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Quiet Resilience

The Movie Collective: Recognising Community-Based Healing as Legitimate Feminist Care

Quick Activity: Guess the object and its purpose



Quick Activity: Guess the context

***"EACH SET GOING AT \$8 ONLY,
BUY MORE FOR HUGE DISCOUNT!"***

Image-based sexual abuse (IBSA)



Fast-selling hidden camera devices used to film Singaporean women without their permission.

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Caption by an anonymous account selling leaked nudes of Singaporean girls and women.

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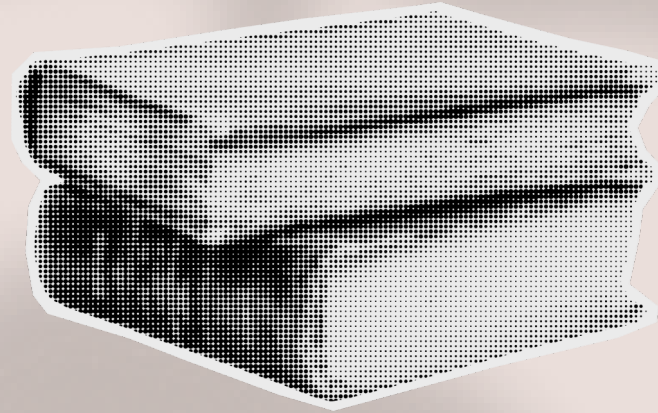
The screenshot shows a product listing on the Lazada website. The product is a "WiFi Mini DV Spy Camera 4K HD 1080P Alarm Clock Wireless Video Recorder Night Vision Motion Detection Sensor Home Security DVR Pet Monitor Nanny". The price is listed as \$33.34, which is a 58% discount from the original price of \$80.00. The product image shows a black alarm clock with a digital display showing "08:00" and a camera lens on the front. The page includes a search bar, navigation menu, and product details.

The screenshot shows a product listing on the SHEIN website. The product is a "ULar Mini Wearable Smart Pen Cam Video Recorder Featuring 2MP HD Video, Including One Free 16GB SD...". The price is listed as \$40.03, which is a 10% discount from the original price of \$44.48. The product image shows a black pen with a camera lens on the tip. The page includes a search bar, navigation menu, and product details. The product features are listed as follows:

- Battery
- Video Replay
- Recording
- Remote Viewing
- 1080P HD
- Audio & Video

The page also includes a "Video" section, a "Special Free Shipping Deal" banner, and an "ADD TO CART" button with a "10% off discount". The shipping information is "Shipping to Malaysia" with "Free Standard Shipping" and an estimated delivery date of "26/11/2025-27/11/2025".

Objectives



Understanding image-based
sexual abuse (IBSA)



Affirming community-
based healing

TW: This presentation contains content on sexual violence



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Introducing IBSA

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Abuse enacted through digital imagery

Gendered phenomenon

Sexualised nature of harassment

Breaches of fundamental rights to dignity, privacy, and sexual autonomy



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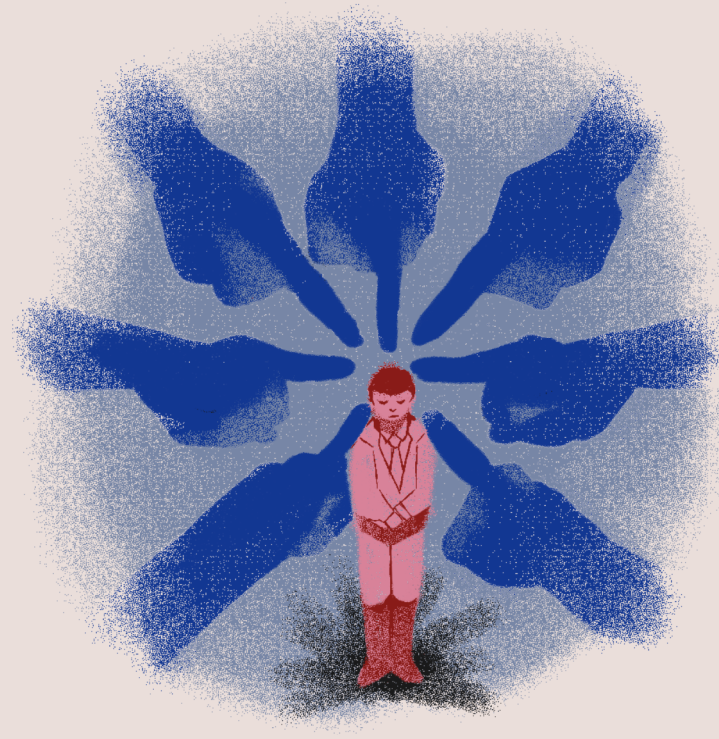
The act of creating, distributing, and/or threatening to share, an intimate image or video of a person without their consent.

