



National  
Survivors'  
Day

# National Survivors' Day

Ambassadors **14 November 2023**

# Meet the team

Anna

Glen

Richard

Tiff

# About National Survivors' Day



In 2022, IGFF (In Good Faith Foundation) and LOUD Fence Inc. oversaw the creation and establishment of the **National Day of Recognition for people impacted by Sexual Assault and Institutional Abuse**. A day to commemorate the courage and journeys of Survivors of Sexual Assault and Institutional Abuse, their Supporters, and Whistle-blowers across Australia.

Inaugural Ambassadors **Richard** and **Tiff** kindly elected to stay on and we are delighted to welcome **Anna** and **Glen** as Ambassadors for 2023.



# How we got here

## National Survivors' Day seeks to do the following:

- To annually acknowledge the profound harm caused to those impacted by Sexual Assault and Institutional Abuse;
- To continue the important work of de-stigmatisation and creating further public acceptance of the work undertaken by Survivors, Supporters and Whistle-blowers;
- To provide a clear public voice for those Impacted and the journeys they face in achieving justice;
- To provide Governments, the Survivor Community, and the general public with an annual report measuring key social metrics and modelling outlining pertinent to Sexual Assault and Institutional Abuse; and
- To provide a similar function for Survivors, Supporters, and Whistleblowers as other National Days of Recognition.

**IGFF** and **LOUD Fence Inc.** established a National Advisory Committee to devise the key components and scope of the Day; it's date, symbolisms, language, and execution.

The Committee comprised of Survivors, Secondary-Survivors, Whistle-blowers and Practitioner advocates, representatives from across the nation.



Anna Coutts-Trotter

**National Survivors' Day  
Ambassador**

# Anna

Anna (she/her) is a survivor-advocate based on Gadigal Land. Anna experienced domestic and sexual violence as a young person. With this lived experience, the 22-year-old co-founded and is an inaugural director of The Survivor Hub (TSH). The charity provides holistic peer support to survivors of sexual assault through its MeetUps. MeetUps are located across New South Wales, Victoria and online.

Anna is extremely passionate about the self-determination of survivors. Through her personal advocacy and TSH, Anna empowers survivors to make informed decisions about their healing and is committed to building safe and respectful communities for survivors to connect, vent and ask and answer questions.

Anna is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts and Social Work. Anna also works in disability support, with young people and in aged care.

Anna recalls: "I experienced pretty much every kind of abuse you can think of. It was emotional, it was physical. It was even financial, as much as you can be financially abused as a teenager. He tried to stop me talking to my friends. I lost so many friends." She tried to appease him. She made excuses. She loved him.

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**Glen Fearnett**

**National Survivors' Day  
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# Glen

**A teacher educator for more than 30 years. A survivor of CSA in a government school setting. He told his story to ABC news.**

**As part of a group of survivors, he spoke out and advocated for survivors of CSA in government schools, which has led to the formation of the current Victorian Board of Inquiry into abuse at Beaumaris PS and certain other government schools.**

**He hopes to enable discussion and truth telling to help other survivors speak up and access support.**



Richard Jabara

**National Survivors' Day  
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# Richard

Since 2002, Richard has been working tirelessly for abuse victims rights supporting IGFF while dealing with his own historical experiences in the courts for justice and fair compensation.

Richard tells his story and campaigns in the media both domestically and internationally, as well as lobbying Government for legislative changes.

Richard and Clare Leaney are co-founders of National Survivors' Day. Along with Tiff Skeggs, Richard was the founding Ambassador for National Survivor's Day.

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## Tiff Skeggs

**National Survivors' Day  
Ambassador**

# Tiff

Tiff is a proud Ambassador for National Survivors' Day and IGFF. She is committed to advocating for improvements to child safety systems and cultures across the nation.

She is determined to use her lived experience to help educate others on the dangers of grooming and use her platform to remind/inform other potential victims that they are not alone and they deserve/have a right to be safe!

She firmly believes that Child Safety is everyone's responsibility and we need to normalise conversations of potential harmful behaviours and ensure we are informed of how to respond appropriately to disclosures to ensure children feel safe to speak.

Tiff was groomed and abused by a notorious offender from age 11, and her brave decision to report her abuse in 2019 helped create Tasmania's Commission of Inquiry and shine a light on the failure to protect children.



# How to participate on National Survivors' Day

Words about destigmatising and erasing the shame and silence

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## Every Ribbon

LOUDfences have appeared all over the world. Ribbons appeared tied on the gate of St Patrick's College, Ballarat, as a show of support and solidarity with those who were telling their truth through the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse process.

**Tie a brightly coloured ribbon to your letterbox or your fence**

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## Every Conversation

By wearing a brightly coloured ribbon, you can start a conversation that changes lives. It can offer the chance to create a community and society that removes the stigma of shame that is associated with Sexual violence.

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## Every Voice

As few as 0.2 per cent of child sex abuse victims in Australia speak out, with most staying silent out of fear, guilt, shame or confusion

Speaking up encourages others to speak up as well.

# What can I do

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## Take the pledge

Take the pledge to listen and hear all Survivors.  
[www.nationalsurvivorsday.org.au/pledge](http://www.nationalsurvivorsday.org.au/pledge)

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## Wear a ribbon

Wear a brightly coloured ribbon on 14 November 2023 and celebrate the strength and courage of all Survivors

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## Share

Use your social networks

- Download the zip files of social media assets
- Share across your platforms

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## Donate

All donations made over \$2 are tax-deductible and go to assisting Survivors.  
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# Acknowledgements

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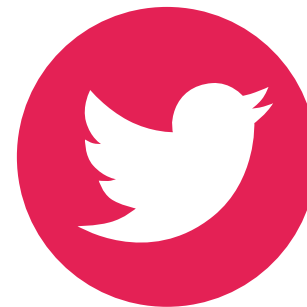
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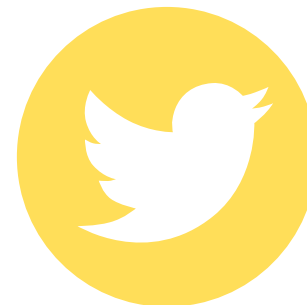
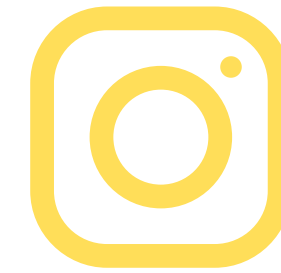
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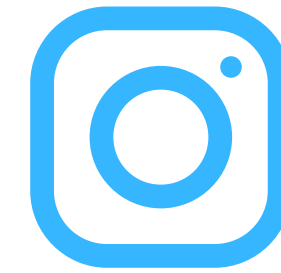
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