



## Background

Equally Safe and Supported has been co-produced by the Scottish Commission for People with Learning Disabilities (SCLD) and People First (Scotland)'s Equally Safe Group. The Equally Safe Group are a group of women with learning disabilities and expertise in gender-based violence.

The toolkit is based on the findings and recommendations of our co-produced research report: [Unheard, Unjust: But Not Hidden Anymore. Women with Learning Disabilities' Experience of Gender-Based Violence in Scotland](http://www.sclد.org.uk/unheard-unequal-unjust-but-not-hidden-anymore-new-report-launched-at-scotlands-learning-disability-and-gender-based-violence-conference-2023/) ([www.sclد.org.uk/unheard-unequal-unjust-but-not-hidden-anymore-new-report-launched-at-scotlands-learning-disability-and-gender-based-violence-conference-2023/](http://www.sclد.org.uk/unheard-unequal-unjust-but-not-hidden-anymore-new-report-launched-at-scotlands-learning-disability-and-gender-based-violence-conference-2023/)) (SCLD, 2023).

This report tells us that, as well as being at greater risk of gender-based violence, women with learning disabilities experience pervasive barriers to accessing support and justice.

These barriers may be unintentional or unrecognised. Therefore, we hope this toolkit will be a practical resource for organisations to make their services accessible to women with learning disabilities who have experienced gender-based violence.