Many forms of IBSA – non-consensual circulation, hacking and distributing, sextortion, deepfake abuse, upskirt/ down-blousing, spy camera footage.

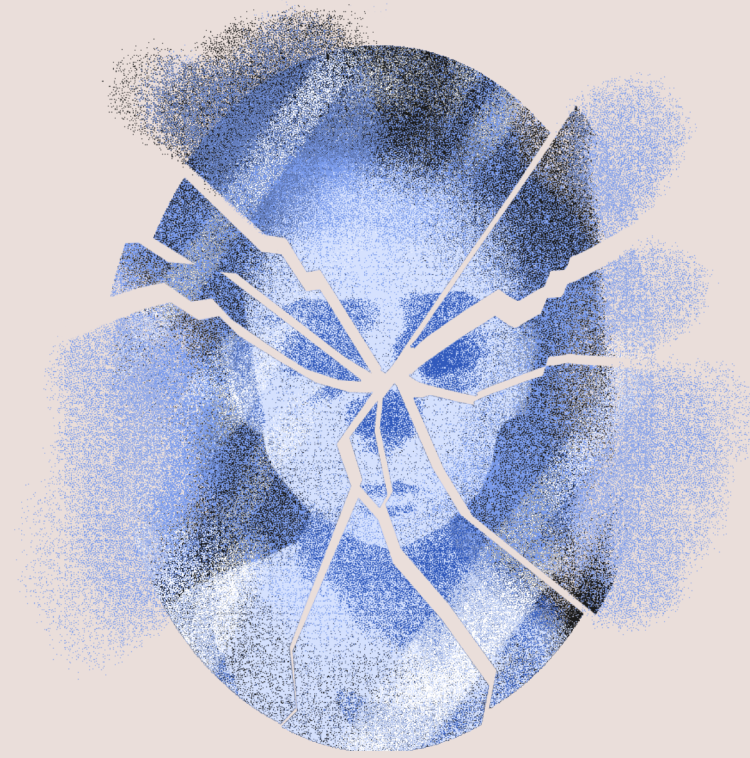
McGlynn et al (2017: 29)

IBSA and its *harms*

Overlaps with traditional forms of sexual violence



Shamed and victim-blamed



Anxiety, suicidality,
depression



Breakdown of social
relationships

(See Bates, 2017; Huber, 2023; McGlynn et al., 2021)

IBSA and its *harms*

“... it feels like a *life sentence* for us. There is no expiry date to our sentence because we don't know who else or how many people have seen these videos.”

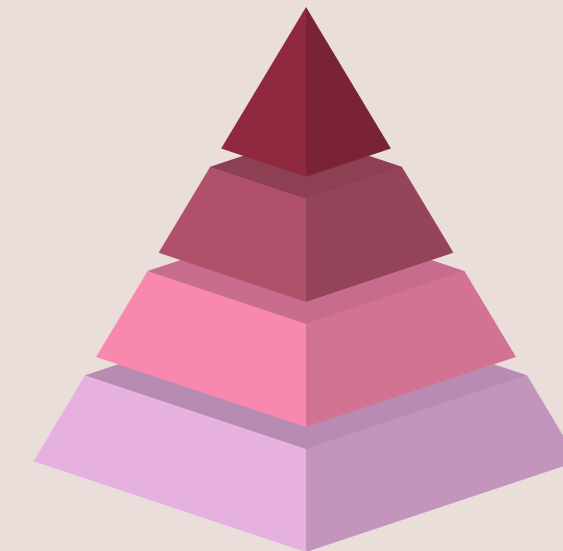
- *Mia in Chua*, 2023



The Immortalising Effect of the Internet

Once images are uploaded, they can be continuously shared, downloaded, or reposted across platforms. This creates a kind of **endless violation** (McGlynn et al., 2021; Teo 2025).

