

Power-Sharing and Survivor Leadership

At the Brave Movement, we aim to foster an inclusive environment where all voices are heard and valued. We recognize that because we are a survivor-led movement, we have a responsibility to share power.

Brave's Commitments

Some practical ways we do this are as follows:

- Brave commits to sharing power with survivor leaders in nations around the world.
- Brave commits to uplifting the voices of those who may be unable to speak for themselves.
- Brave commits to holding space for feedback and critique.
- Brave commits to local governance and strategy.

The Platform Model

Brave Platforms are designed to empower local leaders to drive action. Governance guidelines are developed at the local level, and strategies are formed by leaders on the ground. Events, calls to action, and relationships are all managed by nations and regions themselves.

We believe this model is foundational to building a true movement. Local leaders know best, so we must share power and uplift where we can.

Honoraria

In recognition of the immense courage it takes to publicly share their stories or dedicate a significant portion of their time to the movement, Brave has developed a policy for providing honoraria to survivors of childhood sexual violence engaging in certain pre-approved activities.

An honorarium is any payment made in exchange for rendering a service or activity that is not part of official duties.¹ Common uses include speaking at events, serving in advisory roles, or sharing a recorded interview for dissemination.

The Brave Movement's Honoraria Policy outlines the organization's approach to the dissemination of honoraria to survivors engaged in certain pre-approved leadership roles and official campaign advocacy.

¹ New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government: <https://ethics.ny.gov/honoraria>

Types of Activities

There are many ways that a survivor can guide or shape the Brave Movement. Several examples are outlined below:



Participating in a task force:

Survivors can lend their expertise and insights to help shape Brave Movement policies and campaigns. Task forces are short-term groups formed at the global and regional levels to conduct a campaign, produce a deliverable, or take an action.



Contributing to Brave Movement resources and materials:

Survivors can contribute to the production of certain official resources and materials by requesting topics to be covered, participating in interviews, delivering feedback, joining roundtable discussions, and more.



Sharing lived experience publicly:

Survivors can share their experiences through an approved campaign by the Brave Movement, contributing to a focused and strategic plan of action. Survivors can also share their perspectives and experiences freely outside of the Brave Movement, so long as it does not break the Code of Conduct.



Speaking at an event or activation:

Survivors can share their stories at conferences, workshops, campaign activations, or other public forums. While survivors may be requested to speak on a specific topic or subject area, they are encouraged to speak honestly and in their own voice.



Participating in documentary projects or campaign films:

Survivors can contribute to documentary projects or campaign films, sharing their stories to inspire empathy and drive societal change. There are multiple rounds of feedback conducted throughout filming and production, empowering survivors to shape their own narrative.