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Survivors of child abuse to meet in Parliament

On Wednesday 14th January Sarah Champion, Member of Parliament for Rotherham, will join survivors of child abuse, whistleblowers and other MPs as they meet in Parliament in an event organised by the WhiteFlowers Campaign Group and Bassetlaw MP John Mann.

Around 300 survivors and whistleblowers are expected to attend the meeting in Parliament to discuss the inquiry into organised and institutional child abuse and call for more to be done to help survivors achieve justice.

At 11.00am survivors of abuse will gather at Old Palace Yard in Westminster to lay white flowers in commemoration of victims and survivors of child abuse.

At 12.30pm Sarah, along with MPs including John Mann and Simon Danczuk will address survivors at a meeting in Parliament. Whistleblowers, Survivors of child abuse and child protection professionals will also share their experiences and discuss the progress of the inquiry.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The programme for the day is as follows:

11.00-12.00: Victims will lay flowers at Old Palace Yard, Westminster.

12.30-14.30: Open meeting of victims, whistleblowers and MPs.

Speakers include—

John Mann MP

Simon Danczuk MP

Sarah Champion MP

Jim Gamble (Former Head of CEOPs)

Peter McKelvie (whistleblower)

Mark Williams Thomas, TV Presenter & Criminologist Expert

Andy Kershaw (Survivors of Forde Park)

Fay Maxted (Survivors Trust)

Peter Saunders (NAPAC)

Lucy Duckworth (MACSAS)

Nigel O'Mara, Survivor

Liz Davies (whistleblower)

Chris Fay (whistleblower)

Ian McFadyen, Survivor & Survivor Campaigner

Luke Payne, Trafficking Survivor

16.15 – Media call at college green.

The WhiteFlowers Campaign Group is calling for:

- A Statutory Inquiry to cover organised and institutional child abuse post 1945
- Hold members of the Establishment to account
- A parallel national Police Investigation Team delivering justice
- Scrap the Panel & Appoint on a Transparent and Fit for Purpose basis
- Appoint a Chair who has demonstrably stood up to the Establishment
- Defend child protection services
- A government funded National Institute for People Abused in Childhood

To book a ticket at the event please go to: <https://eventbrite.co.uk/event/14973173164/>

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