

**Victims and Survivors' Consultative Panel Vacancy**  
Call for Applications

Message from the Chair to the Inquiry, Prof Alexis Jay:

*“Understanding the differences between England and Wales is crucial to ensuring that the Inquiry can make robust and relevant recommendations as well as holding the institutions to account that have failed children in the past.*”

*“The Inquiry is looking to appoint another member of the VSCP who is able to bring experience and knowledge of the issues facing victims and survivors in Wales. I hope to hear from many people who have the skills to make a valuable contribution.”*

Since the Inquiry Office for Wales opened in October last year and the Truth Project began hearing from victims and survivors in Wales, we have been working hard to make sure that Welsh voices are heard. We have spoken to many organisations across Wales and listened to their feedback about the need for the VSCP to have a representative for Wales. For this reason, Alexis Jay has announced that she is looking to expand the VSCP and appoint someone who can provide a Welsh perspective on the work that the Inquiry undertakes.

The VSCP is a key part of the Inquiry. Its role is to provide consultative advice on all areas of the Inquiry's work, including: communications, engagement, research, and future recommendations. The VSCP work to ensure that the needs and perspectives of victims and survivors are reflected in the Inquiry's on-going work.

The seven members of the VSCP have all spent many years supporting adult survivors of child sexual abuse and striving for survivors to be heard. Their experience, knowledge and abilities provide invaluable insight and expertise to the Inquiry.

As a member of the VSCP, you may be required to undertake any or all of the following:

- Advise the Inquiry on the way in which it engages with victims and survivors, including how we reach out to victim and survivor groups and networks, how to engage people in the Victims and Survivors Forum, and how to spread the Inquiry's messages to wider victim and survivor communities.
- Advise the Inquiry on the way in which it communicates with the broader public, for example, through reviewing the website content and the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Inquiry Information Line and the Information and Engagement Hub.
- Share their expertise and knowledge in developing the work of the Inquiry; including the Truth Project, Public Hearings and the Research programme.

Members of the VSCP receive an honorarium of £300 a day for their work and are expected to work a minimum of 10 days per month. They are also entitled to receive reimbursement of their travel and other expenses.

Please note that core participants and potential witnesses to the Inquiry's investigations may not be eligible to sit on the VSCP due to possible conflicts of interest. If you would like to apply but think you may have a conflict of interest, please email [recruitment@iicsa.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@iicsa.org.uk) and a member of our legal team will get in touch with you to discuss.

## **Application**

If you would like to apply, you should submit a statement of no more than three sides of A4 demonstrating how you meet the following criteria:

- a) Experience of issues associated with institutional responses to child sexual abuse;
- b) Experience of working collectively and collaboratively as part of a team, and;
- c) Experience of working with victims and survivors in Wales.

Fluency in the Welsh language is desirable, but not essential.

You should also include details of two referees who you are happy for us to contact as part of the appointment process. The referees can have known you in any capacity (i.e. professional or personal).

The Declaration of Interests Form must also be completed and submitted alongside your application (which can be obtained from [recruitment@iicsa.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@iicsa.org.uk))

Applications and declarations of interest must be submitted by email to [recruitment@iicsa.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@iicsa.org.uk) by **5pm** on **Friday 28 April 2017**.

If you have any questions about the position or application process, please email [recruitment@iicsa.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@iicsa.org.uk).

## **Selection**

All applications will be reviewed by the Inquiry's Chair and Panel and shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. Unfortunately we are unable to provide feedback to candidates who do not reach the interview stage.