



*Uniting and empowering survivors of slavery and human trafficking around the world*

## **Survivor-Informed Spaces**

Please be aware that there will be people with lived experience of human trafficking in attendance who have chosen not to identify themselves as such at this event. Survivor participants will engage in table sessions with you and might make statements that reveal their personal narrative of human trafficking in order to make recommendations or provide alternative perspectives.

We ask that you -

1. Ensure that you are sensitive and respectful when responding to participants' self-disclosure.
2. Are mindful of asking for details about someone's trafficking experience if it is irrelevant to the discussion at hand. No one in the room is obligated to disclose any lived experience, human trafficking or otherwise.
3. Use the terminology of 'survivor' to refer to people who have exited slavery, instead of using 'they/them'. For example, 'Survivors we worked with often experience dissociation' instead of 'They often experience dissociation.' This terminology helps shift our language from assuming survivors are absent and the object of our discussions, to people sitting at our tables and in conversation with us.

Of course, every individual, non-survivor participants included, may react negatively to something that is said or done. We are all human and we ask you to have grace and understanding for one another and yourselves.

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