

WELCOME TO WHISTLEBLOWERS AUSTRALIA

HOW WE RUN OUR SELF HELP SUPPORT GROUP

The primary objective of the Whistleblower Support Group is to provide individuals with an opportunity to SHARE their experiences of whistleblowing in a caring, confidential and supportive environment. This is a SELF-HELP group which is made up of people from all walks of life who come together to listen and be listened to. All participants are encouraged, as their circumstances allow, to contribute to the procedural and organisational matters of the group.

Meeting Procedure

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| 1. Anyone familiar with the Meeting Procedure could broadly welcome people to the meeting giving a brief overview of the objectives of the Support Group and the Meeting Procedure. They would call for a volunteer to facilitate the meeting, and another person to act as support person for new participants. | 5 min. |
| 2. The facilitator will call for personal introductions, with previous participants having a time limit of about 1 minute and new members 2-3 minutes. | 20 min |
| 3. One individual will share their case story with the group as volunteered from the previous meeting. A 10-15 minute presentation can be followed by questions for the same length of time. | 25 min |
| 4. Each participant will have up to five minutes to give a brief update on their case and/or personal circumstances. | 45 min. |
| 5. Individuals who wish to give active support to other whistleblowers can briefly organise to buddy up during the tea break. | 3 min |
| 6. An individual can volunteer to share her/his story at the next meeting. | 2 min |
| 7. A quick state of play report on WBA Branch/ National campaigns and activities can be presented by anyone with that information. | 10 min. |
| 8. Once more round the circle for an evaluation of the meeting. | 10 min. |

TEA/COFFEE /CHAT BREAK

30 min.

Total Meeting Time 2 1/2 hours

NOTE

The Meeting Procedure needs to be FLEXIBLE. There may be times when there are no new people at the meetings and you've all heard each other's presentations. There may be times when numbers will be small or large and timing can be altered accordingly. The group might decide to have a visiting guest speaker to take the place of a case presentation or have a general discussion on a specific topic.

If you come regularly to meetings and you notice a new comer before the meeting starts, introduce yourself and help ease the way for them. Raising your hand to signal the facilitator is the most courteous way to have your turn to speak during meetings.

If a formal business meeting is to be held in addition to the Support Meeting an announcement of the agenda items can be made before the evaluation of the meeting.

"If you have come to help me
You are wasting your time
But
if you have come
Because
Your liberation
is bound up with mine
Then let us work together"

- Lilla Watson -



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"All it needs for evil to flourish is for
people of good will to do nothing" - E Burke

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Following two pages is the DRAFT Meeting Procedure. We trialed the procedure yesterday and decided to add a time keeper and time in minutes.

Our meeting went well but the introductions need to be brief and to the point so as the main part of the meeting has most time.

I'm sure the procedures will be modified in time and will take a while to get use to but they are designed to be used long term and as an enabling mechanism.

Cheers for now

Isla.