Unique consequences



Not 'Real' Violence

A cultural hierarchy of violence (see Williams, 2006;) – many people see IBSA as 'less serious.' This leads to **secondary harm**, where survivors are met with disbelief, blame, or trivialisation (Stringer, 2014).



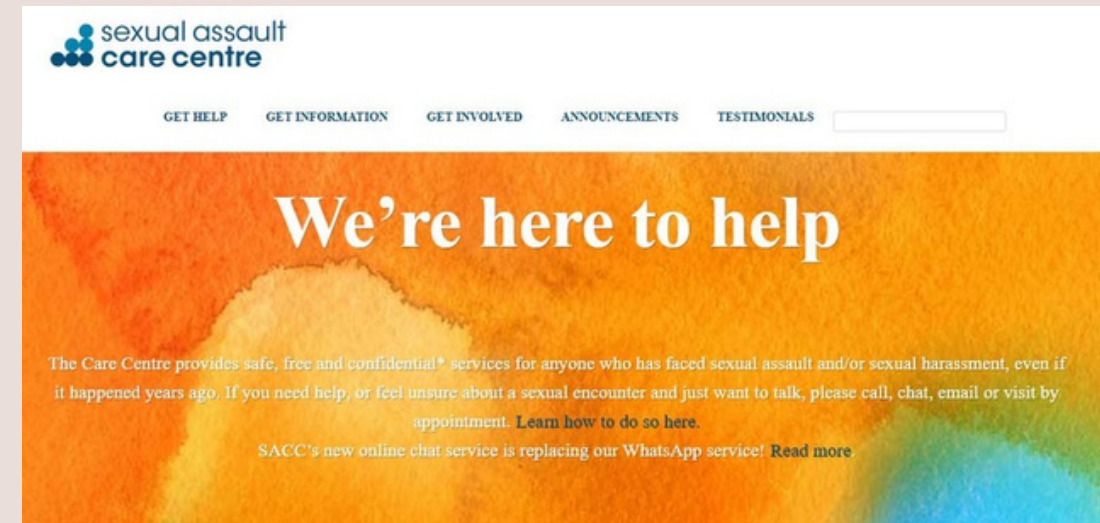
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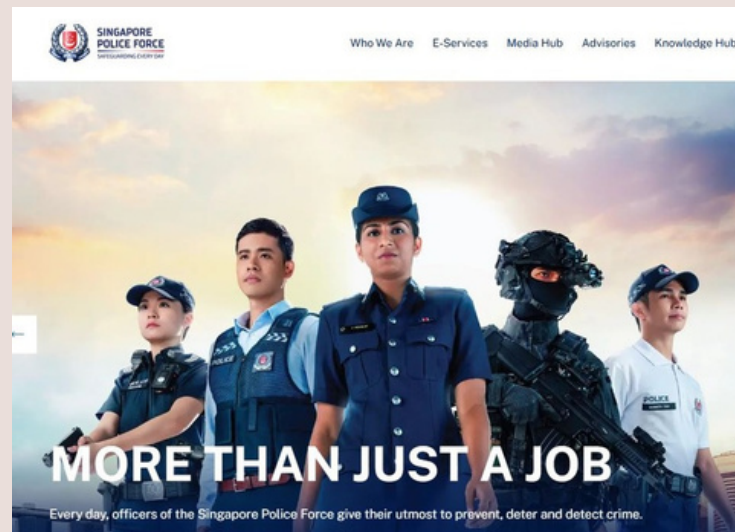
When survivors of sexual violence seek healing or recourse, what kinds of **pathways** do you imagine they turn to first?

In Singapore, the dominant imagination of survivor “recovery” is **institutional**—police, courts, professional services, and public campaigns.

Proposed New Law to Empower Victims of Online Harms to Seek Timely Relief and Obtain Redress
15 OCT 2025



Singapore's ecology of support



These are essential pillars; they establish accountability, signal state recognition of IBSA, and provide survivors with structured avenues for justice and support.



