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Breaking the Silence

An invitation to schools of social work and educators worldwide

BREAK THE SILENCE, START THE CHANGE • 18–24 NOVEMBER 2027

Schools of social work, educators and social work professionals are invited to explore participation in an international documentary impact campaign focused on childhood sexual abuse, survivor-centred support, prevention and professional practice.

Breaking the Silence is a completed 59-minute, non-graphic, survivor-led documentary by British-Indian filmmaker Serena Aurora. Drawing on survivor experiences and professional perspectives across countries, it explores disclosure, trauma, healing and how families, institutions and communities can respond more safely and compassionately.

The campaign, 18–24 November 2027, begins on the UN World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence. It aims to bring the film into adult and professional learning settings through locally organised screenings and facilitated dialogue.

Ways to participate

- Host a university or professional screening and a facilitated discussion.
- Explore use of the film in social work education, training or reflective learning.
- Contribute expertise on trauma-informed practice, disclosure, safeguarding and child protection.
- Connect with local survivor-support, mental-health or child-protection organisations to develop a country or regional event.

Safeguarding and participation

Events are intended for adults, students and professionals—not for screening directly to children. Each participating institution would plan with appropriate local facilitation, safeguarding measures and referral information. Public screenings of the full film are planned from November 2027; confidential previews may be arranged for interested institutions considering participation.

Explore the film and express interest

Trailer: youtu.be/5Qn15aD3zQc

Director's introduction: youtu.be/IflbpvFvWEg

Electronic press kit: View the EPK

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