



CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES

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About us

My Sister's Place are a specialist trauma informed Violence Against Women and Girls service (VAWG) service with over 22 years of experience based in Middlesbrough. Commitment to excellence in all areas of our services is underpinned by nationally recognised accreditations from the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), Women's Aid, Safe Lives and RESPECT.

We are one of the few VAWG services in the UK who are BACP Accredited and were early adopters of trauma informed practice. We provide holistic, therapeutic, practical support to victims through their journey out of abuse, and support survivors to make life-changing decisions around personal safety, housing, finances, criminal and civil justice, fighting to keep children, immigration justice and threats of deportation. We also give mental health support for psychological recovery from the impacts of interpersonal trauma and abuse.

Our Aim

To encourage, enable, and empower. We believe that given the right resources, everyone has the capability to thrive.

Our Vision

To create safer communities where everyone can live free from domestic abuse, violence against women, and sexual violence.

Our Mission

To provide high quality, innovative, end-to-end services which enable individuals and families to move from surviving to thriving.

Our Values

My Sisters Place stands for a place of safety, hope and change.

- A place of SAFETY for those seeking escape from domestic abuse
- The right level of practical help and emotional support to aid recovery and build HOPE
- The possibility of a life CHANGE towards a better future

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To achieve this we will...

Create a safe and welcoming environment for victims of abuse

Ensure that we employ appropriately trained, skilled and passionate staff

Work from a trauma informed perspective whilst managing all levels of risk

Work strategically, raise awareness, advocate, influence and drive positive change

Work proactively in a multi agency landscape to ensure survivor voice is heard

Have robust finance systems and income generations plans in place, and ensure impact measurement is ongoing

Provide domestic abuse training and awareness sessions to local communities and organisations

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Meet our team

We have a very strong staff group and board of trustees and approx. 80% of us have had a lived experience of abuse - we come from a point of offering solidarity and social justice. We are hugely passionate about the work we do and driven to provide the best service for those we support.



Lesley Storey
Chief Executive Officer

Lesley Storey started as CEO of My Sisters Place during the pandemic in 2020. Lesley is passionate about women's rights and eradicating all forms of social injustice and has a lived experience of abuse.

She has built her career both in the public sector and voluntary sector on tackling VAWG. She is committed to feminist principles of leadership which for her are demonstrating courage, sharing power and collaboration. She is also a strong advocate for ensuring survivors are involved in our services design.



Leigh Austin
Business and Finance Director

Leigh Austin joined My Sisters Place in January 2019, after 22 years of working in NHS Financial Management.

Leigh has progressed her role alongside the growth of the Charity.

She is now Business & Finance Director, leading on the charity's finances, HR, and a Business team who are developing corporate relationships and fundraising opportunities for the organisation.



Sarah Stephenson
Community Fundraiser

Sarah has recently joined the team at My Sisters Place having spent the last 25 years working in the sport and leisure industry. Within the last 5 years her role evolved to centre round community engagement and development as well as managing a number of grant programmes.

She finds domestic abuse statistics staggering, but recognises the challenges in fundraising for a cause where strong stereotypes and victim blaming exist. She is determined to challenge these stereotypes.

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Why we exist

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) has been described as having reached epidemic proportions and senior government ministers and police chiefs have indicated future policy directives will focus on treating VAWG as a national security threat on par with terrorism.

- ▶ 1 in 4 women experience domestic abuse (DA) during their lifetime
- ▶ A DA related call is made to the police every 30 seconds
- ▶ 1 in 5 teenage girls have experienced DA in a relationship
- ▶ 62% of children living with DA are directly harmed by the perpetrator
- ▶ Cleveland has the highest rates of DA and sexual offences Nationally
- ▶ 1 in 3 pregnant women experience DA, it often begins or escalates in pregnancy
- ▶ On average, a woman is killed by an abusive partner or ex every four days in England and Wales.
- ▶ Women are over three times more likely to be killed by a partner than by not wearing a seatbelt.
- ▶ Women are twice as likely to die at the hands of their partner than from smoke and gas inhalation in a fire.

Demand for our services is the highest we have ever experienced in our 23-year history.

Last year we received 5,560 referrals, with 8,846 children in those families.

Our CYP service for children aged 13 - 24 reached 1934 individuals.

We delivered 883 hours of 1:1 therapeutic work to children aged 4 - 18 years.

Over 70 hours of group work was delivered to children aged 6 - 15 years.

Assisted in obtaining £110,876 of unclaimed benefits for those going through economic abuse

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Why partner with us

Becoming a corporate sponsor or supporter of My Sisters Place offers numerous benefits. By partnering with us, you will play a pivotal role in making a tangible impact on the lives of those affected by domestic abuse.