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Institutional distrust



Isolation



Bystander accountability

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Institutional distrust

- Institutional responses may compound IBSA survivors' trauma—through minimisation, indifference, or processes that disregard their needs.
- Even when cases advance, outcomes often feel hollow, reflecting what Platt et al. (2009) describe as “**institutional betrayal**”.

Charlotte was secretly filmed twice during sex in 2021. When she reported the incident, a police officer asked, “What is the purpose of lodging the report? Is it to ensure no more videos?” — questions that felt absurd to her, especially after she had just described such an intimate violation. She was then made to repeat the details to several male officers, turning the reporting process into a second ordeal. Months later, she was informed that the perpetrator would receive only a 12-month conditional warning, reinforcing her sense that the system treated her harm lightly.

See Teo, 2025

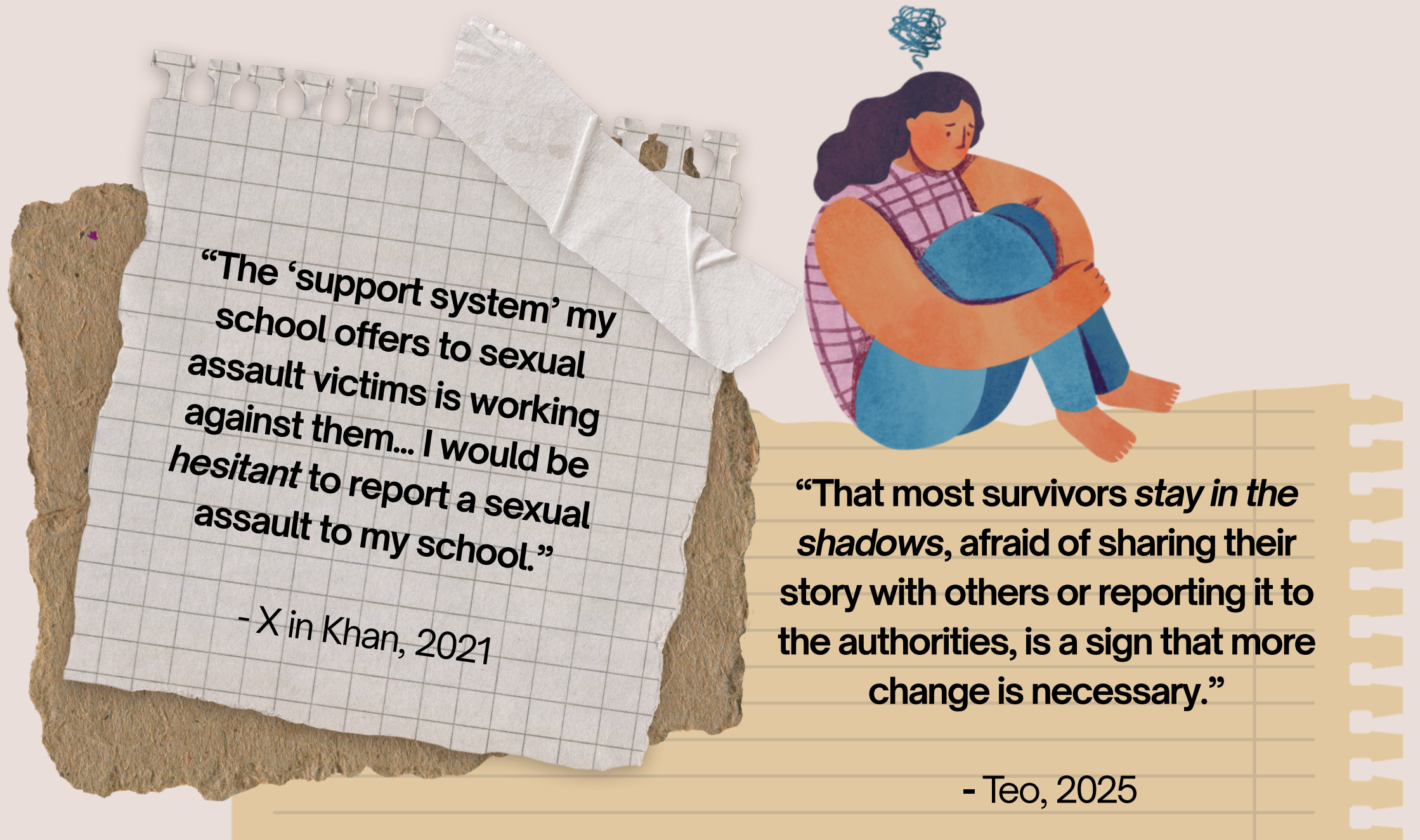


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- The negative **'post-memories'** of survivors like Charlotte circulate within survivor communities and become the **'pre-memories'** of others, shaping what they expect if they ever seek help (see Brison, 2002).



