



WORK WITH US

Towards a community
free from family violence.

Lived Experience Advocate

Primary Location	Ringwood	Classification	SCHADS Award Level 3
Employment Type	Casual	Point of Contact	Lived Experience Leads

What we offer

- We are a welcoming, supportive and inclusive team, driven by a shared vision of **a community free from violence where everyone is safe**
- We walk the talk on inclusion: **bring your whole self to work**
- We embrace **flexibility** - whilst we believe some time together in person is critical (and the amount varies depending on your role), we know balancing life and work is important
- We have great benefits like **Employment Assistance Program (EAP)** and **wellbeing programs**

About the role.

- Champion the rights of victim survivors of family violence
- Be part of shaping a better response!

As a Lived Experience Advocate you're someone with a **lived experience of family violence** who is passionate about advocacy to improve the experience of the service system for people experiencing family violence. Our Lived Experience Advocates bring a personal understanding of the impacts of family violence, the recovery process, and experience of navigating services and systems.

Who is right for this role?

To successfully work in a Lived Experience Advocate role, you'll be at a point in your recovery journey where you safely and intentionally use your expertise gained from your experiences to benefit yourself, your peers or colleagues, and the and communities you represent.

This unique opportunity will suit someone who brings energy and passion to advocacy and sees ambiguity as an opportunity. You will thrive in an environment where each engagement raises new things to think about and calls on vision and creativity to shift dominant ways of thinking/working so that victim survivor voices can be seen and heard.

We value lived experience expertise, and if you're someone who is committed to supporting other victim survivors based on your experiences, this role could be for you! You will have insight into the challenges faced by people experiencing violence and can apply sensitivity and respect for people's needs, diversity and differences.

Roles and Responsibilities

People with Lived Experience are an integral part of the design, continual improvement and delivery of safer, more effective and impactful services and systems within FVREE and play an active role in breaking the cycle of violence.

This is a designated lived experience role. Our Lived Experience Advocates have direct lived experience of family violence and are at point in their journey where they can **safely and intentionally** draw on their experience to advocate for others.

Service Design	▪ Partner with FVREE to co-design and continually improve our services and programs for victim survivors. ▪ Apply your lived experience expertise to help inform the strategic direction of FVREE, guided by our Lived Experience Partnership Framework. ▪ Help us identify service-delivery gaps to improve our services to better to engage and support victim survivors. ▪ Use your Lived Experience Expertise purposefully and safely in a way that feels comfortable to you to inform best practice at FVREE.
Advocacy	▪ Contribute to decision making and advocate for program development that meets the needs of our community. ▪ Advocate for broader communities of people with lived experience of family violence, ensuring that their voices are heard and considered in decisions.
Team collaboration	▪ Actively participate in meetings (including pre-readings), sharing knowledge and reporting on progress. ▪ Work collaboratively with FVREE staff including working groups e.g. Lived Experience Working Group. ▪ Work effectively within an integrated team.
Knowledge and self-awareness	▪ Maintain resilience, personal wellbeing and self-care including ability to reach out for support where required. ▪ Willingness to share your journey to recovery and healing, to support others on their journey. ▪ Knowledge and understanding of the key issues, barriers and stigma's that victim survivors face.

Other important things to know

- All roles at FVREE require a police check due to the nature of our work. We recognise that some people who have experienced family violence may also have lived experiences with the justice system. This is not a barrier to employment, and we encourage you to reach out to us if you would like to have a conversation about anything that may come up in the police checks.
- We take safeguarding children and young people seriously. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required for this role and you will be required to sign a Code of Conduct which will be provided to you when you commence employment.
- This position description is intended as a guide and reasonable additional duties may be requested