

Child Safeguarding WG Agenda

Child Safeguarding: Accountability, Compliance, and Organisational Culture

Date: 23 August 2026

Location: Melbourne, Australia

8:30 – 8:40 | Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Introduction to the Child Safeguarding Working Group and its role in advancing proactive, organisation-wide safeguarding
- Why distinguishing child safeguarding from child protection matters: prevention, culture, and shared responsibility
- Speaker: Maryam Ehsani

8:40 – 9:10 | Speaker 1: Lived Experience (Survivor Voice)

- A survivor's perspective on safeguarding systems
- Reflections on accountability and failure in practice
- Embedding survivor voice into organisational culture
- Potential speaker: Emma Hakansson (TBC)

9:10 – 9:40 | Speaker 2: Accountability and Governance

- Leadership and board-level accountability
- Governance structures for safeguarding
- Alignment with Child Safe Standards
- Oversight, reporting, and continuous improvement
- Potential speakers: Megan Mitchell, Anne Hollonds, Phil Doorgachurn (TBC)

9:40 – 10:20 | Panel Discussion

- Bridging lived experience and governance
- From compliance to meaningful accountability
- Embedding safeguarding into organisational culture
- Audience Q&A

10:20 – 10:35 | Break

10:35 – 11:50 | Working Groups

- Small groups (5–8 participants) by sector
- Education, NGOs, Corporate/Tech, Government
- Discuss risks, gaps, survivor integration, and practical actions
- To be led by the CS WG Committee (Phil, Maryam, Kelly and Annette)

11:50 – 12:20 | Report-Back

- Group insights and recommendations
- Common themes and priorities

12:20 – 12:30 | Closing Remarks

- Key takeaways
- Strengthening safeguarding globally
- Next steps and collaboration