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- Most professional services in Singapore are built around **one-on-one therapy**. These are often expensive and do not adequately account for the recurring nature of IBSA.
- **Community-based healing spaces** are rare, even though shared witnessing and solidarity are crucial for many survivors (Dang, 2018).

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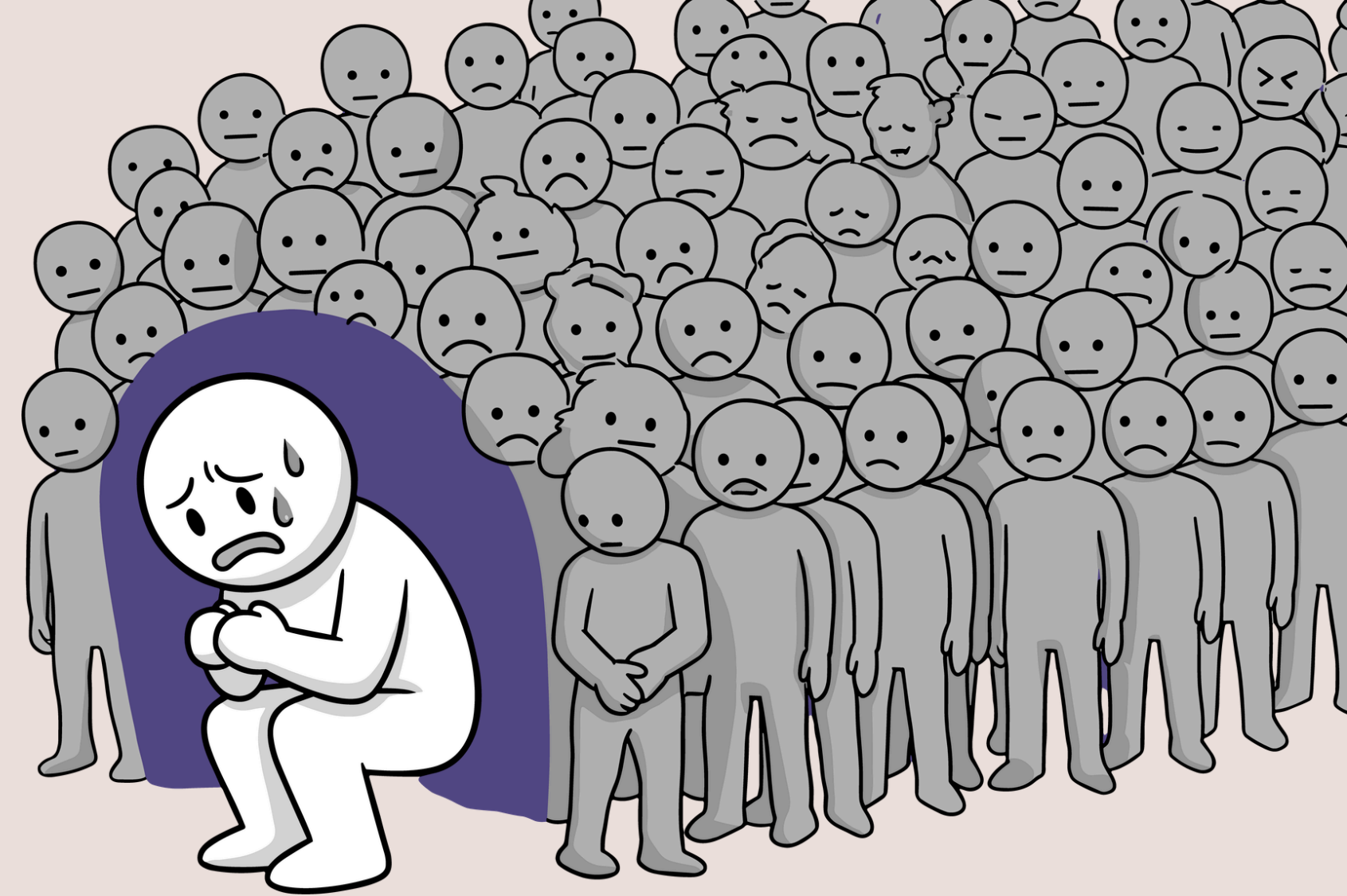


