

Survivor Support Centre: Vision, Mission, Mandate, Tag Lines

Vision Statement: Lives and Relationships free from sexualized violence.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to provide anonymous, confidential, non-judgmental, trauma -informed support to survivors of sexualized violence and to create positive social change at Dalhousie by addressing issues of sexualized violence and rape culture through innovative education strategies and advocacy.

Our Values:

- We believe survivors and center their experiences.
- We believe all students have a right to safer campuses.
- We recognize that sexualized violence and rape culture affect people profoundly and differently.
- We believe in low-threshold access to services for survivors of sexualized violence.
- We respect survivors' choices pertaining to their lives, bodies and personhood.
- We believe that sexual and relationship education taught from a sex-positive, inclusive, intersectional and collaborative framework is fundamental to changing the culture on campus to a consent culture.
- We aim to combat all forms of sexualized violence, abuse, inequality and injustice using an anti-oppressive, intersectional, feminist lens.

Mandate:

Support:

- The Survivor Support Centre will be open to Dalhousie students of all genders and experiences of sexualized violence whether recent or historic.
- The Survivor Support Centre will help students and members of the Dalhousie community navigate systems specific to this institution and the community as requested.
- The Survivor Support Centre aims to empower survivors in their choices.
- The Survivor Support Centre will implement and maintain a Sexual Assault & Harassment Phone line, providing confidential, active listening, information and systems navigation for survivors and those affected by sexualized violence.
- The Survivor Support Centre engages a peer-to-peer support model.

- The Survivor Support Centre aims to build capacity and work in collaboration with existing and valuable services on campus and in the community, rather than in competition with them.

Education:

- The Survivor Support Centre aims to provide consistent and sustainable support, training and resources to our volunteers.
- The Survivor Support Centre aims to create programming, workshops, resources, campaigns and services and to be a model and a leader for other Student Unions and post-secondary Administrations.

Advocacy:

- The Survivor Support Centre will advocate for a safer campus lobbying university administration and government on issues of sexualized violence.

- Tag Lines:**
1. We Believe the Survivors --- Survivor Support Centre
 2. Support. Education. Advocacy. --- Survivor Support Centre