

Lived Experience Partnership Group and National Suicide Prevention Office

Partnership Charter

The following document sets out the foundation for how the Lived Experience Partnership Group and National Suicide Prevention Office will work together.

Joint statement of purpose

Working together to ensure diverse lived experience insights and knowledge are embedded in the work of the National Suicide Prevention Office for the shared purpose of improving systems-level responses to suicide.

Principles for partnership

- Value diverse lived experience knowledge and expertise by proactively working to shift traditional power dynamics.
- Ensure group safety by creating a warm, welcoming space where everyone feels treated with care.
- Promote equity and inclusion by investing in the time, energy and resources needed to reduce or remove barriers to participation.
- Demonstrate humility by creating opportunities for others to be involved in the work.
- Practise curiosity by remaining open to other ways of seeing the world and doing things.
- Express generosity to people with different views by deferring judgement to deepen your understanding of their perspectives.
- Build trust by prioritising people and relationships.
- Show respect for others and the work by being upfront and honest rather than avoiding conflict or uncomfortable conversations.

Reciprocal Commitments

	Lived Experience Partnership Group	NSPO
Transparent communication before meetings	Members actively seek to comprehend the content. The LEPG will proactively share with the Chair and/or NSPO how they like to receive information, contribute and any supports required.	The NSPO provides meeting information that is accessible to each member and appropriately detailed, this includes not making assumptions on prior knowledge, avoiding sector jargon, and ensuring terminology is explained. The NSPO works with the Chair to ensure meeting formats that elevate the strengths of each LEPG member to support active participation.

	Members will work to protect the integrity of the space by role modelling a commitment to collaboration externally.	NSPO team members will work to champion the integrity of the space by externally promoting the value of input received through collaborating with the members.
Working in meetings	The LEPG inform the design and contribute to the development of key projects of the NSPO from a collective lens and ensure their communities are reflected in their contributions.	The NSPO is clear about 'the ask' of the LEPG so there is shared clarity of purpose.
	The LEPG is committed to the ongoing development of the relationship between the NSPO and the LEPG, this is demonstrated through the provision of constructive and honest feedback to the NSPO.	The NSPO is committed to ensuring that the LEPG hold a genuine and purposeful role in the work of the NSPO and has a willingness to engage in intentional and open conversations to explore new and improved ways of working.
	Members will guide the work of the NSPO to ensure best practice lived experience engagement.	The NSPO will seek guidance from the LEPG on engagement activities to ensure they are informed by Lived Experience.
Working in context	Members will commit to the principles for partnership and actively work to uphold them.	The NSPO will commit to the principles for partnership and actively work to uphold them.
	The LEPG acknowledges the limitations of working in the Government context and has a willingness to work through and around operational constraints.	The NSPO is open and transparent with sharing limitations to the work, being clear on the decision-making process and exercising flexibility wherever possible.
	Members will assist to broaden the approach to suicide prevention by championing diverse community perspectives..	The NSPO will seek advice from the group to ensure engagement includes the diverse experience of challenges that contribute to suicide (not only health related challenges).

This Charter and reciprocal agreements shall be reviewed, refreshed and agreed to every two years.