- The harms of IBSA are **deeply social**: they hinge on shame, exposure, and the imagined or actual audience who may have seen the images.
- Because the violation is public-facing, individual therapy that is centered on private processing may not adequately address the **relational** dimensions of trauma.

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Bystander accountability



- Attention around IBSA has largely centered on perpetrators and victim-survivors, the role of bystanders remains underexamined (Harder 2021).
- In the digital economy of visibility, bystanders hold immense power: through their **clicks, comments, attribution of blame, or silence**, they determine whether harm is amplified or contained.



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3. Community-building

- Monthly meet-ups and gatherings focused on collective healing and creative experimentation
- Survivors and allies propose, plan, and lead gatherings as **co-facilitators of care** rather than recipients of help

At its core, The Moxie Collective seeks
to reclaim healing as *relational*..

Reclaiming healing as *relational*



- Resilience is often framed as an individual's ability to adapt to their social, economic, and political environments (Pugh, 2014).
- But scholars such as Kastner (2020) caution that such views obscure the structural roots of vulnerability.
- More recent work reconceptualises resilience as a **dynamic, relational process** shaped by people's interactions with their **wider social ecologies**.

Theory of Change

IF WE DO...

- Monthly check-in circles to establish relational safety
- Programmes that engage IBSA survivors and allies to raise awareness
- Research & thought pieces on IBSA



THEN WE WILL SEE...

- Reduced isolation among survivors
- Greater empowerment and representation
- Increased awareness of IBSA

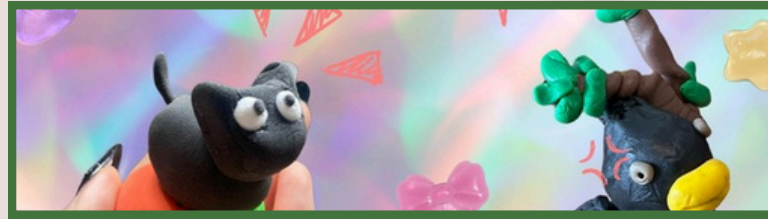
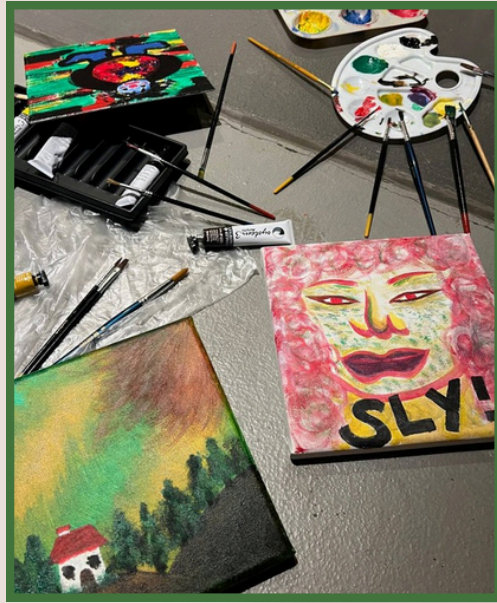


