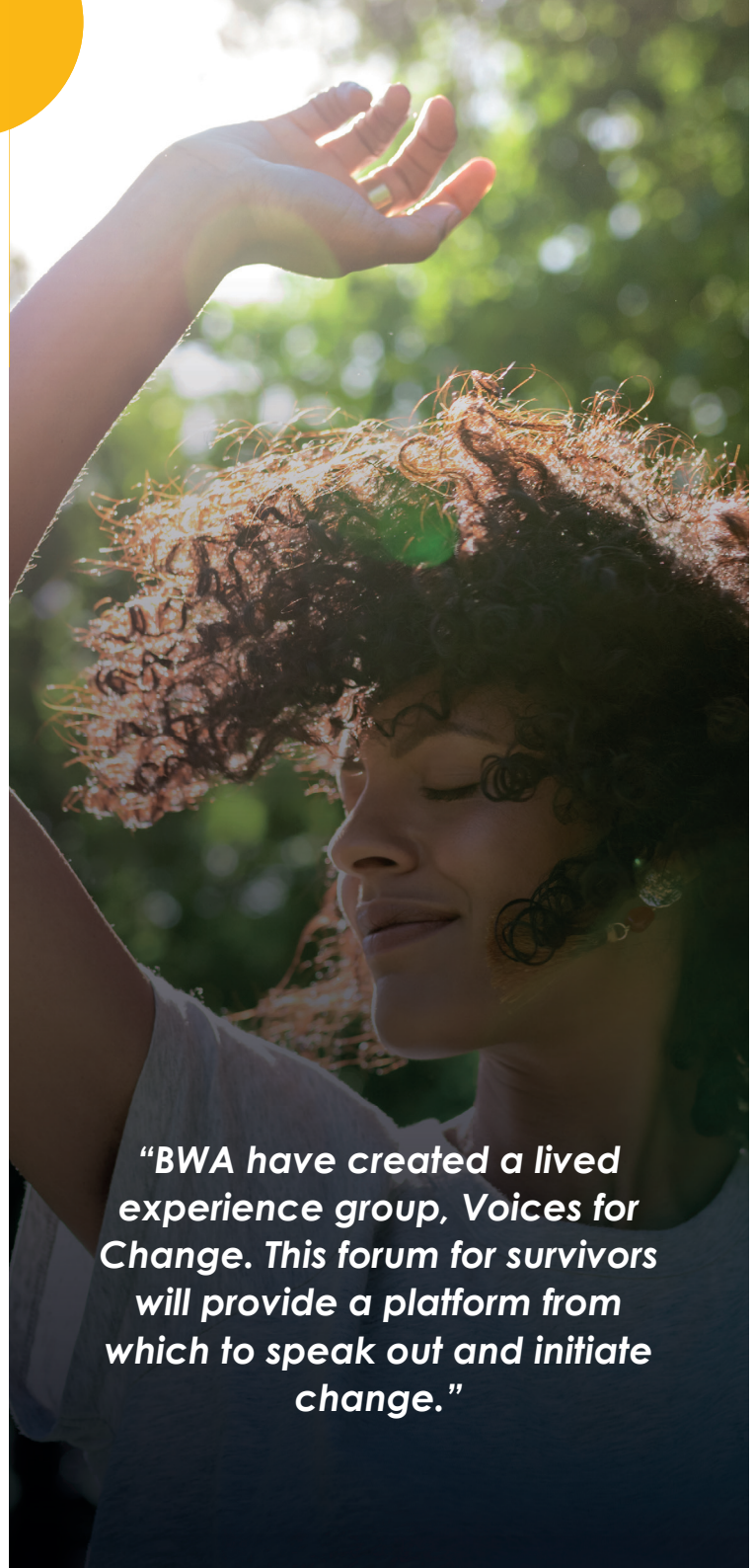


## SUMMARY:

BWA is a specialist provider of domestic abuse prevention and intervention services. Survivors and their children are at the heart of BWA's work. We believe that, to be effective, it is essential to foster a deep understanding of the needs and experiences of people who have gone through domestic abuse.

After living through abuse, many survivors wish to share their experience and use their expertise to create change for themselves and others who are going through similar experiences. With that in mind, BWA have created a lived experience group, Voices for Change. This forum for survivors will provide a platform from which to speak out and initiate change.





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## AIMS OF THE GROUP:

- To bring together and empower survivors
- To create a safe space for survivors to discuss relevant issues and use these discussions to inform local and national decision-making and strategy
- To contribute to the development of, or provide feedback on external services
- To provide feedback on BWA's services and help us develop new ones
- Be offered the opportunity to contribute to focus groups, academic research, fundraising and community involvement, commissioning processes or funding bids.
- To speak and interact with other domestic abuse services in the area