

DEAR DONORS,

A COLLECTION OF MESSAGES FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE ENGAGED WITH INSIGHT EXCHANGE TO DONORS

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Thank you so much for your generosity and belief in Insight Exchange. The feedback I often hear from colleagues in the field and from other victims/survivors is that Insight Exchange is providing vital and unique resources, ideas and leadership.

Whilst there are many organisations in the field doing great work, it is my understanding that only Insight Exchange has such an explicit focus and commitment to honouring victim's resistance and responses to violence. This focus sets Insight Exchange apart from other domestic and family violence resource development and research organisations. It has been a true honour to have been a part of the Associates Team - I am so grateful for the opportunity, thank you!

Your support has made the above possible, your belief in the team will mean that more women than would have ever been possible before, will hear their own stories of dignity and resistance for the first time – in their own voices. Their stories can be retold, and maybe their futures reimaged. I cannot express my gratitude with words, its woven through the work. Thank you.

Thank you for enabling me to have this experience. I cannot thank you enough and words will never say the depth and breadth of the learning, development and growth that has come from this experience personally, professionally in my practice, in changes we have made in my workplace and ultimately the people we support.

I have greater hope that the change I was working towards but never thought I would see in my lifetime may actually be possible.

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Thanks comes from my heart for trusting the voices of lived experiences of domestic violence. The people, resources and frameworks who make up Insight Exchange have been so valuable and supportive in professional development.

Although the work has been very challenging and triggering and I have had to dig deep, I could say this work has been extremely empowering and a highlight in my professional career.

Thank you, the funding of Insight Exchange is changing how we as workplaces respond to domestic family violence and abuse.

A member of staff with lived experience shared with me this week that the 'My dignity' resource was the first resource that she has seen that truly speaks to her experience. In addition, she was so impressed by the care shown in developing this material.

Again, thank you for your insight and leadership in funding this work.

It is a remarkable gift to have participated in the Insight Exchange Associates program and to have been remunerated for the time. So often in our field of work, limited resources mean that available funds are prioritised for frontline service provision and crisis work. We also tend to do an awful lot of unpaid labour as the needs of survivors and to change the status quo is so great. While this is all incredibly important, it often means that we are unable to do the cultural and discursive work that is required to prevent violence, better support victim-survivors, and to change the design of government systems and social services that often harm or are not accessible to survivors, their families and communities.

I commend the individuals and silent donor who have invested in Insight Exchange for their generosity, grace and trust – we as Associates do not take this contribution lightly.

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INSIGHT EXCHANGE

Insight Exchange centres on the expertise of people with lived experience of domestic and family violence and gives voice to these experiences.

Insight Exchange is designed to inform and strengthen social, service and systemic responses to domestic and family violence.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our work and services operate and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We extend this respect to all First Nations peoples across the country and the world. We acknowledge that the sovereignty of this land was never ceded. Always was, always will be Aboriginal land.

Launched in November 2017, Insight Exchange was designed by Domestic Violence Service Management (DVSM), in collaboration with Dr Linda Coates and Dr Allan Wade from Centre for Response-Based Practice Canada.

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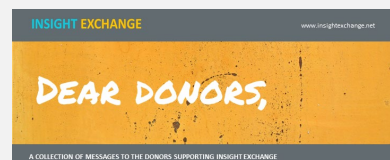
Insight Exchange is for all people. Insight Exchange respects the diversity of all sexualities and gender identities including but not limited to; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer and A-Sexual + identities as well as Heterosexual and Cisgender identities.

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We would like to thank Dr Linda Coates and Dr Allan Wade and their colleagues at the Centre for Response-Based Practice, Canada for their visionary and pioneering work on social responses, resistance, language, and the upholding of dignity.

Most significantly, our thanks go to all people with lived experience of domestic and family violence who have generously shared their insights for the benefit of others.



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