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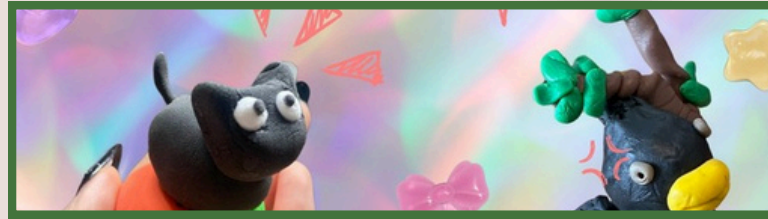
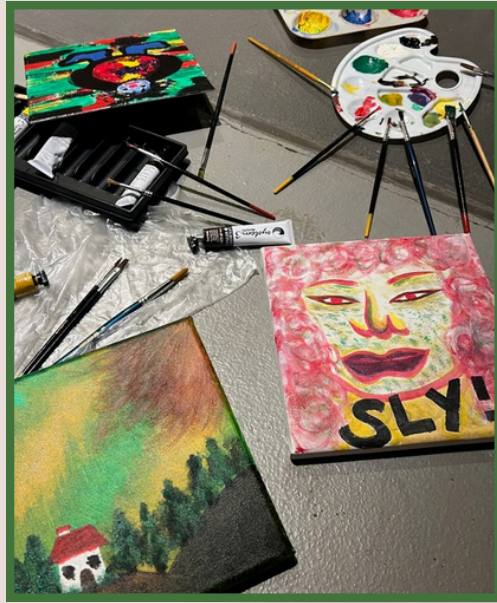
A thriving, safe, informed, self-directed IBSA community



Reclaiming healing as *relational*



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The Moxie Collective x Free From Trauma
 Therapeutic Tools for Healing:
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WITH EUNICE TAN

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Saturday, 14 June 2025
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THE MOXIE COLLECTIVE'S JOURNALING PARTY

Date: 16 / 11 / 2024

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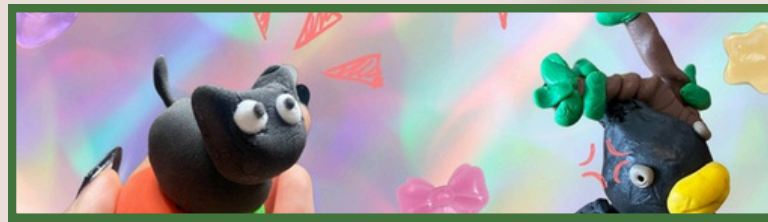
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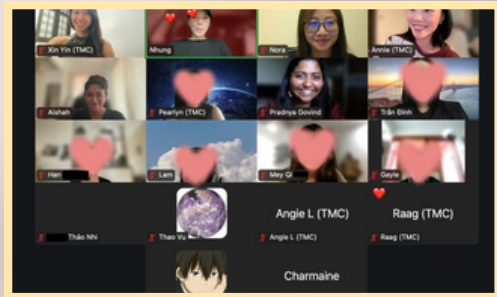
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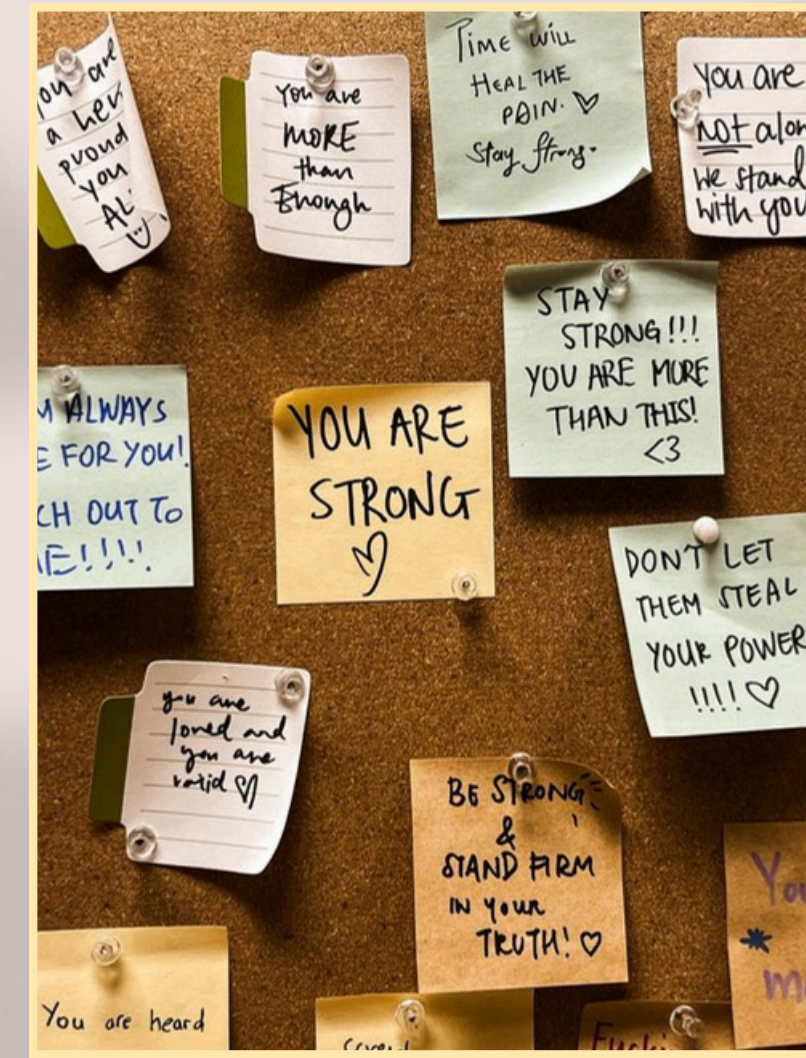
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"Healing came from the little things—laughing, ranting, sharing our days. Those small moments of solidarity made me feel truly not alone."

