



Lived Experience Partnership Council Capability criteria

The National Suicide Prevention Office welcomes people with diverse lived and living experience of suicide to inform NSPO's work through their perspectives, knowledge and expertise. Council members will be contributing to conversations about systems improvement, policy development and suicide prevention reform in ways that feel safe, purposeful and appropriate for them.

We invite applicants to share the experiences, knowledge, strengths and capabilities that they would bring to the Council.

We are looking for:

1. Lived Experience Expertise

Demonstrates lived and/or living experience of suicide and the ability to draw on those experiences in a way that can inform national suicide prevention efforts.

Looking for:

- experiences of thoughts of suicide, suicidal behaviours, having survived a suicide attempt, cared for someone in suicidal crisis, or being bereaved by suicide.
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- understanding of how experiences of suicide can differ across individuals, families, communities and cultures
- ability to reflect on and share lived experience knowledge in ways that contribute to broader learning and improvement.

2. Understanding of Suicide Prevention and Wellbeing

Demonstrates an understanding of the factors that influence wellbeing, distress and suicide risk, and the approaches that can support prevention and recovery.

Looking for:

- knowledge of suicide prevention, mental health, social and emotional wellbeing, recovery or healing
- understanding of how social, cultural, economic and structural conditions shape people's experiences and access to support
- insight into issues affecting communities disproportionately impacted by suicide and poor wellbeing outcomes.

3. Systems Thinking and Reform

Demonstrates the ability to consider how systems, policies, services and structures influence people's experiences and outcomes.

Looking for:

- identifying barriers, gaps or inequities within systems and services
- understanding how policies, programmes and organisational practices can contribute to or reduce inequitable outcomes
- contributing to improvements that strengthen wellbeing, inclusion and suicide prevention outcomes.

4. Community Leadership and Collaboration

Demonstrates experience working alongside communities, organisations or other stakeholders to support positive change.

Looking for:

- involvement in community-led, place-based or population-specific initiatives
- supporting collaboration across sectors, organisations or communities
- understanding the value of culturally responsive, inclusive and community-led approaches.

5. Advisory and Governance Capability

Demonstrates the ability to participate effectively in a national advisory body.

Looking for:

- working respectfully with people who bring different experiences, perspectives and forms of expertise
- considering issues from both community and national perspectives
- understanding governance, accountability and decision-making processes
- contributing constructively to discussions, deliberations and collective advice.