

Survivor Leadership Forum: Shaping Better Governance Together

Additional Information for Survivor Leaders Regarding Deliverables

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER
5TH, 2026

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

NEW YORK, NY

RSVP
ourrescue.org/scforum

Our Rescue recognizes survivor leaders as professionals whose lived experience, expertise, judgment, and perspective are essential to the purpose and outcomes of the Survivor Leadership Forum. We are committed to transparent and equitable communication regarding compensation, travel, attribution, and work product prior to participation. ***Please note, participation in the Forum does not require a survivor leader to disclose personal or traumatic information at any time.***

PARTICIPATION, COMPENSATION, and EXPENSES

Honorarium

Our Rescue will provide a \$650 honorarium for full-day (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) participation on November 5, 2026, to survivor leaders participating independently and outside compensated employment responsibilities. The honorarium recognizes their time, expertise, and contributions to the Forum and is separate from approved travel and other participation-related expenses.

The \$650 rate reflects survivor-leader compensation guidance from nationally recognized advocacy groups and U.S. Department of State, which identify \$81.25/hour as a starting rate for consultants, and is consistent with comparable engagements, including the Sunita Jain Institute at Loyola Law School's \$650 full-day survivor leadership stipend.

The \$650 honorarium covers participation on November 5th. Reviewing the draft work product is optional and may be completed by mutual agreement. Any substantial additional work requested by Our Rescue will require prior agreement on scope and compensation.

To receive the honorarium, survivor leaders must complete a W9 form and an ACH financial form at the end of the day on November 5th. Our Rescue will process payment within 30 days after the event.

Participation Through an Employer or Organization

The honorarium is intended for survivor leaders participating independently and on their own behalf. A survivor leader who attends as part of their paid employment and is compensated by their employer for participating in the Forum will not receive the separate \$650 honorarium.

This distinction is based solely on the capacity in which the individual participates and whether they are already compensated for their time—not on the value of their lived experience or expertise. Survivor leaders participating through their employment remain equally valued contributors.

ELIGIBLE

Participating independently, using personal or unpaid time, without compensation from an employer for Forum participation.

NOT ELIGIBLE

Participating as part of paid job responsibilities and being compensated by an employer for that time.

POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE

Employed by an organization but participating independently, outside paid responsibilities, without employer compensation for the Forum.

When eligibility is unclear, Our Rescue will consider the actual circumstances of participation, including whether the individual's employer considers Forum participation part of their paid responsibilities.

Travel and Other Expenses

Honorarium eligibility does not affect eligibility for approved travel support. Our Rescue will separately cover or reimburse reasonable and approved transportation and lodging expenses to the maximum extent possible, based on available resources. When possible, we will arrange or pay for travel and lodging directly to minimize the financial burden on survivor leaders.

Participants approved for travel support (including transportation and lodging) will receive written confirmation prior to the event, which will specify exactly what the support entails. Without written approval, Our Rescue is unable to provide funding. Participants must provide receipts for reimbursement, which should then be processed within 30 days.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided for participants at the Forum. No additional reimbursement for meals will be provided by Our Rescue.

Commitment to Equitable Survivor Engagement

This approach reflects Our Rescue's commitment to treating lived experience as expertise that should be compensated, rather than as a contribution expected without compensation. Survivor leaders bring knowledge, recommendations, professional judgment, and expertise that extend beyond their personal experiences.

Participation in the Forum does not require anyone to disclose personal or traumatic information. Our goal is to create a collaborative process in which survivor leaders are respected, appropriately compensated, and meaningfully engaged in shaping better governance.

CREATION OF WORK PRODUCT

This Forum is intended to be a collaborative, cross-sector effort to bring together diverse perspectives, experiences, and expertise to identify shared learning, recommendations, and opportunities for action. Our Rescue is serving as the convening and coordinating organization and will provide administrative and logistical support, including synthesizing and organizing the collective input generated through the Forum.

The resulting document(s) will be a collaborative product of the Forum and will not be presented as an Our Rescue report, position statement, or proprietary document. Participants will be acknowledged as contributors to the final product, and Our Rescue will be identified as the convening organization and a contributor to the process.

The intent is that the final product will be available for participants and participating organizations to use, share, and distribute in support of the goals identified through the Forum. Participation in the Forum does not constitute endorsement of every statement, recommendation, or conclusion contained in the final document, nor does it represent an organizational position unless expressly stated as such.

By participating, contributors understand that their contributions may be incorporated into the collectively developed final product and that the product may be shared and distributed by Forum participants and Our Rescue.

Our Rescue will coordinate the synthesis, editing, and publication process. Participants will have an opportunity to review the draft, identify factual inaccuracies, provide feedback, choose whether to be credited or remain anonymous, and approve the use of any direct quotation or personally identifiable contribution. The final product may be used and shared by Forum participants and participating organizations and will not be treated as the exclusive or proprietary work of Our Rescue.

MEDIA & PUBLICITY

Media and publicity consent is entirely optional, and declining consent will not affect anyone's ability to participate fully in the Forum. Consent materials will be provided in advance whenever possible.

Participation in the Forum does not give Our Rescue blanket permission to use someone's personal experience, individual comments, direct quotes, name, affiliation, photograph, or likeness for marketing, fundraising, media, or storytelling without separate consent. Specific consent forms for publicity and/or media will be distributed to all participants on November 5th, prior to the start of the Forum.

We appreciate your patience and hope that this helps to inform the decision to attend the event. For those who are confirmed to attend, please stay tuned for more details via email.

Thank you!

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 16TH, 2026

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