"The Know My Name book discussion was heavy but powerful. Hearing others voice their pain made me feel less isolated and more understood."

"The Moxie Collective has become a small village for me: a community that holds space for the big and small. The steady monthly support helped me feel grounded and not alone."

"My first meeting with The Moxie Collective was life-changing. I wasn't victim-blamed, I was seen as a whole person. That night, I finally slept peacefully."



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Rigid KPIs

- Many funders demand *measurable outputs* and quantifiable success metrics
- Yet, trauma-informed healing is not linear nor easily measured



VS



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Protecting our trauma-informed space

- Our work centers listening and moving with intention → being beholden to funding cycles, project deliverables and quarterly reports would disrupt the spaciousness and slowness our community needs



The costs of remaining unfunded

While our resistance to formalisation is political, we are not exempt from the costs:

Burnout and emotional exhaustion



Self-funded and constrained capacity for fair compensation



Limited capacity to grow





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What we need

Funding for non-clinical models of healing, through flexible grants and allowance of horizontal, peer-led formats:



Subsidised or donated use of
govt / community spaces

Low-barrier grant models e.g.
micro-grants



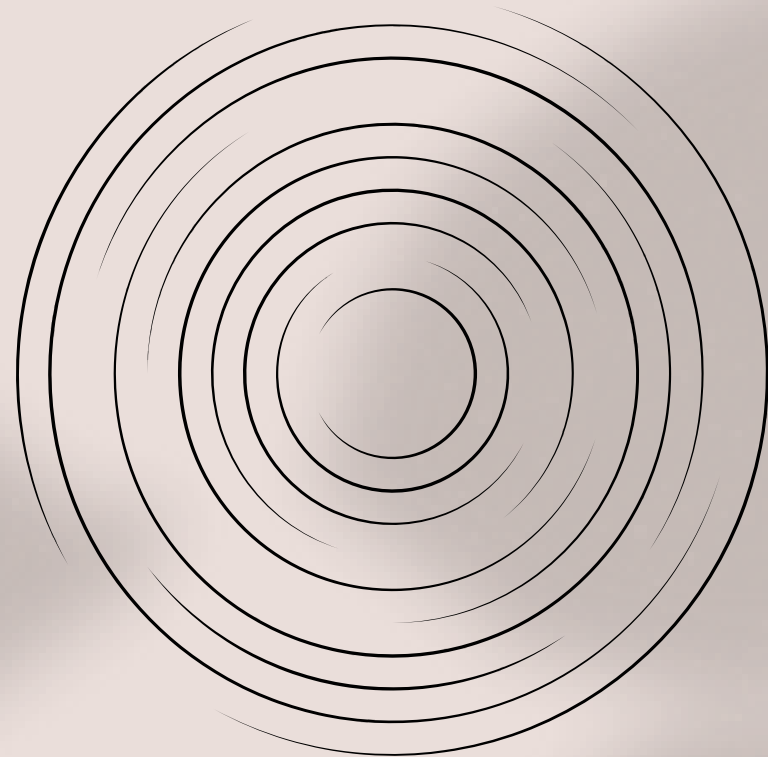
Space for more creative
deliverables and KPIs beyond
scale & numbers



Admin and operational
support → shared
services model

*Small is good.
Small is all.
The large is a reflection of the small.*

– Adrienne Maree Brown



Small Gift,
Big Impact.

Donate here.



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