Your support demonstrates a commitment to both the charity and raising awareness for a cause that often goes unspoken.

We are eager to build long-lasting, mutually beneficial partnerships and a dedicated member of our fundraising team will work closely with you, ensuring a successful relationship, while providing the support needed to achieve meaningful results.

- ✔ Your support = life saving impact!
- ✔ Help us drive real change, giving back to the local community.
- ✔ Together we can empower survivors and rebuild futures.
- ✔ Become part of our family of supporters.
- ✔ Building trust and credibility.
- ✔ Positive brand association.
- ✔ Employee engagement.
- ✔ Long term impact.
- ✔ It feels great!

It costs £28,654 a week to run our service and we can't do it alone.

*Become a corporate sponsor or supporter and
Stand with survivors, to make a change.*

*Help us to create safer communities where everyone can
live free from domestic abuse and sexual violence.*

You can help families to move from surviving to thriving.

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Corporate packages

MSP Sponsor

£1500 a year to support the work of the Charity (minimum sponsorship)

MSP Supporter

Choose us as your charity of the year or make a commitment to fundraise for MSP (target to be agreed)

Event Sponsor

The opportunity to sponsor an MSP fundraising event

Major donor

Please get in touch to discuss opportunities

What's included

- ▶ My Sisters Place sponsor / supporter certificate for display
- ▶ Your business name and information and link to your website included in sponsor / supporter brochure (online)
- ▶ Company logo on My Sisters Place website
- ▶ Visit to your business for thank you photo opportunity
- ▶ Social media thank you with business description and link to your website
- ▶ Support with fundraising activities and ideas
- ▶ Priority invite to MSP events and activities
- ▶ MSP newsletters to keep you up to date with our work and to show the impact your support is having

To discuss further and for more information please speak to Sarah Stephenson.

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Our Impact

Escaping Danger & Finding Safety

When Sarah fled her abusive partner, she had nowhere to turn. My Sisters Place provided her with a safe space, helped her secure emergency accommodation, and developed a personalised safety plan.

Through advocacy and legal support, she gained protection through a non-molestation order. Today, Sarah is rebuilding her life with newfound confidence and independence.

Navigating the Legal System

Emma was trapped in a financially and emotionally abusive relationship, afraid to leave due to legal threats from her partner. Our team supported her in navigating the legal process, providing emotional advocacy and connecting her with specialist solicitors.

With our help, she secured custody arrangements for her children and accessed financial support to start a new life.

Supporting Children Affected by Domestic Abuse

After witnessing domestic abuse at home, 10-year-old Jake was withdrawn and anxious. Our dedicated Me Time service provided him with one-to-one emotional support and therapeutic activities, helping him process his trauma. With ongoing care, Jake has regained his confidence and is thriving at school again.

Overcoming Economic Abuse

Lisa's partner controlled every aspect of her finances, leaving her with no access to money or employment. Through our economic abuse support service, Lisa learned how to regain financial independence, access benefits, and is now considering going back to college. Today, she has a stable income and is on her way to financial freedom.

Empowering Through Therapy & Peer Support

Following years of psychological abuse, Maria felt isolated and struggled with her mental health. She accessed our counselling service, where she received specialist trauma-informed therapy. She also joined a peer support group, connecting with other survivors. Now, Maria feels stronger than ever and is even supporting others on their healing journey.

Please note names have been changed to protect identities

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Survivor Story

For years, I didn't realise what I was living through was abuse. I felt if I tried harder, if I stayed quiet, things would get better. Instead, they got worse.

I felt alone, my confidence destroyed, I had no control over my money, my movements, or my life. I couldn't see a way out.

The day I reached out to My Sister's Place was the day everything changed. I was terrified, shaking, and convinced no one would believe me. But they did. They listened.

They gave me a safe space and for the first time in years, I felt protected, believed, and seen.

They made a safety plan, supported with housing, benefits, and the practical things you don't have the strength to deal with when you're in survival mode.

I met an advocate who supported me through everything. She explained things in a way I could understand and never let me feel like I had to face anything alone.

Counselling helped me rebuild the parts of me I thought were gone forever. I began to understand that none of it was my fault, that I deserved a life free from fear.

The peer-support group showed me I wasn't the only one. Hearing other women's stories helped me find my voice again.

Today, I'm rebuilding my life slowly, but proudly. I have independence, stability, and hope.

I say this with absolute honesty: if it wasn't for My Sister's Place, I wouldn't be alive today.

They didn't just support me, they saved me and I will be forever grateful!

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