



Tuesday, September 19th

Plaza 4

1:30pm-2:30pm

## A 5 YEAR PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR WOMEN ENGAGED IN SEX WORK

### About the Workshop

This workshop will pull from Sagesse's BElieve in YOU program and our 5 year impact evaluation project. Through providing opportunities to share women's voices and experiences this workshop aims to demonstrate the necessity for making opportunities for women's voices to be heard and celebrate. This workshop will demonstrate the impact of programming on women with experience of sexual exploitation with a lens of safety related empowerment. We will explore what safety related empowerment is, the ways that women identify their experiences of empowerment within peer programming and the impact on their healing journeys of this empowerment. Through discussion and experiential activities pulled from program curriculum we aim to change dialogue from victims and weaknesses or vulnerabilities to strengths, empowerment and opportunities.

### About the Presenter(s)

**Amy Munroe**, Intervention Lead, Sagesse

Amy Munroe (She/Her) is the Intervention Lead at Sagesse. In this role, Amy leads a team of staff dedicated to supporting those impacted by abuse through peer support and equity programs. Throughout the course of her career, Amy developed a passion for evolving how we support people through innovative and client-led approaches, particularly using a peer-based approach.

**Sarah MacDonald**, Clinical Support Coordinator, Sagesse

Sarah MacDonald (She/Her) is the Clinical Support Coordinator at Sagesse. As the Clinical Support Coordinator, Sarah leads a team responsible for the frontline support of people who have experienced abuse and their loved ones. In this capacity, she ensures the organization's programs are delivered in a manner that is equitable to the diverse needs of participants and empowers them to make decisions leading to safe and healthy lives.